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6 MARKUP OF:

7 H.R. 2145, RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCESSIBILITY ACT;

8 H.R. 7389, MOTOR VEHICLE MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2026;

9 H.R. 4348, TO REAUTHORIZE THE KAY HAGAN TICK ACT, AND FOR

10 OTHER PURPOSES;

11 H.R. 4541, EARLY ACT REAUTHORIZATION OF 2025;

12 H.R. 3747, ACCELERATING ACCESS TO DEMENTIA AND ALZHEIMER'S

13 PROVIDER TRAINING (AADAPT) ACT;

14 H.R. 8209, SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF

15 2026;

16 H.R. 5160, STEM CELL THERAPEUTIC AND RESEARCH REAUTHORIZATION

17 ACT OF 2025;

18 H.R. 2001, TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT TO

19 REAUTHORIZE A GRANT PROGRAM FOR ADDRESSING DENTAL WORKFORCE

20 NEEDS;

21 H.R. 1493, TO REAUTHORIZE AND MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO FEDERAL

22 PROGRAMS RELATING TO THE PREVENTION, DETECTION, AND TREATMENT

23 OF TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES;

24 H.R. 3491, DEONDRA DIXON INCLUDE PROJECT ACT OF 2025;

25 H.R. 6238, NIH IMPROVE ACT;

26 H.R. 8205, ACCELERATING ACCESS TO CRITICAL THERAPIES FOR ALS

27 REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2026;

28 H.R. 2715, DESTRUCTION OF HAZARDOUS IMPORTS ACT;
29 H.R. 2821, FDA MODERNIZATION ACT 3.0;
30 H.R. 5347, HEALTH CARE EFFICIENCY THROUGH FLEXIBILITY ACT;
31 AND
32 H.R. 1703, CHOICES FOR INCREASED MOBILITY ACT OF 2025
33 THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2026
34 House of Representatives,
35 Committee on Energy and Commerce,
36 Washington, D.C.

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40 The committee met, pursuant to call, at 10:01 a.m. in
41 Room 2123, Rayburn House Office Building, Hon. Brett Guthrie
42 [chair of the committee] presiding.

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48 Present: Representatives Guthrie, Latta, Griffith,
49 Bilirakis, Hudson, Carter of Georgia, Palmer, Dunn, Joyce,
50 Weber, Allen, Balderson, Fulcher, Pfluger, Harshbarger,
51 Miller-Meeks, Cammack, Obernolte, James, Bentz, Houchin, Fry,
52 Lee, Langworthy, Rulli, Evans, Goldman, Fedorchak; Pallone,

53 DeGette, Schakowsky, Matsui, Castor, Tonko, Clarke, Ruiz,
54 Peters, Dingell, Veasey, Kelly, Barragan, Soto, Schrier,
55 Trahan, Fletcher, Ocasio-Cortez, Auchincloss, Carter of
56 Louisiana, Menendez, Mullin, Landsman, and McClellan.

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58 Staff Present: Ansley Boylan, Director of Operations;
59 Byron Brown, Chief Counsel; Jessica Donlon, General Counsel;
60 Matt Furlow, Counsel; Sydney Greene, Director of Finance and
61 Logistics; Jay Gulshen, Chief Counsel; Christen Harsha,
62 Senior Counsel; Brittany Havens, Chief Counsel; Natalie
63 Hellman, Professional Staff Member; Annabelle Huffman, Policy
64 Analyst; Calvin Huggins, Clerk; Megan Jackson, Staff
65 Director; Noah Jackson, Clerk; AT Johnson, Special Advisor,
66 Brayden Lacefield, Special Assistant; Giulia Leganski, Chief
67 Counsel; Madeline Martinez, Staff Assistant; Joel Miller,
68 Chief Counsel; Lillian Noland, Clerk; Claire Richey, Clerk;
69 Seth Ricketts, Clerk; Jake Riith, Staff Assistant; Jackson
70 Rudden, Staff Assistant; Emma Schultheis, Clerk; Lydia Abma,
71 Minority Policy Analyst; Hannah Anton, Minority Policy
72 Analyst; Keegan Cardman, Minority Staff Assistant; Giancarlo
73 Ceja, Minority Staff Assistant; Waverly Gordon, Minority
74 Deputy Staff Director and General Counsel; Tiffany Guarascio,
75 Minority Staff Director; Caitlin Haberman, Minority Staff
76 Director, ENV; Perry Hamilton, Minority Member Services and
77 Outreach Manager; Megan Kanne, Minority Professional Staff

78 Member; Serena Klebba, Minority Staff Assistant; Una Lee,
79 Minority Chief Counsel; Brendan Lopez, Minority Press
80 Assistant; Emma Roehrig, Minority Staff Assistant; Kylea
81 Rogers, Minority Policy Analyst; Andrew Souvall, Minority
82 Director of Communications, Outreach, and Member Services;
83 and Hannah Treger, Minority Intern.

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85 *The Chair. The committee will come to order, and I
86 will recognize myself for an opening statement.

87 Good morning, and thank you for all attending today's
88 markup of 16 bills touching on issues across the committee's
89 jurisdiction. Today's markup includes a Recycling
90 Infrastructure and Accessibility Act sponsored by
91 Congresswoman Miller-Meeks, which establishes a pilot program
92 at EPA to help build out recycling infrastructure in areas
93 that currently lack household recycling. The bill also
94 includes provisions to improve the collection of data
95 regarding recycling rates and help identify areas for
96 improvement.

97 We have also worked across the aisle on our title of the
98 surface transportation reauthorization, and I want to commend
99 the members and staff across the whole committee for their
100 hard work to get us to where we are. Matt Furlow, who has
101 led that effort -- I don't know if he is in the room right
102 now -- on our side and working with the committee members on
103 your side, I think about everybody he could possibly work
104 with Matt has worked with. And all I hear from people who
105 have worked with him is that what an outstanding person he
106 is. I wish he was in the room, but maybe he is watching on
107 C-SPAN. So this -- so thanks, Matt.

108 So this package modernizes the automotive industry and
109 ensures that NHTSA has the tools it needs to ensure motor

110 vehicle safety. The package also includes important
111 priorities for many of our members, ranging from modernizing
112 tire regulations to strengthening flammability standards for
113 automobiles. But having a thriving American-based automotive
114 supply chain is also a core national security issue, which is
115 why we included a bipartisan ban on Chinese vehicles in this
116 bill. The Chinese Communist Party has made clear that their
117 government will use every tool at their disposal to surveil,
118 influence, and manipulate Americans for their own gain. Our
119 bipartisan approach today is to support a vibrant automotive
120 industry, enhance safety, and repel the threats coming from
121 our adversaries in Beijing. This package makes progress on
122 all three of those goals, and I am proud we were able to work
123 together on this.

124 Further, today's markup builds upon the Health
125 Subcommittee's work last week to advance 10 bills that
126 increase flexibility to patients and providers, strengthen
127 FDA's oversight of our supply chains, and ensures vital
128 public health programs continue to serve Americans.

129 A handful of the bills before us at the committee today,
130 including the EARLY Act, the AADAPT Act, and the Stem Cell
131 Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization Act, to name just a
132 few, focus on reauthorizing critical public health programs,
133 supporting patients by meeting them where they are at.

134 Finally, we will also advance bills to modernize FDA's

135 review and enforcement authorities and we will also support
136 two important pieces of access bills. The Choices for
137 Increased Mobility Act and the Health Care Efficiency through
138 Flexibility Act would seek to reduce administrative burdens,
139 increase flexibility for both patients and providers.

140 I look forward to the productive discussion on these 16
141 bills and voting to report them to the full House.

142 I will yield back and recognize the ranking member, the
143 gentleman from New Jersey, for five minutes for an opening
144 statement.

145 *Mr. Pallone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

146 Today the committee is marking up 16 bills that I hope
147 will garner strong bipartisan support.

148 Fourteen of the bills come from our Health Subcommittee
149 and will help us better protect the health of the American
150 people. The legislation we are considering reauthorizes and
151 strengthens work around three key areas of public health.

152 First, prevention and early detection are among the
153 highest-value investments we can make in the health of the
154 American people. Whether the threat is cancer, an emerging
155 infectious disease, a traumatic brain injury, or a
156 complication of pregnancy, the principle is the same: we are
157 far better off catching problems early and arming patients
158 and providers with the tools to act. So four of the bills
159 before us reauthorize important programs to continue

160 meaningful early detection work, including H.R. 1493, the
161 Traumatic Brain Injury Program Reauthorization Act, which I
162 introduced. That legislation was first championed by my good
163 friend, the late representative Bill Pascrell of New Jersey.
164 It will secure continued support for Americans affected by
165 traumatic brain injuries. And this is critical because
166 Federal authorities that fund TBI research, surveillance,
167 prevention, and state-level services lapsed in 2024.

168 Second, public health depends on sustained Federal
169 research and infrastructure. We are reauthorizing programs
170 that are the scientific and surveillance backbone for state
171 and local public health departments so they can respond to
172 what is happening on the ground. And I am pleased that we
173 are considering the Act for ALS Act, which extends programs
174 at FDA and the National Institutes of Health to accelerate
175 research and promising therapies for ALS.

176 Third, bills that meet bills should meet people where
177 they are. They should direct attention towards populations
178 that too often fall through the cracks: younger women whose
179 risk factors are missed by general guidelines, low-income and
180 uninsured women who could not otherwise afford a screening,
181 mothers and infants in communities with limited prenatal
182 care, children and low-income families that rely on school-
183 based health care, and Americans in regions where vector-
184 borne disease has spread. The Federal programs that close

185 these gaps don't replace state, local, and private effort,
186 they make it possible. For instance, I am pleased that we
187 are considering legislation to reauthorize funding for
188 school-based health centers which allow students to access
189 mental health, dental, and primary care, as well as nutrition
190 education right at the school.

191 So we are considering a bipartisan recycling bill also
192 from our Environment Subcommittee. This package is a long
193 time coming, and represents a good step forward to bolstering
194 our domestic recycling and composting systems through
195 improved data collection and increased recycling
196 accessibility.

197 And finally, I am pleased that we are here marking up a
198 bipartisan safety bill that will be included in the larger
199 surface transportation bill. And safety should not be a
200 partisan issue, and this bill contains many provisions that
201 will enhance safety on our roadways both for vehicle
202 occupants and for vulnerable road users such as bicyclists.

203 So I am glad this package includes many priorities from
204 Democratic members on everything from distracted driving to
205 ensuring consumers can safely exit a car during a vehicle
206 fire. It also includes a number of bipartisan priorities.
207 So this was a long road, there is still work to be done.

208 And I do want to mention, Mr. Chairman, about ensuring
209 consumer access to optional safety features and affordable

210 repairs. These are things that we have to continue to work
211 on. So thank you and thank the staff for working across the
212 aisle on this package.

213 And I will have more to say on several of the bills
214 during the markup, but I yield back now. Thank you.

215 *The Chair. Thank you. I agree we need to continue to
216 work on those issues you just addressed, and we will continue
217 to do so.

218 I now recognize the -- excuse me, the chair reminds
219 members that, pursuant to the committee rules, all members'
220 opening statements will be made part of the record.

221 Are there further opening statements?

222 For what purpose does the gentlelady from Colorado seek
223 recognition?

224 *Ms. DeGette. To offer an opening statement, Mr.
225 Chairman.

226 *The Chair. You are recognized for three minutes for an
227 opening statement.

228 *Ms. DeGette. Thank you so much, Mr. Chairman.

229 I am glad this committee is marking up essential public
230 health reauthorizations today. Several, including the EARLY
231 Act and the Kay Hagan Tick Act, improve public awareness of
232 diseases with rising cases across the country so providers
233 and patients alike are prepared to catch and treat these
234 illnesses before they worsen. Others, like the AADAPT Act

235 and school-based health centers reauthorization, elevate
236 primary care for underserved communities so patients have
237 access to the best clinicians and services no matter where
238 they live.

239 And critically, Act for ALS reauthorization will allow
240 progress towards a cure to continue and more patients to
241 access promising new therapies. And amid the
242 Administration's assault on public health, we cannot afford
243 to let these programs lapse.

244 We will also mark up my bill with Congressman Hudson,
245 the DeOndra Dixon NIH INCLUDE Project Act. This bill
246 sustains and encourages Down syndrome research with a
247 particular directive to investigate co-occurring conditions.
248 Since its launch in 2018, the NIH INCLUDE project has awarded
249 575 unique Down syndrome research grants across 18 NIH
250 institutes, and currently supports more than 13 clinical
251 trials.

252 I want to take a moment of personal privilege, Mr.
253 Chairman, and introduce my constituent, Michelle Sie Whitten,
254 who is sitting in the audience, who is the founder of the
255 Global Down Syndrome Foundation and really the brains behind
256 this DeOndra Dixon NIH INCLUDE Project Act.

257 Thank you for all the work you do, Michelle.

258 Even in this fraught political environment, this is an
259 issue that transcends party lines and it deserves our full

260 support. The INCLUDE Project Act passed the House
261 unanimously last Congress, and this must be the year it is
262 finally passed into law.

263 We have a lot more work to do beyond this markup. Our
264 constituents are sounding the alarm on patient access,
265 medical innovation, and public health, and demanding that we
266 pursue bold legislation to fix these crises, not just
267 reauthorization of existing programs. I urge my colleagues
268 to support these bills, advance them to the floor
269 expeditiously, and to use this momentum to further defend our
270 public health infrastructure, biomedical research agencies,
271 and the American patients that they will ultimately serve.

272 And I yield back.

273 *The Chair. If you will yield me your 30 seconds?

274 *Ms. DeGette. I am happy to yield to yield to the
275 chairman.

276 *The Chair. Thirty seconds is all. So I understand
277 that Michelle's father, John Sie, founded C-SPAN.

278 *Ms. DeGette. That is --

279 *The Chair. And he is --

280 *Ms. DeGette. That is correct, Mr. --

281 *The Chair. He founded C-SPAN, and so everybody gets to
282 watch --

283 *Ms. DeGette. He is one of my constituents.

284 *The Chair. -- our committee proceedings because your

285 father -- and my understanding is your father, who is now 90
286 years old, is watching C-SPAN now, so he can watch us pass
287 the bill that he views in honor of his -- your daughter, his
288 granddaughter, Sophia.

289 *Ms. DeGette. And I will --

290 *The Chair. So thank you for --

291 *Ms. DeGette. Reclaiming my time --

292 *The Chair. Yes, ma'am.

293 *Ms. DeGette. I got to go to John Sie's 90th birthday
294 party a couple of weeks ago, and it was quite a party, Mr.
295 Chairman.

296 *The Chair. Well, thanks for making Congress public to
297 the country, and I am glad he is using this time to watch
298 this moment. Later today we are going to honor his
299 granddaughter, Sophia.

300 Thank you.

301 *Ms. DeGette. I yield back.

302 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back. Is there
303 further opening statements?

304 The gentleman from New York is recognized for three
305 minutes for an opening statement.

306 *Mr. Tonko. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

307 I am excited that the committee will reconsider -- will
308 consider H.R. 2145, the Recycling Infrastructure and
309 Accessibility Act, which was advanced, as amended, by the

310 Environment Subcommittee last week. This bipartisan bill
311 would make important improvements to our nation's recycling
312 systems. It would establish a pilot program at the EPA to
313 award grants to improve recycling accessibility in
314 underserved and rural communities. It would also require EPA
315 to collect and publish data on recycling and composting rates
316 to provide an accurate reflection of the effectiveness of our
317 systems.

318 While this bill will not fix all of the issues with our
319 nation's waste management system, it is an important first
320 step. I do look forward to supporting this bill, and I hope
321 that we can continue to work together to address other waste
322 issues facing our country.

323 Unfortunately, today we are not taking up a bipartisan
324 bill to reauthorize EPA's brownfields program. I appreciate
325 that we are -- that we were able to reach agreement on most
326 aspects of the bill considered at subcommittee, but continue
327 to have disagreements about the authorization levels. EPA's
328 program is too important to too many communities, so I do
329 hope that we can ultimately reach agreement on funding levels
330 that accurately reflect the needs of our state and local
331 governments.

332 Finally, I am very proud of my work on several
333 bipartisan health bills that will be considered today,
334 including the School-Based Health Centers Reauthorization

335 Act.

336 I am also very pleased that we are advancing the DeOndra
337 Dixon INCLUDE Project Act at the markup today. Research
338 investments have led to major breakthroughs in how Down
339 syndrome interacts with other health conditions that have a
340 high incidence in the community, such as immune system
341 disorders, liver dysfunction, sleep apnea, cancer,
342 Alzheimer's, and more. And I would like to recognize that
343 this progress doesn't happen without sustained advocacy. In
344 particular, I do highlight the role of the Global Down
345 Syndrome Foundation that has been recognized here through its
346 founder, Michelle Sie Whitten, for their tireless advocacy to
347 make this all happen today. And congrats on that progress.

348 And with that, Mr. Chair, I yield back.

349 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Are there
350 further opening statements?

351 Seeing none, I do want to recognize Matt, who I called
352 out earlier, is in the room now.

353 So thanks, Matt, for your -- Matt Furlow, for your hard
354 work. We appreciate it.

355 So the chair calls up H.R. 2145 and asks the clerk to
356 report.

357 *The Clerk. H.R. 2145, a bill to establish a pilot
358 grant program to improve recycling --

359 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the

360 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
361 amendment at any point.

362 So ordered.

363 [The bill follows:]

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365 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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367 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
368 bill?

369 The gentleman from New Jersey is recognized for five
370 minutes to speak on the bill.

371 *Mr. Pallone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

372 With a national recycling and composting rate of just 32
373 percent, there is clearly a lot of room for improvement. And
374 thankfully, today the committee is considering H.R. 2145
375 which will help improve that statistic and address challenges
376 facing our recycling and composting systems nationwide.

377 This bipartisan package, comprised of the Recycling
378 Infrastructure and Accessibility Act led by Representatives
379 Miller-Meeks and McClellan and the Recycling and Composting
380 Accountability Act from Representative Neguse, aims to tackle
381 two key hurdles: access to recycling services and data.

382 First, the Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility
383 Act aims to increase recycling and accessibility for
384 underserved communities across the country. The bill directs
385 the EPA to establish a pilot program to award grants to
386 states, local governments, tribes, or public-private
387 partnerships to increase the number of transfer stations,
388 expand curbside recycling collection programs, and reduce the
389 costs associated with collecting and transporting recyclable
390 materials.

391 A 2-0-2-4 -- I should say a 2024 EPA report found that

392 40 percent of households don't have access to recycling
393 services, which is incredible, in my opinion. But by
394 investing in programs to improve curbside collection, drop-
395 off, and processing infrastructure by 2030, the U.S. could
396 nearly double our recycling rate to help close that gap.
397 Thus, expanding recycling access is imperative to divert more
398 recyclables from landfills, which is exactly what H.R. 2145
399 does. It would improve recycling rates, create jobs, boost
400 American manufacturing, and provide much-needed investment in
401 recycling infrastructure and access.

402 And I should also emphasize that while increasing access
403 to recycling is important, it is critical that we build out
404 strong, responsible domestic end-markets for recycled
405 materials. Increasing accessibility and collection of
406 recycled content only works if there is a market of buyers to
407 purchase the recycled material.

408 Additionally, the provisions of the Recycling and
409 Composting Accountability Act added by the Environment
410 Subcommittee are common-sense policies to help leaders at the
411 local, state, and Federal level make informed decisions to
412 address recycling and composting hardships across the nation.
413 And I believe to effectively and efficiently improve U.S.
414 recycling and composting, we must first measure the existing
415 problems. Reliable, accurate, and robust data is essential
416 to track progress and identify areas for improvement.

417 In fact, the EPA recognized this in its recent National
418 Recycling Strategy which identified the need to standardize
419 measurement and increase data collection as a main objective
420 to address challenges in our recycling system. It is
421 encouraging to see the committee finally take action on
422 improving data collection and measurement. This bill
423 authorizes EPA to take measures to improve recycling and
424 composting data collection, close data gaps, and modernize
425 and update metrics.

426 And like establishing an inventory, for example, of
427 materials recovery facilities -- or MRFs in the U.S. -- and a
428 report on market trends of recyclable material from those
429 facilities, the bill also supports voluntary data-sharing
430 with states to develop a standardized metric of recyclable
431 materials that have been successfully diverted from
432 landfills.

433 Overall, these data provisions are vital to tracking
434 recycling and composting system performance, establishing
435 effective goals, making informed investments, and delivering
436 meaningful benefits to communities across the country. And
437 as I mentioned in my opening statement, this bipartisan
438 recycling package is one step, albeit an important one,
439 towards improving our domestic recycling and composting
440 systems, and I believe the committee needs to do more. We
441 should explore additional recycling policies like a Federal

442 framework for extended producer responsibility or minimum
443 recycled content requirements as a holistic approach to
444 resolving challenges in our recycling system. In the
445 meantime, I am pleased to see the committee move H.R. 2145
446 forward. It is long overdue.

447 Let me just say in conclusion, Mr. Chairman, I really
448 think that the fact that our recycling rate, you know, at the
449 municipal level and other levels has gotten so low is really
450 a shame. I mean, I think recycling is something that people
451 want to do on a bipartisan basis. It doesn't matter if you
452 are in a rural community or in an urban community. And I
453 think we should do whatever we can to try to improve
454 recycling rates.

455 I will also say that I was actually involved in the
456 first Earth Day I don't know how many years ago, I won't say,
457 and one of our efforts was to improve recycling in the
458 college that I went to. So I am kind of proud of the fact
459 that we are doing this today. I think it is very important.

460 I want to thank our members who are involved on a
461 bipartisan basis.

462 So thank you, Mr. Chairman. I yield back.

463 *The Chair. Thank you. I agree with you. The chair
464 will now -- the gentleman yields back. The chair recognizes
465 the gentlelady from Iowa for five minutes to speak on the
466 bill.

467 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

468 People may wonder why someone from Iowa would put
469 forward a bill on recycling. I have both steel and aluminum
470 in my district. Ninety-eight percent of steel and aluminum
471 is recycled in the United States, which most people do not
472 know. And I also have manufacturers in my district that make
473 the cans, the aluminum cans, that go into most of the foods
474 that you find on your grocery shelf.

475 But rural communities across Iowa and this country have
476 long been left behind when it comes to recycling access.
477 More than 36 percent of Iowa's households, over 450 families,
478 have no meaningful access to recycling services. That gap
479 isn't just an inconvenience, it has real consequences to our
480 environment, our economy, and our national security.

481 Iowa's manufacturers depend on recycled materials as
482 feedstocks to keep their operations running. But instead of
483 those materials staying here, we are watching China and other
484 foreign competitors scoop up our scrap at above-market prices
485 while American factories struggle to find domestic supply.
486 We are landfilling millions of tons of valuable materials
487 every single year, materials that should be fueling American
488 manufacturing and American jobs, and including jobs in Iowa.

489 The numbers tell the story. In Iowa we are recovering
490 less than half of our aluminum cans and only 15 percent of
491 our steel cans. And it doesn't stop at traditional

492 recyclables. Critical materials and critical minerals are
493 leaving this country when they should be staying in American
494 hands and in the American supply chains.

495 We can fix this, and that is exactly what the Recycling
496 Infrastructure and Accessibility Act is designed to do. RIAA
497 is a bipartisan bill that tackles this problem from multiple
498 angles: building the recycling infrastructure our rural
499 communities desperately need; boosting collection rates to
500 reduce our reliance on virgin feedstocks; and now, combined
501 with the RCAA led by Representative Neguse, strengthening the
502 data collection systems that will help us target future
503 investment when it is needed most.

504 At its core, RIAA establishes a pilot grant program for
505 communities like many in my district, places that don't have
506 a recycling facility within 75 miles. This legislation has
507 earned broad support from the industry, environmental groups,
508 manufacturers alike because they all understand the same
509 thing: recycling infrastructure is manufacturing
510 infrastructure, and a strong domestic material supply is
511 economic security.

512 And I would also like to say it has support from my
513 fellow member of the dinosaur caucus, the ranking member.
514 Although I was not around for some of the first Earth Day, as
515 he was.

516 I urge my colleagues to support RIAA and move it

517 forward. Our rural communities and our manufacturers and our
518 domestic supply chain have waited long enough.

519 Thank you, and I yield back.

520 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back. Is there
521 further recognition to speak on the bill?

522 The gentleman from New York -- I almost said New Jersey,
523 but the gentleman from New York is recognized. I knew New
524 York, but I almost said New Jersey. The gentleman from New
525 York is recognized for five minutes to speak on the bill.

526 *Mr. Tonko. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I want to express my
527 support for H.R. 2145, the Recycling Infrastructure and
528 Accessibility Act, which was amended during the Environment
529 Subcommittee markup to also incorporate the text of H.R.
530 4109, the Recycling and Composting Accountability Act led by
531 Congressman Neguse.

532 This bipartisan legislation directs EPA to establish a
533 program to improve recycling accessibility in rural and
534 underserved communities across the United States. This is
535 important because, while over 70 percent of American
536 households have access to curbside recycling, that number
537 drops to 40 percent for rural communities and communities in
538 multi-family housing. Our recycling economy succeeds when
539 communities have access, so I am glad to see targeted
540 investments to expand curbside and drop-off recycling
541 programs in areas that need it the most.

542 This legislation also directs EPA to collect and publish
543 data on domestic recycling and composting infrastructure
544 capabilities, and better understand the end markets for
545 recyclable and compostable materials. We need accurate data
546 and effective coordination at the Federal and state levels to
547 begin to identify the gaps in our recycling systems and areas
548 where targeted investment will have the greatest impact.

549 Plastic pollution is a global crisis, and it requires
550 ambitious solutions to meet the moment. We must work to
551 educate our communities on recycling and -- harmful
552 microplastics, improve collection and sorting of plastics,
553 and incentivize design for recyclability to support
554 responsible end markets. While this bill does not answer all
555 those challenges, it is a good first step.

556 I am happy to support this legislation getting across
557 the finish line this year, and I do hope we can continue to
558 build upon this momentum to find bipartisan solutions that
559 stop valuable materials from entering landfills and from
560 polluting our environment.

561 And with that I thank you, Mr. Chair, and yield back.

562 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
563 further discussion on the bill?

564 The gentlelady from Virginia is recognized for five
565 minutes to speak on the bill.

566 *Ms. McClellan. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

567 As an original cosponsor of the Recycling Infrastructure
568 and Accessibility Act, I appreciate the committee's
569 consideration of this legislation.

570 Recycling reduces waste that piles up in our landfills,
571 reduces the need to extract new raw materials, and lowers our
572 carbon footprint. Globally, recycling reduces carbon dioxide
573 emissions by 700 million tons a year. However, in the United
574 States only 21 percent of recyclable materials are actually
575 recycled. The rest are lost to landfills. And in Virginia
576 alone, 1.1 million tons of recyclable materials are lost to
577 landfills.

578 Millions of households, especially in rural communities,
579 simply lack access to recycling infrastructure necessary to
580 participate in this circular economy. Rural communities and
581 small towns lack curbside recycling programs that are readily
582 available in other parts of the country. And H.R. 2145
583 addresses this gap by establishing an EPA pilot program to
584 issue grants for projects that increase recycling
585 accessibility in underserved communities. It also authorizes
586 multiple initiatives to collect data on recycling and
587 composting programs nationwide, an effort led by my colleague
588 from Colorado, Mr. Neguse.

589 As we move towards a cleaner future, we must fully
590 utilize the circular economy and ensure that everyone can
591 participate. This bill marks an important step towards that

592 goal, and I appreciate my colleague from Iowa, Mrs. Miller-
593 Meeks, for her leadership on this bill. I urge my colleagues
594 to support H.R. 2145.

595 Thank you, and I yield back.

596 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back. Is there
597 anyone seeking recognition to speak on the bill?

598 If there is no further discussion on the bill, the
599 question now occurs on adopting H.R. 2145. A roll call has
600 been requested, and the clerk will call the roll.

601 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta?

602 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

603 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta votes aye.

604 Mr. Griffith?

605 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

606 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith votes aye.

607 Mr. Bilirakis?

608 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

609 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis votes aye.

610 Mr. Hudson?

611 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.

612 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson votes aye.

613 Mr. Carter of Georgia?

614 *Mr. Carter of Georgia. Aye.

615 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Georgia votes aye.

616 Mr. Palmer?

617 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
618 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer votes aye.
619 Mr. Dunn?
620 *Mr. Dunn. Aye.
621 *The Clerk. Mr. Dunn votes aye.
622 Mr. Crenshaw?
623 [No response.]
624 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce?
625 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
626 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce votes aye.
627 Mr. Weber?
628 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
629 *The Clerk. Mr. Weber votes aye.
630 Mr. Allen?
631 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
632 *The Clerk. Mr. Allen votes aye.
633 Mr. Balderson?
634 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
635 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson votes aye.
636 Mr. Fulcher?
637 *Mr. Fulcher. Aye.
638 *The Clerk. Mr. Fulcher votes aye.
639 Mr. Pfluger?
640 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
641 *The Clerk. Mr. Pfluger votes aye.

642 Mrs. Harshbarger?
643 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
644 *The Clerk. Mrs. Harshbarger votes aye.
645 Mrs. Miller-Meeks?
646 [No response.]
647 *The Clerk. Mrs. Cammack?
648 [No response.]
649 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte?
650 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
651 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte votes aye.
652 Mr. James?
653 [No response.]
654 *The Clerk. Mr. Bentz?
655 *Mr. Bentz. Aye.
656 *The Clerk. Mr. Bentz votes aye.
657 Mrs. Houchin?
658 *Mrs. Houchin. Aye.
659 *The Clerk. Mrs. Houchin votes aye.
660 Mr. Fry?
661 [No response.]
662 *The Clerk. Ms. Lee?
663 [No response.]
664 *The Clerk. Mr. Langworthy?
665 *Mr. Langworthy. Aye.
666 *The Clerk. Mr. Langworthy votes aye.

667 Mr. Kean?
668 [No response.]
669 *The Clerk. Mr. Rulli?
670 *Mr. Rulli. Aye.
671 *The Clerk. Mr. Rulli votes aye.
672 Mr. Evans?
673 *Mr. Evans. Aye.
674 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans votes aye.
675 Mr. Goldman?
676 [No response.]
677 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fedorchak?
678 *Mrs. Fedorchak. Aye.
679 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fedorchak votes aye.
680 Mr. Pallone?
681 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
682 *The Clerk. Mr. Pallone votes aye.
683 Ms. DeGette?
684 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
685 *The Clerk. Ms. DeGette votes aye.
686 Ms. Schakowsky?
687 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
688 *The Clerk. Ms. Schakowsky votes aye.
689 Ms. Matsui?
690 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
691 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui votes aye.

692 Ms. Castor?

693 *Ms. Castor. Aye.

694 *The Clerk. Ms. Castor votes aye.

695 Mr. Tonko?

696 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.

697 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko votes aye.

698 Ms. Clarke?

699 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.

700 *The Clerk. Ms. Clarke votes aye.

701 Mr. Ruiz?

702 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.

703 *The Clerk. Mr. Ruiz votes aye.

704 Mr. Peters?

705 *Mr. Peters. Aye.

706 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters votes aye.

707 Mrs. Dingell?

708 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.

709 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell votes aye.

710 Mr. Veasey?

711 [No response.]

712 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly?

713 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.

714 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly votes aye.

715 Ms. Barragan?

716 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.

717 *The Clerk. Ms. Barragan votes aye.
718 Mr. Soto?
719 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
720 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto votes aye.
721 Ms. Schrier?
722 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
723 *The Clerk. Ms. Schrier votes aye.
724 Mrs. Trahan?
725 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
726 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan votes aye.
727 Mrs. Fletcher?
728 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
729 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fletcher votes aye.
730 Ms. Ocasio-Cortez?
731 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Aye.
732 *The Clerk. Ms. Ocasio-Cortez votes aye.
733 Mr. Auchincloss?
734 *Mr. Auchincloss. Aye.
735 *The Clerk. Mr. Auchincloss votes aye.
736 Mr. Carter of Louisiana?
737 [No response.]
738 *The Clerk. Mr. Menendez?
739 *Mr. Menendez. Aye.
740 *The Clerk. Mr. Menendez votes aye.
741 Mr. Mullin?

742 *Mr. Mullin. Aye.

743 *The Clerk. Mr. Mullin votes aye.

744 Mr. Landsman?

745 [No response.]

746 *The Clerk. Ms. McClellan?

747 *Ms. McClellan. Aye.

748 *The Clerk. Ms. McClellan votes aye.

749 Mr. Guthrie?

750 *The Chair. Aye.

751 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie votes aye.

752 *The Chair. How is Mrs. Miller-Meeks recorded?

753 *The Clerk. She is not recorded.

754 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.

755 *The Clerk. Mrs. Miller-Meeks votes aye.

756 *The Chair. The gentleman from Michigan.

757 *The Clerk. Mr. James is not recorded.

758 *Mr. James. James, aye.

759 *The Clerk. Mr. James votes aye.

760 *The Chair. Oh, Mr. Veasey? Okay, you got -- Mr. --

761 the gentleman from Texas, Mr. Veasey, how is he recorded?

762 *The Clerk. Mr. Veasey is not recorded.

763 *Mr. Veasey. Yes.

764 *The Clerk. Mr. Veasey is yes.

765 *The Chair. The gentleman from Ohio?

766 *The Clerk. Mr. Landsman is not recorded.

767 *Mr. Landsman. Aye.

768 *The Clerk. Mr. Landsman votes aye.

769 *The Chair. Is anyone else seeking recognition for the
770 -- seeing none -- oh, the gentleman from Louisiana.

771 *The Clerk. He is not recorded.

772 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. Yes.

773 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter votes aye.

774 *The Chair. Is anyone else seeking recognition for the
775 roll call?

776 Seeing -- you got everybody? Okay. Seeing none, the
777 clerk will report.

778 *The Clerk. Mr. Chairman, on that vote there are 45
779 ayes and 0 nays.

780 *The Chair. The bill --

781 *The Clerk. Pardon me, correction.

782 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.

783 The chair calls up H.R. 7389 and asks the clerk to
784 report.

785 *The Clerk. H.R. 7389, a bill to modernize the motor
786 vehicle safety programs of the National Highway Traffic
787 Safety Administration, and for other purposes. Be it enacted
788 by the Senate and --

789 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
790 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
791 amendment at any point.

792 So ordered.

793 [The bill follows:]

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795 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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797 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
798 bill?

799 Seeing none -- do you want to talk on the bill or on the
800 ANS?

801 Let me call up the ANS, and we will do that. I will
802 call up the ANS.

803 For what purpose -- you want to speak on the bill?

804 Okay, the gentlelady is recognized for five -- do you want to
805 wait until I call up the ANS?

806 The gentlelady is recognized for five minutes to speak
807 on the bill.

808 *Mrs. Dingell. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move to strike
809 the last word.

810 *The Chair. The gentlelady is recognized.

811 *Mrs. Dingell. First, I want to thank you, Chair
812 Guthrie and Ranking Member Pallone and our committee staffs,
813 for months of hard work and stakeholder engagement that went
814 into being able to present this bipartisan auto safety
815 package ahead of the upcoming surface transportation
816 reauthorization. I am encouraged by what we are considering
817 today a bipartisan work product. It is not easy, especially
818 on issues as complex as vehicle safety, consumer protection,
819 innovation, and the future of the auto industry.

820 I believe deeply that America must continue to lead the
821 future of mobility. We put the world on wheels, and we must

822 maintain our leadership on innovation and technology. We
823 cannot afford to fall behind, and this committee has a
824 responsibility to modernize our laws, strengthen safety
825 standards, support innovation, and protect American consumers
826 and workers.

827 I know how much progress has been made and common ground
828 found on most of the issues, and I know that the chairman and
829 ranking member are committed to continuing to work on right-
830 to-repair, protecting our industries from Communist China
831 and, in that vein, also on AVs. And I hope we will address
832 that sooner than later, and we will talk about that later.

833 The inclusion of my bipartisan bill, the Safe Vehicle
834 Access for Survivors Act, which protects survivors of
835 domestic violence from the misuse of connected vehicle
836 technologies, will save lives. As vehicles become more
837 connected, we must ensure that these technologies are not
838 weaponized against vulnerable people.

839 I am also pleased to see the inclusion of our negotiated
840 AM radio compromise. AM radio remains a vital tool for
841 communities across the country, particularly for delivering
842 lifesaving information during emergencies and national
843 disasters. We have worked on this issue for years, engaged
844 extensively with the automakers, the broadcasters, and other
845 stakeholders, and this work represents the best path forward.

846 I am glad to see our bipartisan supply chains provisions

847 included in this package which will strengthen domestic --
848 domestic -- manufacturing, support innovation, and protect
849 our economic and national security. And it gives the Federal
850 Government additional tools to identify, monitor, and respond
851 to critical supply chain vulnerabilities before they become
852 full-blown crises.

853 I appreciate that we were able to find a first step on
854 right-to-repair issues and balance concerns about
855 cybersecurity, consumer privacy, safety, intellectual
856 property, and the long-term strength of the domestic
857 industry. Thank you for the commitment of every member on
858 this committee to continue the work on this issue that is for
859 the good of consumers, costs, data privacy, among many other
860 issues.

861 The package also includes important safety measures
862 studying the effects of driver-controlled technology on
863 severe traffic injuries and fatalities, preventing misleading
864 advertising around partially-automated driving systems,
865 requiring clear consumer disclosures, requiring vehicles to
866 include a mechanical manual door release, and continuing work
867 on advanced driver assistance systems and automatic emergency
868 braking technologies to better protect vulnerable road users.
869 There is a lot of auto stuff in this bill. And we are also
870 going to be addressing issues like battery fires, hazardous
871 chemicals, and pulsating brake lights to improve road safety

872 and save lives.

873 I really want to talk about and thank you, and thank you
874 for your serious understanding of the threat that China
875 vehicles and their connected technologies are in this
876 country. Every modern vehicle is effectively a rolling data
877 collection advice -- device. We cannot allow China to gain a
878 foothold in manufacturing in this country and in the American
879 automotive ecosystem.

880 This proposal isn't as comprehensive as the -- John
881 Moolenaar's and my bipartisan, bicameral Connected Vehicle
882 Security Act, but this committee recognized the urgency of
883 keeping Chinese vehicles and technologies out of our market
884 and protecting Americans' data and our national security.
885 Too many people don't understand when they get in a vehicle,
886 your data on your iPads and your iPhones are being used by
887 somebody else, and we have got to address that.

888 I am running out of time, so I will talk more later, but
889 I want to thank you, Chairman Guthrie and Frank Pallone. I
890 know I have been a pain in the bazooka, but this is good,
891 important work, and thank you for getting us here.

892 I yield back.

893 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back. Is there
894 further discussion on the bill?

895 The gentleman from Colorado is recognized for five
896 minutes to speak on the bill.

897 *Mr. Evans. Thank you, Chairman, Ranking Member, and,
898 of course, to the staff for all of the work that has gone
899 into this over the last several months so that we can have
900 this strong bipartisan consensus that includes so many
901 different important policy priorities.

902 I served as a police officer in the Denver metro area
903 for over a decade, and I was actually one of the officers in
904 charge of forensic accident reconstruction on the west side
905 of the Denver metro area. And as someone who often responded
906 to accidents from fender benders to serious and fatal
907 accidents, driver and pedestrian safety has long been
908 important to me, and that is why I am so proud to see so many
909 of the different vehicle safety provisions included in
910 today's title, from tire regulatory reform to studies on
911 flammability standards to the Magnus White and Safe Streets
912 for Everyone Act. And I am confident that the good work of
913 this committee, bipartisan work of this committee is going to
914 help protect the next generation of Americans as the auto
915 industry continues to innovate.

916 But safe vehicles also need safe roads. And so, while
917 we are working on vehicle safety here, I am also proud of the
918 work that is happening in adjacent areas like the surface
919 transportation reauthorization because that is a top priority
920 for my constituents that I wanted to take just a moment to
921 touch on.

922 After eight years of mismanagement in Colorado under the
923 Democrats, my state's roads are some of the worst in the
924 nation. We have the sixth worst urban roadways and the
925 fourth worst rural roadways in the nation because the ruling
926 Democrats in Colorado have failed to adequately invest in
927 core roadway maintenance and safety, and that impacts all of
928 the vehicle safety things that we are working on here today
929 if we don't have safe roads. Basic road infrastructure
930 shouldn't be a partisan issue.

931 Critical transportation corridors like I-25, Highway 85,
932 and I-76 in my district serve as economic lifelines for
933 families and farmers and employers and jobs, but commuters
934 and businesses face worsening congestion, repeated vehicle
935 damage, longer travel times, and an increasing risk of
936 serious accidents. On average, my constituents in Colorado
937 are facing an estimated \$900 a year in increased costs to
938 repair their vehicles as a result of bad roadways.
939 Additionally, audits conducted by the Colorado Department of
940 Transportation itself find millions of taxpayer dollars
941 unaccounted for, as well as statutory violations and funding
942 disbursements.

943 These are basic benchmarks of reliability and trust that
944 the state has failed to meet time and again. And so that is
945 why Federal legislation like today's vehicle safety bill and
946 other adjacent efforts are so important, because it allows

947 the Federal Government to fill in those gaps left by states,
948 and provide common-sense guardrails for implementing Federal
949 dollars for road infrastructure and making sure that the safe
950 vehicles that are being considered today aren't damaged on
951 poor roads.

952 I am proud to support this committee's efforts and the
953 efforts of the entire U.S. House of Representatives, and I
954 want to once again thank the chair and the ranking member and
955 yield back.

956 *The Chair. Thank you. The gentleman yields back. Is
957 there further discussion?

958 Did Dr. Ruiz -- the gentleman from California is
959 recognized for five minutes to speak on the bill.

960 *Mr. Ruiz. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

961 I am a proud cosponsor of the AM Radio for Every Vehicle
962 Act, a piece of legislation that is included in this package.

963 This bill does something straightforward. It requires
964 the Department of Transportation to issue a rule mandating
965 that all new passenger vehicles sold in the U.S. include
966 functional AM broadcast radio as standard equipment. It
967 serves as a guarantee that when Americans get in their car,
968 they can access the same emergency communication systems that
969 has protected this country for decades. Whether it is a
970 wildfire racing across the desert floor, a flash flood
971 tearing through a canyon, or an extreme heat emergency,

972 people need to know.

973 We saw what happens when that system fails. When the
974 Camp Fire tore through Paradise in California in November
975 2018, cell networks were immediately overwhelmed and then
976 destroyed. Residents reported that a AM radio was one of the
977 only functioning sources of real-time information as they
978 fled. Many survivors credited broadcast radio with giving
979 them direction when they had no other way to receive updates.

980 AM radio does not need a signal bar. So when cell
981 towers go down, when the internet goes dark, when the power
982 grid fails, AM radio is still there. It reaches people in
983 the moments when everything else has failed them.

984 My district is home to some of the most vulnerable
985 communities in California, from farm workers in the Imperial
986 Valley, seniors in the desert cities, and tribal communities
987 across our region. These are families who may not have
988 access to real-time smartphone alerts. These are people
989 driving to work before sunrise in areas where cell coverage
990 is spotty at best. For them, AM radio is a lifeline to
991 emergencies. The Emergency Alert System, FEMA, and first
992 responders all depend on AM broadcast infrastructure, so our
993 constituents deserve to get in their car and know that if
994 there is an emergency they will hear about it.

995 This bill has over 300 cosponsors in this chamber,
996 meaning that Republicans and Democrats, rural and urban

997 Members, all standing together on a simple premise, that
998 emergency communication should not be optional. I am proud
999 to cosponsor this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to
1000 support this package. The families in my district and across
1001 the country cannot afford to be left without a warning.

1002 Thank you, and I yield back.

1003 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
1004 further discussion on the bill?

1005 The gentleman from Michigan is recognized for five
1006 minutes to speak on the bill.

1007 *Mr. James. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to
1008 strike the last word.

1009 *The Chair. The gentleman is recognized.

1010 *Mr. James. No matter how you slice it and no matter
1011 what industry, there is not a single American who isn't
1012 impacted by supply chains.

1013 In Michigan's 10th congressional district, supply chains
1014 are the equivalent to rocket fuel, providing firepower to the
1015 number-one manufacturing district in the country to power the
1016 economy for the State of Michigan. Having strong and
1017 reliable supply chains is absolutely essential to ensuring
1018 every American can get the food, the fuel, household
1019 products, and every other consumer product they need.

1020 I was very pleased, Mr. Chairman, to see my bill, H.R.
1021 2444, the Promoting Resilient Supply Chains Act, included in

1022 the committee's bipartisan Motor Vehicle Modernization Act.
1023 The Promoting Resilient Supply Chains Act is about bringing
1024 jobs back home, lowering costs for hard-working families.

1025 No longer just about economics, supply chains are vital
1026 to America's national security interests as well. We must do
1027 everything that we can, everything in our power to ensure our
1028 nation's supply chain is resilient, shock resistant, and
1029 protected from nefarious foreign adversaries. This includes
1030 public enemy number-one, the Chinese Communist Party. The
1031 threat from China is real, and I am glad we finally have a
1032 commander-in-chief who isn't afraid to get tough with our
1033 adversaries.

1034 To achieve a strong, resilient supply chain we must have
1035 a coordinated, whole-of-government approach that decreases
1036 dependence on our adversaries and leverages American
1037 ingenuity. The Promoting Resilient Supply Chains Act does
1038 exactly this, and is a massive step in the right direction.
1039 Resilient global supply chains are the cornerstone of
1040 American innovation leadership, and we must take clear and
1041 decisive action in this global competition with China.

1042 Thank you for your support, Mr. Chairman, and for your
1043 leadership. I yield back.

1044 *The Chair. Thank you. The gentleman yields back. The
1045 chair recognizes Mr. Matsui.

1046 Do you want to be recognized? Do you want on the ANS or

1047 the bill? You want to be to the ANS? Okay.

1048 So the gentleman from California -- you have already
1049 gone, Dr. Ruiz.

1050 So the gentleman from Florida, Mr. Soto.

1051 *Mr. Soto. Thank you, Chairman.

1052 You know, in fast-growing central Florida, we
1053 desperately need a new infrastructure law. And so I am
1054 pleased today to see us doing our part for the surface bill.
1055 As one of the fastest-growing areas in the nation, now the
1056 20th largest metro area, we have seen over the last 5 years a
1057 \$3.5 billion I-4 expansion, which I was proud to help get the
1058 money for; upgrades of over \$350 million to our local
1059 airports, including a \$33 million airport grant this week for
1060 Orlando International Airport and another \$10 million grant
1061 for Kissimmee Gateway Airport. We are also expanding the
1062 Poinciana Parkway, which is an area that is desperately
1063 facing a lot of traffic, and we are seeing a Brightline
1064 expansion to help get thousands of our workers to the tourism
1065 corridor and to get tourists to their final destination.

1066 But the money is running out. We are seeing that, after
1067 this round, we may not see a lot of these big funding
1068 opportunities if we don't get a surface bill together, a new
1069 infrastructure law. So I am pleased to see Energy and
1070 Commerce do our part for the new infrastructure law with this
1071 bill today which touches on a whole bunch of drivers: safety

1072 issues from touchscreens to automatic emergency braking
1073 systems, fire prevention, standards for partially-automated
1074 vehicles, promoting American EVs and hybrids, lithium ion
1075 batteries, securing semiconductor supply chains, and more.

1076 We do still have some unfinished business in this
1077 committee with regard to the infrastructure law. We are
1078 still waiting to see rural broadband be implemented across
1079 many areas of Florida and across the nation. I hope we can
1080 continue our efforts to make sure this promise comes true.

1081 In addition, we have brownfield legislation that I know
1082 we are working on together, but it is something that we need
1083 to get done.

1084 I also encourage the committee to consider another major
1085 water project chapter like we saw last time around to help
1086 our state revolving funds. I know whether it is drought in
1087 the west or whether it is water supply in the east, this is
1088 absolutely critical.

1089 In addition, I want to talk a little bit about the AM
1090 radio bill. We know hurricanes in central Florida and across
1091 the state. Without AM radio -- a lot of times all these
1092 other systems fail. And you just go out to your car, you
1093 turn on the -- your vehicle, and you get to hear key
1094 information that saves lives. It also is important for local
1095 information, whether it is weather, traffic or even
1096 conservative talk radio on AM radio. We got some more

1097 progressive stuff too. We also want to make sure we are
1098 protecting artists online, as well, and on the radio.

1099 The last thing I want to talk about is the Sunshine
1100 Protection Act. This was literally a bill I wrote personally
1101 back in 2013, where it would extend daylight savings -- or
1102 give states the option to extend daylight savings throughout
1103 the whole wintertime, something that was very popular in
1104 Florida, something that our legislature finally passed out.
1105 So this would give us an opportunity to finally not have the
1106 back-and-forth of the clocks, without going into darkness as
1107 we see with standard time. So I am excited to see this also
1108 be included in the project for this bill.

1109 And I yield back.

1110 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
1111 further discussion?

1112 Mr. Rulli? No, he is just scratching. So I had -- I
1113 will add -- but I have Mrs. Trahan next, and I will get Ms.
1114 Barragan. I have her last on the list.

1115 All right, Mrs. Trahan, you are recognized for five
1116 minutes.

1117 *Mrs. Trahan. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

1118 In 2020 the people of Massachusetts passed our right-to-
1119 repair law at the ballot box with 75 percent of the vote,
1120 Republicans, Democrats, and independents. It is hard to get
1121 three out of four people in Massachusetts to agree on

1122 anything, but they agreed to this: When you buy a car, it is
1123 your car; you should be able to get it fixed where you want,
1124 by whom you want, the dealership, the corner garage, or in
1125 your own driveway. But for years the will of the voters was
1126 stalled by litigation. The auto makers fought the 2020 law
1127 tooth and nail, rejecting the auto makers' preemption claims
1128 and upholding the law. Finally, Massachusetts is able to
1129 enforce their law, and the autos will need to comply.

1130 So I come to this hearing with one simple question about
1131 the text in front of us: Does it protect the will of my
1132 constituents, or does it quietly chip away at it? And I
1133 worry that it chips away.

1134 Here is the issue in plain terms. The bill has a
1135 section that lists the state laws it promises not to touch.
1136 That is a good instinct. But look at which laws it protects.
1137 It protects the laws governing relationships between car
1138 makers and their dealers, the franchise system. But the
1139 relationship at the very heart of right to repair isn't the
1140 one between the manufacturer and the dealer, it is the
1141 relationship between the manufacturer and you, the owner, and
1142 between the manufacturer and the independent mechanic you
1143 choose to trust with your car. That relationship is not
1144 reflected on the list of protected provisions. The most
1145 important one is just simply missing. It is like writing a
1146 law to protect a house from a storm, and carefully naming the

1147 windows and the garage in the back porch, but not mentioning
1148 the front door.

1149 Now, I am not accusing anyone in this room of trying to
1150 wipe out the Massachusetts law, but intentions aren't what
1151 end up in front of a judge; the words are. And when Congress
1152 writes down a list of what it is protecting and the most
1153 important item is left off that list, I think the lawyers
1154 notice, courts notice. In a few years from now a judge could
1155 look at that gap and conclude that Washington meant to push
1156 aside the will of three out of four Massachusetts voters not
1157 because we ever debated it in this room, but because of a
1158 hole nobody bothered to close.

1159 The good news is that it is fixable, and it is a cheap -
1160 - it is cheap to fix. In the -- if the intent really is not
1161 to preempt or to set a floor, let's say so where it counts.
1162 If we mean for states to be free to go further, let's put it
1163 in the law and not spend a decade in more litigation paid for
1164 by the very people this bill is supposed to help. My
1165 constituents already did the work. They studied it, they
1166 debated it, and they voted. All I am asking for is this
1167 committee -- from this committee is that we not undo their
1168 vote by accident.

1169 Although this bill is chock full of bipartisan
1170 provisions, including many that I have cosponsored, I can't
1171 support it until I get the certainty that my constituents

1172 expect of me. And I hope that that happens before the vote
1173 on the floor.

1174 Thanks, I yield back.

1175 *Mr. Dunn. Will the gentlelady yield 10 seconds to me,
1176 Neal Dunn?

1177 *Mrs. Trahan. Yes.

1178 *Mr. Dunn. I just want to say the gentlelady's remarks
1179 were articulate and were intelligent, and I hope that
1180 everybody takes them to heart. And this is a serious matter,
1181 and it is a big deal. And thank you so much for your
1182 support. Thank you very much, Representative Trahan, I
1183 yield.

1184 *Mrs. Trahan. Thank you, Congressman.

1185 I yield back.

1186 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back. The chair
1187 recognizes Ms. Barragan for five minutes --

1188 *Ms. Barragan. Thank you --

1189 *The Chair. -- to speak on the bill.

1190 *Ms. Barragan. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. While I
1191 support the bill and many of the important auto safety and
1192 consumer protection policies, I do have concerns about the
1193 Sunshine Protection Act included in the bill.

1194 The bill would make daylight savings time permanent
1195 across most of the United States unless a state chooses to
1196 exempt itself before the bill goes into effect. Like many

1197 Americans, I too am tired of changing our clocks twice a
1198 year. Parents hate it; workers hate it; our bodies hate it.
1199 But making daylight savings time permanent poses health and
1200 safety issues. Doctors, neurologists, sleep scientists, and
1201 major medical organizations have warned Congress that
1202 permanent Daylight Savings Time would hurt public health and
1203 public safety.

1204 The American Medical Association has called for
1205 permanent standard time instead, because standard time better
1206 aligns with the human body's natural circadian rhythm. The
1207 American Academy of Sleep Medicine agrees. Why? Because our
1208 bodies are built to wake up with morning light. When sunrise
1209 gets pushed later into the morning, especially in winter, it
1210 turns off our sleep, our mood, our concentration, and even
1211 our heart health. Sleep experts have linked the shift to
1212 Daylight Savings Time with higher risk of heart attacks,
1213 strokes, depression, and car crashes. And for millions of
1214 Americans, permanent daylight savings would mean going to
1215 school and work in darkness for months. It would put sunrise
1216 in many states past 8:00 a.m. for over three months.

1217 We have tried this before, most recently in 1974.
1218 During the energy crisis the United States experimented with
1219 permanent Daylight Savings Time. Support for it collapsed
1220 once Americans experienced those dark winter mornings
1221 firsthand. Communities and workplaces had to adjust

1222 schedules because people were starting their day in darkness.
1223 Children were waiting for school busses in pitch black
1224 streets. In Florida alone, eight children were killed in
1225 traffic accidents in the weeks after the change. That is not
1226 auto safety. Communities pushed back. Congress reversed
1227 course. We should learn from that history instead of
1228 repeating it, and today we know even more than we did in
1229 1974. Researchers found higher traffic fatality rates in
1230 places where people are more often driving in darkness and
1231 against their natural body clocks. Why? Because exhausted
1232 people driving in darkness is a dangerous combination.

1233 So, yes, even more evening daylight may sound appealing,
1234 but this decision should be guided first by public health and
1235 public safety. And it should be about listening to medical
1236 experts who have spent years studying sleep, our body clocks,
1237 and public health.

1238 So yes, let's end the disruption of changing the clocks
1239 twice a year, but I am not sure this is the right way to do
1240 that. And I urge my colleagues to think about considering a
1241 fix before this bill is -- with it and becomes law.

1242 Thank you. I yield back.

1243 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back. Is there
1244 further discussion on the bill?

1245 The gentleman from Massachusetts is recognized for five
1246 minutes to speak on the bill.

1247 *Mr. Auchincloss. Thank you, Chairman. I want to
1248 strongly associate myself with the comments from my colleague
1249 from Massachusetts, Mrs. Trahan.

1250 The implied preemption within the right-to-repair
1251 legislation here is not acceptable to my constituents in
1252 Massachusetts. This is a consumer rights issue. This is an
1253 issue about lowering the cost of auto insurance premiums, and
1254 it is an issue about supporting independent businesses in
1255 Massachusetts. And we have got to defend that prerogative.

1256 I also, Chair, want to speak to pedestrian safety issues
1257 in this bill. I applaud the committee for removing dangerous
1258 provisions from the Motor Vehicle Modernization Act,
1259 including language that would have threatened the independent
1260 safety testing of new cars.

1261 And I am also pleased that the committee has included
1262 Representative Clarke's Magnus White and Safe Streets for
1263 Everyone Act. That important bill would direct NHTSA to
1264 require new passenger vehicles to be equipped with automatic
1265 emergency brake systems that detect and respond to
1266 bicyclists, motorcyclists, and other vulnerable road users,
1267 regardless of clothing, color, skin tone, or lighting.

1268 I also support the inclusion of Representative Mullin's
1269 Driver Technology and Pedestrian Safety Act, which directs
1270 NHTSA to study the impact touchscreen interfaces have on
1271 distracted driving and crashes. I think we all experienced

1272 that in our vehicles, that these touchscreens are leading to
1273 more distracted driving.

1274 This package is an important step towards ensuring
1275 NHTSA's regulations protect all road users, not just those in
1276 vehicles. Traffic deaths have reached public health crisis
1277 levels in this country. In 2022 pedestrian deaths reached
1278 their highest number, 7,500 in 41 years, and 2024 data is
1279 only slightly down from that peak. The preliminary 2025 data
1280 shows an encouraging decrease, but rates are still above 2019
1281 levels. Pedestrian deaths are increasing at a rate far
1282 faster than overall traffic fatalities. Between 2009 and
1283 2023, pedestrian deaths rose a staggering 80 percent, while
1284 all other traffic fatalities increased 13 percent.

1285 Over the past 30 years the average U.S. passenger
1286 vehicle has gotten about 4 inches wider, 10 inches longer, 8
1287 inches taller, and 1,000 pounds heavier. Obviously, human
1288 beings have not gotten commensurately bigger. Pickup trucks,
1289 SUVs, and vans with a hood height greater than 40 inches are
1290 45 percent more likely to cause fatalities than shorter
1291 vehicles with a hood height of 30 inches or less. Basically,
1292 the cars are getting bigger and heavier, and it is putting
1293 pedestrians at risk, and that needs to be part of how we
1294 evaluate the safety of motor vehicles because vehicle design
1295 can play an important role in reducing fatalities, including
1296 by improving driver sightlines and reducing weight and

1297 height.

1298 Technology like NHTSA must play a more active role in
1299 ensuring vehicle design and technology deployment that keeps
1300 all road users safe. Each of us knows someone impacted by
1301 this. My former intern and constituent, Sam Kesselman, was
1302 the victim of a hit and run in Washington, D.C. in 2022. He
1303 fought for five months to survive a traumatic brain injury,
1304 but ultimately succumbed to his injuries. The number of
1305 traffic deaths in this country is unacceptable, and NHTSA
1306 must do more to protect pedestrians.

1307 I yield back.

1308 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
1309 further discussion on the bill?

1310 The gentlelady from New York is recognized for five
1311 minutes.

1312 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just
1313 have a question on the bill, because I have heard some
1314 different things on it.

1315 Is there any -- are there any provisions that include
1316 preemption in the bill?

1317 *The Chair. Sorry, the gentlelady is recognized. You
1318 -- okay.

1319 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Oh, thank you. Yes. No, I just
1320 had a question, because I have been hearing --

1321 *The Chair. Okay, I am sorry, I didn't hear your

1322 question.

1323 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Oh, sorry. I have just been
1324 hearing some different things in the bill about preemption,
1325 so I just wanted to make sure. I think we -- you know, we
1326 are all very -- you know, I think many of us share in the
1327 values, we are very committed on right to repair and all of
1328 that. And so I was just curious about what statutes around
1329 preemption, if any, are included in the bill.

1330 *The Chair. There is no preemption in the bill. So the
1331 memorandum of understandings that are codified in the study
1332 for right to repair that is authorized in the bill does not
1333 preempt any state laws.

1334 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Okay.

1335 *The Chair. That is what we were discussing when you
1336 were asking the question.

1337 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Oh, okay. All right. Sorry --

1338 *The Chair. So there is no preemption in the bill. We
1339 want to make sure that everybody understands there is no
1340 preemption, and we were going to do that in a colloquy, but I
1341 guess we can do it now. We --

1342 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Okay, I --

1343 *The Chair. My understanding is there is no preemption
1344 in the bill, and we will verify there is no preemption in the
1345 bill, but I understand that to be --

1346 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Okay, fabulous. Thank you. That

1347 is all --

1348 *Mr. Pallone. Would the gentlewoman yield?

1349 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Yes, yes.

1350 *Mr. Pallone. I know that Jake disagrees, and he thinks
1351 there is some kind of implied preemption, but both Mr.
1352 Guthrie and I, the chairman, do not agree with that. We are
1353 assuring you that we are not preempting any state, and that
1354 we do not agree that there is any implied preemption.

1355 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Okay, understood. Thank you.
1356 I yield back.

1357 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back. Is there
1358 further discussion on the bill?

1359 Seeing none, no further discussion on the bill, the bill
1360 is open up for amendment, and the chair will call up
1361 amendment MVMA_ANS.

1362 *The Clerk. Amendment in the nature of a substitute to
1363 H.R. 7389 offered by Mr. Guthrie.

1364 *The Chair. Without objection, the reading of the
1365 amendment is dispensed with.

1366 [The amendment of The Chair follows:]

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1368 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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1370 *The Chair. And I will recognize myself for five
1371 minutes to speak on the amendment.

1372 So the direct economic benefits of the automotive sector
1373 are undeniable, creating millions of American jobs, driving
1374 more than one trillion of economic activity. From assembly
1375 plants and suppliers to dealerships and logistic networks,
1376 the auto industry remains a foundational industry of the U.S.
1377 economy and a key driver of American competitiveness.

1378 We begin -- we began this effort last June with an
1379 educational hearing, and from the outset our goals have been
1380 aligned, supporting safer, more affordable vehicles and an
1381 innovative American auto industry. I have appreciated
1382 working with my friends across the aisle to make this the
1383 strongest package possible, from safety standards to
1384 hardening of our supply chains.

1385 I want to thank all members who have worked diligently
1386 to bring these bills to the committee so that we can advance
1387 nearly a dozen member priorities for consideration for the
1388 full House.

1389 This legislation reflects the tradition of
1390 bipartisanship of this committee, and demonstrates the
1391 ability to address big issues that our constituents care
1392 about. Simply put, these proposals make our roads safer and
1393 American businesses more prosperous.

1394 And I will yield back. Does anyone seek to speak on the

1395 ANS?

1396 The gentleman from New Jersey is recognized for five
1397 minutes to speak on the amendment.

1398 *Mr. Pallone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you
1399 for the bipartisan work on this safety title for the surface
1400 transportation reauthorization, which I am encouraging
1401 everyone to vote yes on today.

1402 I am pleased that we were able to include auto safety
1403 bills from Democratic members in the package, including
1404 Representative Clarke's bill honoring cyclist Magnus White
1405 and protecting cyclists and motorcyclists; Representative
1406 Mullin's bill addressing distracted drivers and the impact of
1407 touchscreens on car crashes; Representative Schrier's bill
1408 ensuring that car manufacturers are honest in their marketing
1409 of automation features, and that consumers are educated about
1410 the features of their vehicles; and Representative Kelly's
1411 bill that ensures occupants can escape cars with electronic
1412 door handles in the event of a power loss.

1413 I am also pleased that we were able to include
1414 bipartisan bills including Representatives Dingell and
1415 Crenshaw's Safe Access for Survivors Act, which protects
1416 survivors from being tracked by their abusers through their
1417 vehicles. It also includes Representatives Matsui and
1418 Griffith's bill requiring a study of vehicle flammability
1419 hazards.

1420 Other bipartisan bills in the package will help prevent
1421 e-bike battery fires, encourage safe vehicle modifications,
1422 and shore up our supply chains especially for semiconductors,
1423 which are an essential component of all modern cars.

1424 And finally, I am glad that the AM radio bill sponsored
1425 by myself and Mr. Bilirakis, AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act,
1426 is included in the package to ensure free, reliable access to
1427 AM radio. This is a long-overdue priority for American
1428 consumers, and I look forward to it finally becoming law.

1429 And I am also glad to see we are addressing daylight
1430 savings in this bill. Having Daylight Savings Time year
1431 round helps our tourism industry in New Jersey -- I know my
1432 Floridian friend, Mr. Soto, also mentioned it -- including
1433 the Jersey shore. And not changing clocks back and forth
1434 also is better from a health and safety point of view,
1435 according to numerous studies.

1436 So again, thank you to the chair and his staff for
1437 working across the aisle on these issues.

1438 And with that I yield back, Mr. Chairman.

1439 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back and the chair
1440 recognizes Dr. Dunn from Florida for five minutes --

1441 *Mr. Dunn. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

1442 *The Chair. -- to speak on the amendment.

1443 *Mr. Dunn. I move to strike the last word.

1444 *The Chair. The gentleman is recognized to speak on the

1445 amendment.

1446 *Mr. Dunn. Thank you. First I want to thank the
1447 chairman for offering an amendment that represents a fairly
1448 negotiated version of my REPAIR Act.

1449 As my colleagues know, automotive right to repair has
1450 been a priority of mine for the last several years. And
1451 while I appreciate that this amendment in the nature of
1452 substitute includes a section on this subject, I do think
1453 that it falls short of ensuring that each one of our
1454 constituents has the choice of where to seek safe and
1455 affordable and accessible repair for their vehicles.

1456 A simple codification of an outdated memorandum of
1457 understanding is insufficient in addressing the very real
1458 restrictions on repair data that are currently being
1459 implemented by vehicle manufacturers in an effort to
1460 monopolize the repair market. And while I believe there are
1461 several missing components in the MOU, the most glaring is
1462 that it does not include wirelessly transmitted data referred
1463 to generally as telematics.

1464 At a time when families are already stretched thin by
1465 rising costs of living, Congress has a responsibility to
1466 respect consumers' rights to repair their own vehicles,
1467 support the small businesses that keep our communities
1468 running, and put an end to the unnecessary barriers to drive
1469 up repair costs for hard-working Americans.

1470 However, I am extremely disappointed that the version
1471 included in the package we vote on will not include the true
1472 REPAIR Act. It is simply a watered-down version that was
1473 derailed by parties that stand to gain from the status that
1474 it fails to protect the consumer -- consumer choice and
1475 promote competition, and help lower repair costs for hard-
1476 working families. My REPAIR Act would create a clear,
1477 workable framework to ensure vehicle owners and repair
1478 professionals have access to all of the information needed to
1479 safely maintain and repair modern vehicles, including
1480 telematics.

1481 If you own your car, then you should own the data
1482 generated by your car, specifically critical repair,
1483 maintenance, wear, tear, calibration, and recalibration of
1484 parts data. This is a basic concept of ownership. It is
1485 yours, it belongs to you.

1486 I have worked with integrity across the spectrum of
1487 stakeholders, the independent repair industry, the auto
1488 manufacturers, as well as dozens of other stakeholders from
1489 the automotive industry, dealers, rental car industry, heavy
1490 duty vehicles, independent businesses, and consumer
1491 advocates. This legislation has been improved through this
1492 process, incorporating many suggestions from auto makers,
1493 franchise dealers, and everybody alike. I have been
1494 disappointed to see the bipartisan consensus language pulled

1495 from what is included today, language that I saw only two
1496 days ago.

1497 I want to thank Chairman Guthrie, his team, his fellow
1498 members, and stakeholders for their work on this bill, and I
1499 appreciate the commitment of the chair and the ranking member
1500 to continue to work on this matter. And with that I will be
1501 able to support the broader bill today, but please know I
1502 want to get the real REPAIR Act done, and I will not back
1503 down from this fight.

1504 And I thank Mrs. Trahan for her comments earlier.

1505 With that I yield back, Mr. --

1506 *The Chair. Thank you. If the gentleman would yield.

1507 *Mr. Dunn. Yes.

1508 *The Chair. I know we have worked hard together on
1509 this, as well.

1510 *Mr. Dunn. Yes.

1511 *The Chair. I know you have pushed it, and we will, as
1512 we will discuss later, continue to work this issue. So I
1513 appreciate your --

1514 *Mr. Dunn. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

1515 *The Chair. Okay, thank you. The gentleman yields
1516 back. The gentlelady from California, Ms. Matsui, the
1517 gentlelady from California is recognized for five minutes.

1518 *Ms. Matsui. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to strike
1519 the last word.

1520 *The Chair. The gentlelady is recognized to speak on
1521 the amendment.

1522 *Ms. Matsui. Thank you. I move to strike the last
1523 word.

1524 And first of all, I would like to say that I appreciate
1525 the clarification that there is no preemption in this bill.

1526 I am glad to see my Motor Vehicle Flammability Standards
1527 Study Act included in this vehicle safety package. I want to
1528 thank Congressman Griffith for working with my office on this
1529 important bill, and I want to thank Chairman Bilirakis and
1530 Ranking Member Schakowsky for including our bill in this
1531 package.

1532 Six years ago, Mr. Griffith and I worked together to
1533 pass the SOFA Act. That bill updated national fire safety
1534 standards for household furniture to remove outdated
1535 requirements for toxic flame retardants. We now know that
1536 those flame retardants contain dangerous chemicals that can
1537 cause cancer and developmental disorders, disrupt the
1538 endocrine system, and cause hormone imbalances, among other
1539 health impacts.

1540 The SOFA Act changed national fire safety standards to
1541 eliminate dangerous chemicals and household furniture. But
1542 some of those same chemicals are still found in vehicle
1543 upholstery. That is because fire safety standards for
1544 vehicles require that vehicle upholstery contain those same

1545 toxic flame retardants. That standard was issued in 1971 to
1546 prevent fires from lit cigarettes. I think it is about time
1547 we take another look at that standard and see if we can meet
1548 the same level of fire safety without exposing drivers and
1549 passengers to toxic chemicals.

1550 This bill has the support of the International
1551 Association of Firefighters, who know better than anyone the
1552 challenges posed by vehicle fires.

1553 I look forward to working with Mr. Griffith and the
1554 committee to advance this important bill and protect
1555 Americans from exposure to dangerous chemicals.

1556 Thank you, and I yield back the balance of my time.

1557 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back and the chair
1558 recognizes the gentleman from Florida, Mr. Bilirakis, for
1559 five minutes to speak on the amendment.

1560 *Mr. Bilirakis. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate
1561 it very much. Thanks for this markup. I would like to take
1562 a moment to talk about some of the important priorities
1563 reflected in this ANS.

1564 First, the inclusion of the AM Radio for Every Vehicle
1565 Act, it is an important step forward maintaining public
1566 safety. That is the bottom line. As we head toward
1567 hurricane season, all those on the east coast across the Gulf
1568 should be confident in knowing that they can receive
1569 emergency messages through AM radio in their cars. If all

1570 else fails, radio, AM radio, is there. In many cases, this
1571 is the only way that people can reasonably rely on messages
1572 as they evacuate areas before, during, and in the aftermath
1573 of a storm.

1574 On this I want to thank Ranking Member Pallone for
1575 working with me, again, on his partnership in passing the
1576 standalone bill through the CMT committee, which I chair, and
1577 now -- and including it in the surface transportation bill.
1578 We appreciate that so much.

1579 Separately, I also want to highlight the inclusion of
1580 the Sunshine Protection Act into the ANS to make Daylight
1581 Savings Time the new permanent standard time. Like
1582 clockwork, twice a year I hear from my constituents -- I know
1583 you do, too -- on their dread of having to change the clocks.
1584 For decades Americans have long criticized this switch as
1585 disruptive to families, businesses, schools, and public
1586 health. Studies have also shown that the economic
1587 productivity increases with more evening daylight, while
1588 reducing traffic accidents and improving overall quality of
1589 life.

1590 I am pleased to work with -- again, I have worked with
1591 Congressman Buchanan on this issue for many years, and it has
1592 been long discussed, and it is about time we get it through.

1593 I also want to recognize Secretary of State Marco Rubio
1594 for the work he has done as a Senator in moving this same

1595 language through the Senate unanimously in 2022.

1596 I also want to recognize the great support from our
1597 great President, Donald Trump, for supporting this particular
1598 bill. We appreciate it so much. I know my constituents do.

1599 These are only two reasons why I support this.

1600 I also want to address the battery fires, the bill as
1601 far as addressing battery fires in motor vehicles. That idea
1602 came from Meg Weinberger from the great State of Florida.
1603 She is a state representative, and we worked together on
1604 these issues.

1605 So let's get this done, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate the
1606 ranking member and all the members of the committee. Let's
1607 pass this unanimously, and I will yield back and get it on
1608 the floor as soon as possible. Thank you.

1609 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. The chair
1610 recognizes Ms. Clarke from New York for five minutes to speak
1611 on the amendment.

1612 *Ms. Clarke. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last
1613 word.

1614 *The Chair. The gentlelady is recognized.

1615 *Ms. Clarke. Good morning, and thank you to Chairman
1616 Guthrie and Ranking Member Pallone for holding this markup
1617 today and for including my bill, the Magnus and Safe Streets
1618 for Everyone Act [sic] in this package.

1619 I would also like to thank the parents of Magnus White,

1620 Jill and Michael White, for being here today and throughout
1621 our deliberations, and for their tireless efforts to improve
1622 the standards for automatic emergency braking technology that
1623 could have saved Magnus's life.

1624 For those of you who don't know, Magnus White was a 17-
1625 year-old U.S. national cycling champion. In the summer of
1626 2023, while on his final training ride before representing
1627 the United States at the Mountain Bike World Championships,
1628 Magnus was struck and killed by a reckless driver while on a
1629 designated bike route. Advanced safety features like
1630 automatic emergency braking systems could have prevented this
1631 tragedy. That is why Congressman Joe Neguse and I have been
1632 honored to join the White family and their non-profit, The
1633 White Line, in their fight and put forth this legislation
1634 that directs NHTSA to issue a final rule on automatic
1635 emergency braking systems to protect cyclists and other
1636 vulnerable road users, regardless of lighting conditions,
1637 skin tone, or clothing.

1638 Roadway fatalities have plagued this country and have
1639 disproportionate impacts on communities of color. Black
1640 Americans are four times more likely to die while cycling,
1641 and face more than twice the risk in overall roadway
1642 fatalities. Historical redlining and divestment in
1643 transportation and infrastructure have left communities of
1644 color with fewer transit options, broken or missing

1645 sidewalks, poor lighting at night, and unsafe street
1646 crossings. When our streets are neglected and safety corners
1647 are cut, speeding is encouraged and pedestrians and cyclists
1648 are put in harm's way. Roadway fatalities are a real and
1649 preventable problem that affects everyone, regardless of
1650 political affiliation or background.

1651 I am thankful that today we are able to find a
1652 bipartisan agreement that will help prevent another family
1653 from experiencing the heartbreak that the Whites have. I
1654 hope this bare-minimum technology can be included in the
1655 surface transportation reauthorization bill. It is essential
1656 that we act to stop the unnecessary death or injury of so
1657 many Americans.

1658 Prioritize safety and honor Magnus's legacy.

1659 With that, Mr. Chairman, I yield back.

1660 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back, and the chair
1661 recognizes the gentleman from California for five minutes to
1662 speak on the amendment.

1663 *Mr. Obernolte. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like
1664 to start by thanking you and the committee for your hard work
1665 on this motor vehicle modernization package.

1666 This ANS includes a number of provisions that will
1667 improve vehicle safety, strengthen consumer information,
1668 support innovation, and make sure that our Federal policy
1669 keeps pace with the way that vehicle design is changing.

1670 I am especially pleased that this package includes the
1671 ADAS Functionality and Integrity Act, which I introduced with
1672 Congresswoman Harshbarger. We all know how advanced driver
1673 assistance systems have become integral to ensuring safety in
1674 motor vehicles, but those systems depend on the calibration
1675 of multiple sensors and cameras, and the calibration of those
1676 sensors depends on the physical characteristics of the
1677 vehicle. When a vehicle is repaired or modified, it is
1678 important that those systems are recalibrated to allow them
1679 to continue to function. So this part of what is now the ANS
1680 will direct NHTSA to study the most common legal vehicle
1681 modifications and assess how those modifications may affect
1682 ADAS functionality. That is going to allow these systems to
1683 continue to function, even when a vehicle is repaired or
1684 modified. And I would like to thank the committee for
1685 including that in the bill.

1686 However, Mr. Chairman, I do have to raise a serious
1687 objection to the inclusion of the AM Radio for Every Vehicle
1688 Act in subtitle C of this ANS. Now, to be clear, I am a fan
1689 of AM radio. I think it is very useful, particularly in the
1690 emergency situations that some of my colleagues have been
1691 talking about. However, I do not feel it is appropriate for
1692 government to force consumers to buy something that they may
1693 or may not want.

1694 Forcing vehicle manufacturers to include AM radios as

1695 standard equipment might have not been such a big deal in
1696 internal combustion engine vehicles, where the incremental
1697 cost of including an AM radio is small. However, that is not
1698 true with electric vehicles. AM radio signals operate at
1699 extremely long wavelengths, which is why they travel so well.
1700 But that also means that they are easily interfered with by
1701 electric motors because the frequencies of that electric
1702 interference overlap, and those motors operate at extremely
1703 high voltages and powers.

1704 So when we had hearings on this bill, we discussed the
1705 incremental cost of shielding an electric vehicle. And
1706 although it varies from vehicle to vehicle, we had testimony
1707 that it is potentially hundreds of dollars per vehicle. And
1708 colleagues, these vehicle manufacturers will have no choice
1709 but to pass those costs along to consumers in a higher base
1710 price for the vehicle.

1711 So I don't think that our role should be to force
1712 consumers to pay potentially hundreds of dollars more for a
1713 vehicle just to include an AM radio. I don't think that that
1714 is the role of government. So I would like to register my
1715 objection to that, the inclusion of that section of the bill.
1716 However, I do appreciate the work that has gone into the
1717 overall package, and I believe that this is going to
1718 meaningfully move vehicle safety forward in the United
1719 States.

1720 With that, Mr. Chairman, I yield back.

1721 *The Chair. Thank you. The gentleman yields back. The
1722 chair will recognize -- we have Mrs. Dingell we recognize for
1723 five minutes to speak on the amendment.

1724 *Mrs. Dingell. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move to strike
1725 the last word.

1726 *The Chair. Okay.

1727 *Mrs. Dingell. I already spoke regarding my support for
1728 this bipartisan auto safety package, and I again want to
1729 thank the chair and ranking member for the tough negotiations
1730 and hard work that went into putting this together.

1731 America must continue to lead the future of mobility.
1732 We must continue to innovate, and we must continue to set the
1733 global standards. We cannot afford to fall behind, and we
1734 have a responsibility to modernize our laws to protect
1735 American consumers, manufacturers, and workers.

1736 I am especially proud that my bipartisan Safe Vehicle
1737 Access for Survivors Act was included in this package.
1738 Perpetrators of domestic violence are increasingly using
1739 connected technologies to track, monitor, harass, intimidate,
1740 and harm survivors. As vehicles become more connected and
1741 collect more data, we must ensure these technologies are not
1742 weaponized against vulnerable people. This legislation helps
1743 protect survivors while ensuring they can safely maintain
1744 access to their vehicles and transportation.

1745 I know that we are going to hear more from the chair and
1746 the ranking member on the right-to-repair language. I
1747 support the right to repair, and consumers should be able to
1748 take their vehicles where they choose for repairs, including
1749 independent repair shops, so long as real, proper guardrails
1750 are in place for safety, cybersecurity, consumer privacy, and
1751 intellectual property. This language codifies the existing
1752 MOU between automakers and the after-market repair community
1753 that has been in place for more than a decade, while ensuring
1754 independent shops continue to have access to the tools,
1755 technical data, and repair information they need.

1756 This system works, as roughly 70 percent of out-of-
1757 warranty repairs already happen at independent repair
1758 facilities. And it is important that auto makers retain
1759 access to the information necessary to help keep drivers and
1760 vehicles safe and secure so when there is a recall they know
1761 who has got the vehicle.

1762 I urge, as this work continues -- and I make this
1763 commitment to my friend, Mr. Dunn. We said we wanted to work
1764 together on this, and I want to work with the chairman, the
1765 ranking member, and Mr. Dunn to make sure that all the
1766 stakeholders are heard on this -- these critical issues, and
1767 that we protect consumer privacy, security, and cost.

1768 I already said I strongly support the AM radio
1769 compromise in this package because it reflects practical

1770 bipartisan policy-making. AM radio remains a vital tool, as
1771 we all know, for communities across the country, particularly
1772 for delivering lifesaving emergency alerts and public safety
1773 information. This compromise includes a sunset provision
1774 recognizing that technology evolves and Congress should
1775 periodically reassess mandates. It also strengthens
1776 compliance timelines and requires a public study on the
1777 impacts of AM radio requirements in autonomous vehicles so
1778 future decisions are guided by evidence and data. And this
1779 matters to all the parties concerned.

1780 As Mr. -- my colleague from Michigan talked about, the
1781 bipartisan Promoting Resilient Supply Chains Act is one I
1782 have led for a couple of congressional sessions to create a
1783 supply chain resiliency program within the Department of
1784 Commerce, establishing an early warning system to identify
1785 disruptions before they become crises, strengthen public-
1786 private coordination, and helps reduce dependence on our
1787 adversaries by supporting domestic manufacturing and
1788 diversifying supply chains.

1789 Finally, I am going to touch on China. We cannot be
1790 dependent on China for everything. I know some will say we
1791 need their parts for EVs or for this or that. America has
1792 got to build its own supply chain, and we have to have
1793 policies that don't do carve-outs for certain people. We
1794 have got to build our supply chain here. China cannot gain a

1795 foothold in our market. And that is why I support the
1796 language in this amendment addressing the Chinese vehicles.

1797 I am very grateful that the chair and our ranking member
1798 recognized the urgency of protecting our economic and
1799 national security, and I just -- I don't -- we don't have a
1800 level playing field, and it just really matters. I know the
1801 work will continue, and I thank the chairman and ranking
1802 member for their commitment to this, and I know they will
1803 look at our -- John Moolenaar's, my, Bernie Moreno's package.

1804 Finally, I wish all our bipartisan work around
1805 autonomous vehicles had been included in this package, and I
1806 remain committed to continuing the bipartisan work with
1807 Representative Latta and others to move a Federal AV
1808 framework.

1809 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I support this amendment and
1810 the amended underlying bill, and I hope my colleagues will
1811 too, and I yield back.

1812 *Mr. Bilirakis. [Presiding.] Mr. Langworthy, you are
1813 recognized for five minutes --

1814 *Mr. Langworthy. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like
1815 to strike the --

1816 *Mr. Bilirakis. -- to speak on the ANS.

1817 *Mr. Langworthy. -- last word to speak in support of
1818 H.R. 7389, the Motor Vehicle Modernization Act of 2026,
1819 including the AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act and the Motor

1820 Vehicle Modernization Act helps ensure Americans continue to
1821 have easy access to a trusted source of local news, weather
1822 information, and emergency alerts by keeping AM radio
1823 available as a standard equipment in new vehicles.

1824 To my constituents in Western New York and the southern
1825 tier, this issue hits very close to home. My district
1826 stretches across rural counties, farming communities, small
1827 towns, and areas where people often drive long distances for
1828 work, school, and everyday life. For my constituents, local
1829 radio is still a regular part of that daily routine. But it
1830 also serves a much larger purpose than just filling time on a
1831 drive to work.

1832 In my part of the state weather can change very quickly.
1833 We all know that lake-effect snow, and what it can do to
1834 western New York. And we have seen it time and again, the
1835 severe flooding that devastates communities in the southern
1836 tier. During those situations people need reliable access to
1837 emergency information, weather updates, and road conditions.

1838 Am radio also continues to connect communities in ways
1839 that often get overlooked. It carries local news, it carries
1840 farm reports, high school sports, and discussions on issues
1841 that directly affect families in our regions. In many
1842 smaller communities, local radio stations are still one of
1843 the few places focused on local, small-town voices and local
1844 concerns.

1845 I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan, common-
1846 sense provision.

1847 Thank you, and I yield back.

1848 *Mr. Bilirakis. The gentleman yields back. Now I will
1849 recognize Mr. Veasey for five minutes to speak on the ANS.

1850 *Mr. Veasey. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am glad this
1851 committee is finally talking about China when it comes to
1852 EVs, although I think it is a couple of years too late.
1853 China has been drastically improving their supply chains and
1854 gearing up for this fight, and we have been having partisan
1855 battles about it. And instead we should be having partisan
1856 battles about the -- we should be having bipartisan talks
1857 about the future.

1858 As all of us know, EV supply chains are defense supply
1859 chains. The batteries, the rare earth minerals, the
1860 semiconductors that power EVs are the same inputs that
1861 military systems, drones, and communication infrastructure
1862 need. China currently controls about 70 to 80 percent of
1863 global lithium ion battery manufacturing capacity, and
1864 dominates the processing of critical minerals like lithium,
1865 cobalt, and nickel. Allowing a single adversarial nation to
1866 control the supply chain for technology Americans will
1867 increasingly depend on is a profound strategic vulnerability,
1868 and it is one that we absolutely cannot rationalize away in
1869 the name of cheaper consumer goods.

1870 We have seen what supply chain dependence looks like
1871 with semiconductors and pharmaceuticals. And we absolutely
1872 cannot repeat that same mistake when it comes to EVs.
1873 Chinese EV manufacturers like BYD are selling vehicle at
1874 price points Americans and European manufacturers cannot
1875 match -- not because of innovation, but because of massive,
1876 sustained state subsidies that the WTO has struggled to
1877 effectively address.

1878 We have to act. If we do not, this will not just be a
1879 risk that American automakers -- if we don't act, the risk is
1880 not just that American automakers will lose market share at
1881 home, it is that we lose an entire industrial ecosystem: the
1882 engineers, the suppliers, the R&D base that makes a domestic
1883 auto industry possible. The IRA and its EV tax credit
1884 provisions were a meaningful step, but they were not
1885 sufficient on their own.

1886 We need a comprehensive strategy that includes trade
1887 enforcement, domestic manufacturing incentives, and allied
1888 coordination. Chinese is moving fast. I think the
1889 provisions in this bill make a good first step to countering
1890 their anti-competitive practices, but we have to do more to
1891 make sure we don't lose this fight, and we absolutely cannot
1892 have discussions and say things like, well, nobody wants the
1893 cars. We have to figure out how we are going to lead in this
1894 space.

1895 And I yield back.

1896 *Mr. Palmer. Would the gentleman yield time? Would the
1897 gentleman yield?

1898 *Mr. Bilirakis. Would the gentleman yield?

1899 *Mr. Veasey. Yes.

1900 *Mr. Bilirakis. Go ahead, please.

1901 *Mr. Palmer. Thank you. I really appreciate the
1902 gentleman's comments regarding the strategic vulnerabilities
1903 related to our dangerous reliance on China, and would just
1904 emphasize, outside of the context of this bill, the need for
1905 bipartisan work on securing our own supply chain of critical
1906 minerals and rare earth elements. But I commend the
1907 gentleman for his comments and, again, pointing out this
1908 strategic vulnerability that we have created for ourselves.

1909 I yield back.

1910 *Mr. Veasey. Thank you.

1911 *Mr. Bilirakis. Does the gentleman yield back? Mr.
1912 Veasey --

1913 *Mr. Veasey. Yes.

1914 *Mr. Bilirakis. -- do you yield back? Okay, very good.
1915 Is there anybody on the Republican side that wishes to speak
1916 on the ANS?

1917 Okay, I will recognize Representative Kelly from the
1918 great State of Illinois for five minutes to speak on the ANS.

1919 *Ms. Kelly. Mr. Chair, I move to strike the last word.

1920 Vehicle safety standards exist to guarantee that when
1921 the worst happens on the road the systems designed to save
1922 lives actually work. Today, unfortunately, that fundamental
1923 promise to the American public is not being upheld.

1924 As vehicles become more technologically advanced, many
1925 manufacturers are replacing traditional mechanical door
1926 handles with electric door latch systems. While innovation
1927 can improve the driving experience, it cannot come at the
1928 expense of passenger safety. In emergencies such as crashes,
1929 electrical failures, or battery loss, these systems can fail,
1930 leaving occupants trapped inside their vehicles.

1931 This is not a hypothetical concern. Reports have
1932 documented instances where passengers were unable to exit
1933 vehicles because the electronic door system stopped
1934 functioning or emergency releases were difficult to locate
1935 and operate under stress. Tragically, these failures have
1936 contributed to the loss of life, and have left families
1937 searching for answers about why a basic safety mechanism was
1938 not available when it mattered most. That is why I
1939 introduced the SAFE Exit Act to ensure that every passenger
1940 has access to a reliable, power-independent way to exit a
1941 vehicle during an emergency.

1942 As manufacturers move toward electronic systems, we need
1943 to ensure basic safety measures can still work, including
1944 being able to exit a vehicle safely. My legislation would

1945 direct the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to
1946 update Federal motor vehicle safety standards to establish
1947 clear requirements for vehicles equipped with electronic door
1948 latches.

1949 Specifically, the bill requires accessible manual
1950 release mechanisms for each door so passengers can easily use
1951 emergency releases in a crisis. Importantly, this
1952 legislation does not seek to limit innovation or dictate
1953 vehicle design. Instead, it establishes common-sense safety
1954 guardrails to ensure that advanced technologies continue to
1955 prioritize human safety. Innovation and safety are not
1956 competing goals. They must go hand in hand.

1957 The SAFE Exit Act will save lives and prevent further
1958 senseless tragedies. I look forward to working with members
1959 of the committee to address this timely issue, and I urge my
1960 colleagues to support the Motor Vehicle Modernization Act.

1961 Thank you, Mr. Chair, and I yield back.

1962 *Mr. Bilirakis. The gentlelady yields back. Is there
1963 anyone on the Republican side who wishes to speak?

1964 All right. Seeing none, we will have a --
1965 Representative Barragan, you are recognized for five minutes
1966 to speak on the ANS.

1967 *Ms. Barragan. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to
1968 strike the last word.

1969 I support the AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act in the auto

1970 safety bill, but there is more work we need to do to make
1971 sure that the artists and the creators on AM and FM radio
1972 stations are paid fairly.

1973 Now, the radio industry earns \$14 billion each year in
1974 advertising revenue, and the artists who drive listeners to
1975 those stations get paid \$0. That is because of a loophole in
1976 the law that the American Music Fairness Act seeks to
1977 correct.

1978 The American Music Fairness Act would make sure that
1979 artists and music creators are paid when their songs are
1980 played on FM and AM radio. Life is hard enough right now for
1981 people struggling to make ends meet, and that includes the
1982 people who make up our creative middle class.

1983 The United States is an outlier here. The only other
1984 countries who do not pay artists in this way are Iran, North
1985 Korea, and Cuba. Because of this inequity, other
1986 industrialized countries also do not pay American artists,
1987 costing them hundreds of millions of dollars in royalties
1988 each year.

1989 Artists deserve to be compensated for their creativity
1990 and hard work. The AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act should be
1991 paired with the American Music Fairness Act to ensure
1992 fairness and sustainability in both broadcasting and music.
1993 As this legislative package goes to the floor, I urge the
1994 committee to work to address this issue so that we can pay

1995 our artists what they deserve.

1996 I yield back.

1997 *Mr. Bilirakis. The gentlelady yields back. Does
1998 anyone on the Republican side wish to speak on the ANS?

1999 Seeing none, I will recognize Representative Schrier for
2000 five minutes to speak on the ANS.

2001 *Ms. Schrier. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to
2002 strike the last word.

2003 I want to thank the chairman and ranking member for
2004 their work on this bipartisan package to advance auto safety
2005 so that we can better protect drivers and cyclists and
2006 pedestrians. I am so proud to have my bill, the Know Before
2007 You Drive Act, included in this package today.

2008 My bill will ensure that safety features like the
2009 automated driver assistance systems, or ADAS, are used
2010 appropriately. These systems can be incredibly helpful
2011 safety tools to drivers, but it is important that the public
2012 doesn't misunderstand what they are capable of and also what
2013 their limitations are. These systems still require drivers
2014 to be fully attentive and in control of the vehicle, and
2015 over-reliance on ADAS features can result in dangerous
2016 driving and collisions. My bill will ensure that car buyers
2017 are getting the straightforward facts when they purchase a
2018 new vehicle with ADAS features, and it will ensure that car
2019 manufacturers don't oversell their technologies and confuse

2020 or mislead consumers.

2021 I am proud to see this bill move forward today, and I
2022 urge support for this amendment to H.R. 7389 and this ANS.

2023 I yield back.

2024 *Mr. Bilirakis. I thank the gentlelady, and the
2025 gentlelady yields back. Is there anybody on the Republican
2026 side?

2027 No? Seeing none, Representative Menendez from the great
2028 State of New Jersey, you are recognized for five minutes on
2029 the ANS.

2030 [Pause.]

2031 *Mr. Menendez. I very much appreciate --

2032 *Mr. Bilirakis. You are recognized.

2033 *Mr. Menendez. -- the recognition, but I believe my
2034 colleague from California, Congressman Mullin, is -- would
2035 like to speak.

2036 *Mr. Mullin. I move to strike the last word.

2037 I want to thank the chair, ranking member, and both
2038 majority and minority committee staff for their extensive
2039 work on this legislative package.

2040 I also want to thank the chair for including the amended
2041 text of H.R. 3360, my Driver Technology and Pedestrian Safety
2042 Act, and I thank Representatives Kean, Dunn, and Soto for
2043 their support.

2044 As I mentioned in our subcommittee markup, this bill

2045 would direct NHTSA to study the effects of in-vehicle
2046 technology changes and their possible impact on driver
2047 distraction and pedestrian safety.

2048 The physical experience of driving a car today has been
2049 changing. Knobs, switches, and dials are being quickly
2050 replaced by flat screens for everything from climate control,
2051 radio, and podcasts to navigation, phone calls, and
2052 monitoring car performance. For years we have been telling
2053 drivers to put their phone screens down. Now there is a
2054 giant screen in the face of drivers seemingly in every new
2055 car. We simply do not yet know what effect this has on
2056 driver behavior, or if there are ways to improve the
2057 experience.

2058 What we do know is that pedestrian and traffic deaths in
2059 the U.S. have been persistently high. To that end, the
2060 Driver Technology and Pedestrian Safety Act would direct
2061 NHTSA to research touchscreen technologies, user interface
2062 design, and other changing conditions on traffic injuries and
2063 fatalities, and report back to Congress on any
2064 recommendations the agency may have to address its findings.
2065 It is a simple bill that I believe is needed at this moment.

2066 I also want to thank organizations that have either
2067 supported this effort or provided invaluable technical
2068 assistance, including Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety,
2069 AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, National Safety Council,

2070 Center for Auto Safety, Consumer Reports, and the National
2071 Academies.

2072 Mr. Chair and Ranking Member, thank you again for your
2073 work on this reauthorization package. While I do have some
2074 concerns about the inclusion of provisions that I believe may
2075 slow the adoption of electric vehicles, and I question why we
2076 are addressing daylight savings time in this bill, I believe
2077 the committee should move this package forward, given the
2078 careful negotiation that went into it. I look forward to
2079 voting for it shortly.

2080 And with that I yield back.

2081 *Mr. Bilirakis. The gentleman yields back. Does
2082 anybody on the Republican side wish to speak on the ANS?

2083 Okay, I will recognize Representative Carter from the
2084 great State of Louisiana.

2085 You are recognized to speak on the ANS.

2086 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. Mr. Chairman, I move to
2087 strike the last word.

2088 *Mr. Bilirakis. You are recognized.

2089 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. As the co-chair and founder
2090 of the bipartisan congressional Disaster Preparedness and
2091 Recovery Caucus, I am proud to cosponsor and support the AM
2092 Radio for Every Vehicle Act of 2025. I am glad to see it
2093 included in this amendment.

2094 This legislation is vital for public safety and saving

2095 lives. When disaster strikes, whether it is hurricanes in
2096 the Gulf coast, wildfires out west, or tornadoes across the
2097 Midwest, AM radio is one of the most reliable, accessible,
2098 and resilient ways to get critical information to the public
2099 in real time.

2100 Unlike cell networks or internet services which can go
2101 down when power grids fail or towers are damaged, AM radio is
2102 built to withstand these emergencies. It reaches people in
2103 their cars, trucks, and evacuation routes when the
2104 communication systems have already failed.

2105 In my district of south Louisiana we know the
2106 devastation hurricanes bring during storms like Katrina,
2107 Rita, Ida, and many others. AM radio stations often are the
2108 last lifeline delivering evacuation orders, weather updates,
2109 and emergency instructions when families had no other source
2110 of information. This bill ensures that as auto manufacturers
2111 modernize, we do not leave behind the critical public safety
2112 tool. Removing AM radio from vehicles will put lives at
2113 risk, especially for rural communities and vulnerable
2114 populations that rely on it most.

2115 However, as a representative of the hard-working
2116 magicians and artists in New Orleans, I also would like to
2117 say a few words about the American Music Fairness Act. The
2118 radio industry earns some \$14 billion each year in
2119 advertising revenue, and the artists who drive listeners to

2120 those stations get paid zero, zero, zilch. That is because
2121 of a loophole in the law that the American Music Fairness Act
2122 seeks to correct.

2123 The American Music Fairness Act would ensure that
2124 artists and music creators are paid when their songs are
2125 played on AM radio. Life is hard enough right now for people
2126 struggling to make ends meet, including those who make up our
2127 creative middle class. The United States is an outlier.
2128 Because of this inequity and -- other industrialized
2129 countries also do not pay American artists, costing them
2130 hundreds of millions of dollars in royalties every year.

2131 Artists deserve to be compensated for their creativity
2132 and their hard work. The AM Radio for Every Vehicle Act
2133 should be enacted alongside the American Music Fairness Act
2134 to ensure fairness and sustainability in both broadcasting
2135 and music. I hope to continue to work with this committee to
2136 make this a reality, recognizing that some of the greatest
2137 artists in our country are from my home state that have
2138 influenced music all over the world, many of which,
2139 unfortunately, are being underpaid, undercut, and disengaged
2140 from the very art that they have perfected.

2141 Mr. Chairman, I yield.

2142 *Mr. Bilirakis. The gentleman yields back. Is there
2143 further discussion on the ANS?

2144 *Mr. Latta. Mr. Chairman?

2145 *Mr. Bilirakis. Yes.

2146 *Mr. Latta. I have an amendment at the desk.

2147 *Mr. Bilirakis. You are recognized. Amendment to the

2148 ANS. You are recognized.

2149 [Pause.]

2150 *Mr. Bilirakis. The clerk will report the amendment.

2151 *The Clerk. Latta_021. Amendment to the amendment in
2152 the nature of a substitute to H.R. 7389 --

2153 *Mr. Bilirakis. Without objection, the reading of the
2154 amendment is dispensed with.

2155 [The amendment of Mr. Latta follows:]

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2157 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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2159 *Mr. Bilirakis. And the gentleman is recognized. The
2160 chairman is recognized for five minutes in support of his
2161 amendment.

2162 *Mr. Latta. Well, thank you very much, Mr. Chairman,
2163 and I want to thank the -- for the time today to talk on the
2164 amendment. This is on self-drive autonomous vehicles. This
2165 is a very, very important issue that is before us.

2166 And before I do get started, I want to thank my very
2167 good friend from Michigan, the gentlelady from the 6th
2168 district, for all the work, the time that she has put in on
2169 this over the last more than 10 years to get this bill where
2170 we are. This is a bipartisan piece of legislation. I am
2171 going to repeat this. It is bipartisan. We have worked on
2172 this to make sure that we have talked to every group out
2173 there, and we are at the point this bill needs to move.

2174 It is important we have self-drive. It is very
2175 important because of several issues. Number one, it is a
2176 national security issue. Number one, we want to make sure
2177 the United States is the leader in this technology and not a
2178 follower. It was reported in the Wall Street Journal last
2179 year that Communist China outpaced Japan for the first time
2180 in vehicle production and export, eight million to seven
2181 million. It is also predicted by the year 2030 that 20
2182 percent of all Communist Chinese cars will be AV. We can't
2183 let that happen. We can't let that happen.

2184 It is absolutely essential that, as I said, that the
2185 United States leads, and this legislation that we have is
2186 essential because we have done multiple things.

2187 Number one, we can't have 35 states dictating what we
2188 are going to do out there. We have to have a Federal
2189 preemption standard out there like we do today on automobiles
2190 to make sure that our vehicles can travel across state lines.
2191 We can't have it where all of us get in our cars driving down
2192 the highway, and says to the driver you got five minutes to
2193 shut this car off or take control of it because you are going
2194 to cross a state line. That can't happen.

2195 But also in this legislation -- we have also always
2196 wanted to maintain that we always have this philosophy: it
2197 is safety first, safety last, safety always. And these cars
2198 have got to be as safe or safer than anything else on the
2199 road.

2200 And when you talk about self-drive and what is happening
2201 out there, again, Communist China is classified as an
2202 adversarial nation. I will repeat this. It is classified as
2203 an adversarial nation. What has this committee done over the
2204 last several years?

2205 Number one, what do we have to do about the
2206 communications equipment being installed in this country by
2207 Huawei and ZTE? We had a rip and replace that had cost \$4.8
2208 billion to make sure that we did not have untrusted networks

2209 in the United States.

2210 What did we also do in this committee? We made sure
2211 that TikTok, information on Americans, were not being
2212 transmitted to Communist China.

2213 Also, drones have gone out of this committee to make
2214 sure that we don't have communist Chinese drones flying
2215 around this country.

2216 My legislation on routers is absolutely important
2217 because we don't want Chinese to be picking this up. This is
2218 a national security issue for the American people.

2219 So when we start talking about what we need to be doing
2220 in this country, we have got to start advancing this
2221 legislation. And again, when I look at what has happened
2222 over the last 10 years, you know, it has been interesting.
2223 We had hundreds of meetings to get to first bill out of this
2224 out of this committee, unanimously, 54 to nothing. It also
2225 passed the House and went over to the Senate. Unfortunately,
2226 they didn't get it done over there.

2227 But as I said, safety is an important issue in this.
2228 Ninety-four percent of all accidents that occur in this
2229 country in automobiles are what? Driver error. Driver
2230 error. I ride with the State Highway Patrol, and I am sure
2231 other members ride with their law enforcement. But when you
2232 see what is going on on our roads -- and we are on our roads
2233 anyway if you are driving by yourself. We have too many

2234 people on their cell phones. Since this -- we passed this
2235 legislation in 2017, 340,000 Americans have died on the
2236 highways, 340,000 Americans have died on the highways. Since
2237 February, when we reintroduced this legislation, 10,000
2238 Americans have died on the highways.

2239 We also want to make sure that we are not just talking
2240 about what is happening on the highways on the safety side,
2241 but let's talk about people out there with disabilities. We
2242 want to make sure that people that have a disability or
2243 seniors can get out there and be mobile again. So it is
2244 absolutely essential we get this work done, and we are in a
2245 short period of time.

2246 When this bill passed out of the subcommittee, we had a
2247 commitment that we were going to start to work on this issue
2248 this summer, and I appreciate the agreement that the chairman
2249 and the ranking member from New Jersey made. And at this
2250 time now I am going to ask. I appreciate the opportunity
2251 that we move this legislation and work together, and I
2252 greatly appreciate my friend from New Jersey if we can get
2253 this moving this summer.

2254 *Mr. Bilirakis. To you, yes. I will recognize --

2255 *Mr. Pallone. I mean, my understanding is exactly that
2256 commitment has already been made, both to you and to Mrs.
2257 Dingell. So yes.

2258 *Mr. Latta. Well, I greatly appreciate that.

2259 And Mr. Chairman, I also have a letter that I would like
2260 to submit for -- ask unanimous consent from the United for
2261 Autonomy letter, for the record.

2262 And I yield back and I also --

2263 *Mr. Bilirakis. Without objection, so ordered.

2264 [The information follows:]

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2266 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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2268 *Mr. Latta. I also withdraw my amendment.

2269 *Mr. Bilirakis. Thank you. I recognize -- you are
2270 withdrawing, you said?

2271 *Mr. Latta. Correct.

2272 *Mr. Bilirakis. Okay. All right. Well, let's just
2273 move on then.

2274 *Mr. Latta. I am sorry. Before I withdraw I recognize
2275 the gentlelady from Michigan.

2276 *Mr. Bilirakis. All right, the gentlelady is
2277 recognized. I have some comments after that, as well, but
2278 the gentlelady is recognized --

2279 *Mrs. Dingell. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

2280 *Mr. Bilirakis. -- on this particular amendment.

2281 *Mrs. Dingell. I move to strike the last word.

2282 *Mr. Bilirakis. You are recognized.

2283 *Mrs. Dingell. Thank you. And I want to first thank my
2284 good friend, Representative Latta, for his -- he never stops,
2285 he never gives up. His work on autonomous vehicles -- he is
2286 just incredibly committed, and I am grateful to call him my
2287 friend. And we get on the plane together to go home every
2288 Friday and discuss all the different thoughts we have. But
2289 we have got to get this done.

2290 And I want to say I find it frustrating. I can't say
2291 that it is not, or concerning that right now, while we are
2292 here, another committee is moving forward with a bipartisan

2293 AV agreement in their surface transportation reauthorization
2294 markup while we are still here debating whether we should
2295 spend time on our autonomous vehicle policy. It is long past
2296 time for Congress to act, and we need to get something across
2297 the finish line this year. So I thank my -- I thank Chair
2298 Guthrie and my ranking member for committing to working with
2299 us these next few months, because we need to move a
2300 bipartisan AV framework out of this committee.

2301 We have spent years working with stakeholders and
2302 holding countless meetings to get this right. We have a
2303 strong bipartisan foundation to build from, and this
2304 amendment shows that we can continue making progress
2305 together. There is real bipartisan interest on this
2306 committee, and we cannot continue kicking the can down the
2307 road on AVs while the technology continues advancing around
2308 us.

2309 Autonomous vehicles are already operating in communities
2310 across the country, yet we still lack a clear Federal
2311 framework. Right now we are relying on a patchwork of state
2312 laws and outdated guidance that doesn't reflect the realities
2313 of today's technologies. That uncertainty is bad for
2314 consumers, it is bad for safety, it is bad for protecting
2315 individuals' personal data, and bad for American
2316 competitiveness.

2317 Meanwhile, China is moving aggressively to dominate the

2318 future of autonomous vehicles through coordinated national
2319 investments. They subsidize the manufacturing of their
2320 product. They manipulate their currency. They use slave
2321 labor. That is what we are competing with. They are doing
2322 large-scale testing, and they have got deployment strategies.
2323 China is shaping the technology and the global standards, and
2324 that is unacceptable and should be to every one of us on this
2325 committee. They are undercutting American companies in the
2326 global market, and with that our American manufacturers,
2327 workers, and supply chains suffer and lose out.

2328 And let me be really clear. Right now they on our
2329 streets. They are going by military installations,
2330 collecting data. They are collecting the data that your
2331 iPads and phones have, and yet they won't let us on their
2332 roads in China. We are not allowed there. That is wrong.

2333 Today we are discussing restrictions on Chinese vehicles
2334 in this very market because we recognize this threat. We
2335 should also be working just as hard to strengthen American
2336 leadership here at home. We need to continue engaging the
2337 stakeholders across the spectrum: labor, industry, yes, the
2338 trial lawyers, the safety advocates, the consumer groups,
2339 environmental organizations, disability rights groups, and
2340 others directly impacted by how this technology is deployed.

2341 I appreciate that this ANS includes language from our
2342 bipartisan discussions around safety data protections,

2343 preemption, manual controls, and commercial testing. These
2344 are real and meaningful steps forward. And as my colleague
2345 said every time we have a conversation, safety, safety,
2346 safety. It remains at the center of this work.

2347 Human error contributes to roughly 94 percent of vehicle
2348 crashes in this country. And in the statistics my colleagues
2349 share, more than 40,000 people die on the roads each year.
2350 AV technology, if deployed safely and responsibly, saves
2351 lives. Congressional inaction doesn't make people safer.
2352 That is why we need a strong Federal framework that
2353 prioritizes safety, protects consumer privacy, strengthens
2354 domestic manufacturing, provides regulatory certainty, and
2355 ensures innovation happens here in the United States with
2356 American workers and American values.

2357 It is a safety issue, it is a national security issue,
2358 it is a competitiveness issue, it is an economic issue.
2359 Representative Latta and I remain committed to continuing
2360 this bipartisan work with this committee and all stakeholders
2361 who are serious about getting this done. We need to get a
2362 bipartisan EV [sic] framework signed into law, and we need to
2363 work in earnest over these next few months to get there.

2364 Thank you, Mr. Chair, and I yield back.

2365 *Mr. Bilirakis. The gentlelady yields back. I want to
2366 commend Representative Latta for working on this issue for so
2367 many years, along with Representative Dingell. We have got

2368 to get this done as soon as possible.

2369 I am going to recognize myself for a couple minutes. We
2370 need a Federal framework, as I said, so that autonomous
2371 vehicles can safely deploy and the American companies
2372 developing them can continue to innovate. These vehicles
2373 hold enormous potential not just as a technological
2374 advancement, but as a tool to save lives. By reducing human
2375 error, which is responsible for most crashes, AVs can prevent
2376 accidents before they happen. They also can offer new
2377 mobility and independence for seniors and people with
2378 disabilities.

2379 We must pass this bill. We must have a Federal
2380 framework soon or cede our competitive edge to China. It is
2381 as simple as that. We cannot allow China to set the
2382 standards for AV development and deployment, but that will
2383 happen if we don't act soon.

2384 So I will yield back the balance of my time. Is there
2385 anyone on the Democrat side that wishes to speak on this
2386 particular amendment?

2387 Okay, on the -- Mr. Balderson, you are recognized for
2388 five minutes to speak on the Latta amendment.

2389 *Mr. Balderson. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Chair -- Mr.
2390 Chairman, thank you for having this important markup today.
2391 I offer my support of Congressman Latta's amendment and the
2392 SELF DRIVE Act.

2393 Central Ohio and communities in my district know that
2394 innovation and transportation is important. Ohio is home to
2395 DriveOhio, the Transportation Research Center of the U.S. 33
2396 Smart Mobility Corridor, Ohio State's -- University Center
2397 for Automotive Research, and other resources that help
2398 America test, understand, and implement the next generation
2399 of vehicle technology. The SELF DRIVE Act encourages this
2400 innovation while ensuring strong safety standards and Federal
2401 oversight that will improve vehicle safety and protect our
2402 constituents.

2403 Additionally, this amendment ensures our rural
2404 communities are included in this discussion and will help
2405 improve mobility and transportation options for our seniors
2406 and those in rural areas without access to reliable
2407 transmission options.

2408 I am proud to cosponsor the SELF DRIVE Act and support
2409 Congressman Latta's amendment. If we want American families
2410 and communities to benefit from safer and smarter
2411 transportation, Congress should provide a framework that
2412 allows this technology to grow here reasonably and with
2413 communities like ours in mind. I urge support for this
2414 amendment.

2415 And I yield back. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

2416 *Mr. Bilirakis. The gentleman yields back. Is there
2417 anyone on the Democrat side that wishes to speak on this

2418 particular amendment?

2419 Okay, I will recognize Representative Houchin from the
2420 great State of Indiana.

2421 You are recognized to speak on the Latta amendment.

2422 *Mrs. Houchin. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to
2423 strike the last word.

2424 *Mr. Bilirakis. You are recognized.

2425 *Mrs. Houchin. When people hear "autonomous vehicles,"'
2426 they usually think about the technology. But for a lot of
2427 Americans, the question is more basic than that. The
2428 question is, can I get where I need to go?

2429 Over 18 million Americans with disabilities face real
2430 limits on their ability to travel. For seniors who have had
2431 to give up their keys, for people with disabilities, for
2432 blind Americans it is not a small thing. Getting to a
2433 doctor's appointment, keeping a job, staying involved in the
2434 community, all of it depends on having a way to get there.
2435 This is especially important in rural parts of the country,
2436 where public transportation is not always an option.

2437 Right now, for too many people, it is not a given. The
2438 National Federation of the Blind has been one of the loudest
2439 champions of this bill, and it is not hard to understand why.
2440 For a blind American, a self-driving vehicle that actually
2441 works means not having to depend on someone else every time
2442 you need to go somewhere, and that kind of independence is

2443 real.

2444 As a mom, I also think about what this means for
2445 families from a safety standpoint. As my colleagues have
2446 mentioned, nearly 40,000 Americans died on U.S. roadways in
2447 2024, and 94 percent of serious crashes are caused by human
2448 error. Those aren't statistics. Those are parents, kids,
2449 family members, neighbors. If autonomous vehicle technology
2450 can meaningfully reduce the number of families that get a
2451 knock at the door they never expected, it matters.

2452 And from a practical standpoint, we all know what it is
2453 like to have too many places to be at once, getting your kids
2454 somewhere safely while you are at work, making sure an
2455 elderly parent can get to a doctor's appointment without you
2456 having to take a day off. These are real issues for families
2457 that this technology has shown potential to solve.

2458 I am a proud cosponsor of this bill. I am glad that Mr.
2459 Latta and Mrs. Dingell continue to push forward on this
2460 topic. I look forward to continuing the conversation.

2461 And I yield back.

2462 *Mr. Bilirakis. The gentlelady yields back. Does
2463 anyone else wish to speak?

2464 Yes, Dr. Miller-Meeks, you are recognized for five
2465 minutes to speak on the amendment.

2466 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move to
2467 strike the last word.

2468 *Mr. Bilirakis. You are recognized.

2469 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. I support Mr. Latta's amendment and
2470 am a proud cosponsor of the SELF DRIVE Act.

2471 As a physician and former director of the Iowa
2472 Department of Public Health, I see roadway safety as a public
2473 health issue. A serious crash is not just a statistic. It
2474 represents a trauma call, an emergency room visit, and a
2475 family whose life changes in an instant. Just this past
2476 weekend in Iowa, a young lady having left high school
2477 graduation was killed when she was T-boned by another driver.
2478 In Iowa, as a state senator, in 2019 we voted on Senator
2479 Cournoyer's bill on autonomous vehicles and self-driving.

2480 Also, as an ophthalmologist I certainly know the
2481 challenges to individuals as they lose vision or have an
2482 impairment of vision and want the independence to be able to
2483 continue to drive.

2484 Nearly 40,000 Americans die on our roads each year.
2485 Today's vehicles are safer than ever, but drunk, drowsy, and
2486 distracted driving still take thousands of lives. Drunk
2487 driving alone killed nearly 12,000 people in 2024; distracted
2488 driving killed more than 3,000, 3200. And the last time I
2489 checked, autonomous vehicles weren't driving under the
2490 influence or texting while driving.

2491 If technology can lower crashes caused by impairment,
2492 distraction, fatigue, or human error, Congress should create

2493 a responsible framework for it. SELF DRIVE raises a safety
2494 standard by requiring safety cages, giving NHTSA a clear
2495 authority over AV safety, and establishing crash reporting
2496 and transparency requirements. This is how Congress should
2497 tackle a public health problem: combine innovation with
2498 accountability so regulators can see how these vehicles
2499 perform.

2500 I am proud to cosponsor the SELF DRIVE Act and support
2501 Mr. Latta's efforts to advance a responsible Federal AV
2502 safety framework.

2503 I yield back.

2504 *The Chair. [Presiding.] The gentleman [sic] yields
2505 back. Is there further speakers on the amendment?

2506 *Mr. Latta. Mr. Chairman?

2507 *The Chair. Seeing none, the gentleman from Ohio is
2508 recognized.

2509 *Mr. Latta. Well, thank you very much and, again, thank
2510 you for the time and also for the commitment between you and
2511 the ranking member to move this legislation. And with that
2512 commitment, I will withdraw the amendment.

2513 *The Chair. Thank you. We do want to move this, that
2514 is for sure.

2515 So gentleman withdraws the amendment. Are there further
2516 amendments?

2517 The gentlelady from Tennessee, for what purpose does

2518 gentlelady from Tennessee seek recognition?

2519 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment at
2520 the desk.

2521 *The Chair. The clerk will report the amendment.

2522 *The Clerk. HARSHB_050, amendment to the amendment in
2523 the nature of a substitute to H.R. --

2524 *The Chair. Without objection, the reading of the
2525 amendment is dispensed with.

2526 [The amendment of Mrs. Harshbarger follows:]

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2528 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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2530 *The Chair. And the gentlelady is recognized for five
2531 minutes in support of the amendment.

2532 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Yes, thank you. Mr. Chairman, you
2533 know, I think if you buy a car, I believe you should own the
2534 data that the car generates. It is a, you know, a very
2535 simple principle behind the bill, the DRIVER Act, which is my
2536 bill. And I introduced that with Representatives Weber and
2537 Perry. And the DRIVER is all about ownership and consumer
2538 choice and affordability and safety.

2539 Cars today run on data. For example, if your car knows
2540 how much you weigh when you sit down, you need to know it
2541 knows that. And also if it tracks your average speed, if it
2542 knows how often you brake, you need to know that. My bill
2543 would require secure, real-time access to vehicle-generated
2544 data so the owner can decide when that data is shared and
2545 with whom. That approach supports competition, whether it is
2546 in repair, in fleet management, or mobility services. It
2547 also protects consumers from a future where they must pay
2548 recurring fees just to access basic operational information
2549 from the vehicle they have already purchased.

2550 Mr. Chairman and Subcommittee Chairman Bilirakis, I want
2551 to thank you for working with me on the DRIVER, and your
2552 staff. It is Megan and Giulia and Matt and Evangelos. They
2553 spent countless hours strengthening the vehicle data access,
2554 and I am grateful for that partnership.

2555 And I appreciate that the committee text recognizes that
2556 vehicle owners, independent repair shops, and small
2557 businesses need fair access to information in the modern
2558 vehicle marketplace, and this provision goes hand in hand
2559 with upholding basic ownership principles, underscoring that
2560 car data should not become the exclusive property of the
2561 manufacturer simply because the vehicle is connected.

2562 And I would also like to thank Congressman Joyce and the
2563 Privacy Working Group for providing meaningful privacy
2564 protections for drivers under the SECURE Data Act.

2565 So thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I appreciate your
2566 willingness to work on this issue with me, and I hope we can
2567 continue to work together to strengthen vehicle data access.

2568 And now I just ask unanimous consent at this time to
2569 withdraw my amendment, and I yield back --

2570 *The Chair. If you will yield, I just want to say that
2571 you are right, there are so many issues with data, products
2572 people buy. We had several people talk about data, who owns
2573 the data, and that is something this -- we have to address.

2574 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Yes.

2575 *The Chair. -- and we have to get there. And not just
2576 this, but so many other things. So we appreciate your work
2577 on this, and we will work together in withdrawing it.

2578 So the gentlelady has withdrawn her amendment and yields
2579 back.

2580 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Yes.

2581 *The Chair. Are there further amendments?

2582 The gentlelady from Michigan, for what purpose does the
2583 gentlelady from Michigan seek recognition?

2584 *Mrs. Dingell. I have an amendment at the desk.

2585 *The Chair. The clerk will report.

2586 *The Clerk. DINGMI_150, amendment to the amendment in
2587 the nature of a substitute to H.R. --

2588 *The Chair. Without objection, the reading of the
2589 amendment is dispensed with.

2590 [The amendment of Mrs. Dingell follows:]

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2592 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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2594 *The Chair. And the lady from Michigan is recognized
2595 for five minutes in support of the amendment.

2596 *Mrs. Dingell. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

2597 Let me begin by saying that I strongly support the
2598 underlying goal of this China language, which is to protect
2599 our American automotive industry, our national security, and
2600 our workers from Chinese intervention and influence. For
2601 years I have sounded the alarm about the risks posed by China
2602 in the connected vehicle space, and that is why I introduced
2603 the bipartisan, bicameral Connected Vehicle Security Act.

2604 And as we were just talking -- and I strongly support my
2605 colleague on her amendment before this -- modern vehicles
2606 collect enormous amounts of sensitive data, rely on advanced
2607 software systems, and are increasingly connected to the
2608 internet and our critical infrastructure. I remember sitting
2609 in this committee and telling people different -- hey, we
2610 need to worry about this and worry about that, and they all
2611 thought I was crazy and staying up all night thinking of
2612 scenarios. Here is a reality: These aren't just cars
2613 anymore, they are sophisticated, connected technologies that
2614 raise serious national security, economic security, and
2615 privacy concerns. They are TikTok on wheels, and we know
2616 what we did in this committee on TikTok.

2617 I appreciate the committee including strong language in
2618 this package to address the threats, but I remain concerned

2619 that there are some provisions in this bill that could allow
2620 -- or there are little -- I don't know what to call them,
2621 because I know everybody cares -- would allow certain
2622 existing arrangements to continue moving forward.

2623 If we believe vehicles tied to foreign adversaries pose
2624 a legitimate threat, and I absolutely do, then we should be
2625 very careful about creating exceptions or loopholes that
2626 could undermine that goal. The future of the automotive
2627 industry, including autonomous vehicles and advanced
2628 connected technologies, must be built here in America by
2629 American workers up and down the supply chain. That includes
2630 the vehicles themselves. Those vehicles should be
2631 manufactured by American workers. China -- I think union
2632 workers, too.

2633 China doesn't compete fairly. They rely on massive
2634 government subsidies, unfair trade practices, and slave labor
2635 to dominate critical industries and supply chains. We cannot
2636 allow that model to take hold in the American auto sector.
2637 What they are going to do is destroy our industry. People
2638 won't be able to compete and then, all of a sudden, prices
2639 are going to be sky high and you have destroyed an industry.

2640 We should be focused on strengthening domestic
2641 manufacturing, securing trusted supply chains, supporting
2642 innovation here at home, and ensuring America leads the
2643 future of mobility.

2644 I believe my amendment would strengthen this bill.
2645 However, Mr. Chairman, with that I recognize the bipartisan
2646 work that has gone into this package, and I will withdraw my
2647 amendment now and continue to work with everyone here to
2648 address these issues.

2649 *The Chair. Thank you. The -- we can look forward to
2650 working to continue to work on that. So the gentlelady
2651 withdraws her amendment.

2652 *Mrs. Dingell. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

2653 *The Chair. For what purpose does the gentleman from
2654 Alabama seek recognition?

2655 *Mr. Palmer. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment at the
2656 desk.

2657 *The Chair. The clerk will report.

2658 *The Clerk. PALMAL_045, amendment to the amendment in
2659 the nature of a substitute.

2660 *The Chair. Without objection, the reading of the
2661 amendment is dispensed with.

2662 [The amendment of Mr. Palmer follows:]

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2664 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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2666 *The Chair. And the gentleman from Alabama is
2667 recognized for five minutes in support of the amendment.

2668 *Mr. Palmer. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

2669 My amendment addresses the foreign adversary
2670 manufacturer prohibition. This amendment strengthens and
2671 completes the underlying prohibition on foreign adversary-
2672 controlled EV supply chains by ensuring that both EV
2673 batteries and rare earth permanent magnets used in EV
2674 traction motors are covered. China currently dominates both
2675 segments of the EV supply chain, including battery materials,
2676 processing, and approximately 90 percent of global rare earth
2677 magnet production.

2678 In April of 2025, China demonstrated its leverage over
2679 the market by imposing export licensing restrictions on heavy
2680 rare earths and finished magnets used in EV traction motors.
2681 This move by China literally caused car lines in Europe, the
2682 United States, and Canada to shut down for a short period of
2683 time. That is how sensitive our supply chain is. Without
2684 addressing both batteries and traction motor magnets
2685 together, the United States risks leaving critical
2686 vulnerabilities in the EV supply chain that can be exploited
2687 by foreign adversaries.

2688 This amendment is intentionally narrow and targeted.
2689 The magnet provision applies only to rare earth permanent
2690 magnets incorporated into the traction motor of an electric

2691 vehicle. The language does not apply to magnets used in
2692 internal combustion engine vehicles, consumer electronics,
2693 appliances, or unrelated commercial applications where supply
2694 chain conditions are different.

2695 The technical definition is drawn from the MAGNETS [sic]
2696 Act to ensure consistency with existing legislative language
2697 and provide clear, enforceable standards for compliance.

2698 Rare earth permanent magnets are foundational not only
2699 to electric vehicles, but also to advanced defense systems,
2700 aerospace platforms, robotics, and other strategic
2701 technologies critical to U.S. national security. This
2702 amendment supports the development of secure domestic supply
2703 chains for both EV batteries and rare earth magnets, and
2704 aligns with broader bipartisan efforts to reduce dependence
2705 on foreign adversarial-controlled critical mineral and
2706 advanced manufacturing ecosystems.

2707 This amendment aligns Federal trade and import policy
2708 with the commercial direction already underway across the
2709 automotive sector to localize and secure critical supply
2710 chains inside the United States and allied nations. Mr.
2711 Chairman, I think this is clearly a national security issue
2712 and something that this committee needs to continue to work
2713 on.

2714 And is the gentlelady asking for -- I will yield to the
2715 gentlelady from Michigan.

2716 *Mrs. Dingell. Thank you, Mr. Palmer. I want to
2717 support you 100 percent.

2718 You know, we know the underlying -- the goal of this
2719 China language, but your leadership on this issue, it is a
2720 bipartisan issue. We have got to confront the challenges
2721 posed by China's dominance in critical supply chains. We
2722 cannot allow our auto industry to become dependent on China
2723 for batteries, critical minerals, or rare earth materials.

2724 China has spent decades building up -- strategically
2725 building these supply chains, and they want to -- I will
2726 behave. But we have got to be responding with urgency. We
2727 need to build the domestic capacity here at home, and that
2728 means mining, processing, refining, battery production, and
2729 advanced manufacturing in the United States and with our
2730 trusted allies, and not relying on foreign adversaries.

2731 So I thank you for introducing this, and I support you
2732 500 percent.

2733 *Mr. Palmer. I thank the gentlelady. I do think this
2734 is a bipartisan effort that we need to engage in, and it
2735 needs to be done with a sense of urgency in order to meet
2736 this challenge.

2737 Mr. Chairman, I --

2738 *The Chair. Before you -- will you yield to me before
2739 you recall the --

2740 *Mr. Palmer. I yield to the chairman.

2741 *The Chair. Thank you. I just want to say I absolutely
2742 agree with everything you said.

2743 So we have a couple of things we are looking at. We
2744 know that China is over-capacitized for automotive --
2745 automobiles in general, and they -- we see what is happening
2746 in Europe, we see what is happening in Canada. And it is not
2747 that they are building a better vehicle that is competing
2748 with American vehicles that consumers have a choice. That is
2749 not what they are doing. They have over-capacitized and they
2750 are dumping them in China. So it goes against our vital
2751 industry and so forth. So that is what we have been working
2752 on for the last couple of months.

2753 You have also been the leader in Congress on the rare
2754 earth minerals, critical minerals, processing critical
2755 minerals, and have arranged several classified briefings for
2756 members of the committee who have had the opportunity to come
2757 and listen to that. And so that is an effort outside -- I
2758 mean, I wish we had it ready today. I am not saying it is
2759 outside of this. But we are going to continue to work with
2760 the White House, with what you are doing, and the battery --
2761 the rare earth minerals and critical components of the
2762 battery, as well. So we think that fits in.

2763 So my commitment, as we deal with critical earth
2764 minerals, as we said we are going to and we are going to,
2765 that we have to bring the batteries into that discussion as

2766 well.

2767 *Mr. Palmer. I thank the chairman.

2768 I do want to say that I am very encouraged by the
2769 commitment that I have seen from my colleagues across the
2770 aisle because it is not only an economic security issue, it
2771 is a national security issue and something that we need to
2772 work together on.

2773 With that, Mr. Chairman, I do request unanimous consent
2774 to withdraw this amendment.

2775 *The Chair. The gentleman withdraws -- without
2776 objection, the gentleman withdraws the amendment.

2777 So are there any other discussions on the amendment?

2778 We have one more, I believe. So I have an amendment at
2779 the desk, and I will call up amendment Guthrie_009 and ask
2780 the clerk to report.

2781 *The Clerk. Amendment to the amendment in the nature of
2782 a substitute to H.R. 7389 offered by --

2783 *The Chair. Without objection, the reading of the
2784 amendment is dispensed with.

2785 [The amendment of The Chair follows:]

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2787 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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2789 *The Chair. And I will recognize myself for five
2790 minutes to support my amendment.

2791 So I want to thank you. And I -- this is a bipartisan
2792 amendment offered jointly with myself and Ranking Member
2793 Pallone. This amendment reflects negotiations related to a
2794 bill, the REPAIR Act, that we spent a great deal of time over
2795 the past several weeks trying to reach a bipartisan consensus
2796 agreement ahead of today's markup. We worked in good faith
2797 with stakeholders, dealers, auto manufacturers, the after-
2798 market consumer advocates, and our colleagues on both sides
2799 of the aisle. While we were not able to finalize a consensus
2800 package before today's markup, I believe we made meaningful
2801 progress.

2802 And I want to thank Ranking Member Pallone and your
2803 staff for your partnership throughout this process, and I
2804 remain committed to continuing to find consensus ahead of a
2805 floor vote. I know that there was enormous staff work.

2806 And I mentioned, Matt, before -- you were not in the
2807 room -- so Matt Furlow from our committee has, I know,
2808 hundreds of meetings in trying to help us all bring a
2809 consensus for the REPAIR Act. And so we are going to
2810 continue to work on it.

2811 And I will recognize Ranking Member Pallone.

2812 *Mr. Pallone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to thank
2813 you, and I am grateful to you and your staff for the work

2814 that has gone into these negotiations and the good faith
2815 effort to find a solution to this important consumer issue.

2816 And while I am disappointed that we are not able to
2817 include a stronger version of the REPAIR Act at markup today,
2818 I appreciate the chairman's commitment to continue to work to
2819 find consensus on this issue, and I am similarly committed to
2820 doing so.

2821 I also wanted to mention to our Massachusetts
2822 colleagues, I want them to understand that there is no
2823 preemption of Massachusetts law on right to repair in this
2824 bill, and we will work with our Massachusetts colleagues to
2825 try and make that more clear as the bill moves forward. So I
2826 just wanted to mention that.

2827 And I would yield back to the chairman.

2828 *The Chair. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Pallone.

2829 I also want to acknowledge that your bill, Safety is Not
2830 for Sale Act, which raises -- is included in this
2831 amendment, which raises important considerations regarding
2832 consumer affordability and choice. I believe there is room
2833 to continue to examine this policy, as well.

2834 And I will yield back to my friend, Ranking Member
2835 Pallone.

2836 *Mr. Pallone. And thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, I
2837 appreciate your comments.

2838 Affordability and safety are two of the most critical

2839 issues facing consumers today, and my Safety is Not for Sale
2840 Act would improve consumer access to optional safety features
2841 without paying a higher price for other extras they may not
2842 want in a vehicle.

2843 So I thank you for your commitment to continue working
2844 together on this legislation and again I yield back to you,
2845 Mr. Chairman.

2846 *The Chair. I want to thank you. And we remain
2847 committed to finding a path forward, a balanced path forward
2848 that expands repair options, ensures safety, promotes
2849 competition, and ultimately delivers more affordable choices
2850 for the American people.

2851 In order to allow additional time for continued
2852 bipartisan negotiations and stakeholder engagement ahead of a
2853 floor vote -- before I withdraw my amendment I will yield to
2854 Mrs. Trahan from Massachusetts.

2855 *Mrs. Trahan. Well, thank you, Mr. Chair. I want to
2856 thank the chair and the ranking member for hearing our
2857 concerns about the impact on Massachusetts.

2858 And, look, I don't want to hold up a good bipartisan
2859 process. My attorney general's office has expressed concerns
2860 about the language and the preemptive effect that I know is
2861 not the intention of the chair and the ranking member, but I
2862 also just need to be receptive to them. I mean, after all,
2863 my AG's office was embroiled in litigation for years with

2864 auto manufacturers, literally arguing our law was preempted
2865 by Federal regulations. And so I am mindful of that.

2866 And I appreciate the commitment from the chair and the
2867 ranking member to work with myself and my state AG's office
2868 to resolve those concerns ahead of the vote on the House
2869 floor. So I will vote to pass this bill today with the
2870 understanding that we will ensure that Massachusetts
2871 residents, my constituents, continue to receive the rights
2872 their state legislature has granted them.

2873 And I yield back. I appreciate it.

2874 *The Chair. Thank you. I thank you for yielding back.
2875 I guess it is my time, so I will finish. We will continue to
2876 figure the way that we can do this in the proper way.

2877 So without further discussion, I will withdraw -- I ask
2878 unanimous consent to withdraw my amendment. The amendment is
2879 withdrawn. Are there further amendments?

2880 If there is no further discussion, the vote occurs on
2881 the amendment in the nature of a substitute. This will be a
2882 voice vote.

2883 All those in favor shall signify by saying aye.

2884 All those opposed, no.

2885 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it. The
2886 amendment is agreed to.

2887 The question now occurs on adopting H.R. 7389, as
2888 amended. A roll call vote has been requested, and the clerk

2889 will call the roll.

2890 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta?

2891 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

2892 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta votes aye.

2893 Mr. Griffith?

2894 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

2895 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith votes aye.

2896 Mr. Bilirakis?

2897 [No response.]

2898 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson?

2899 [No response.]

2900 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Georgia?

2901 *Mr. Carter of Georgia. Aye.

2902 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Georgia votes aye.

2903 Mr. Palmer?

2904 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.

2905 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer votes aye.

2906 Mr. Dunn?

2907 [No response.]

2908 *The Clerk. Mr. Crenshaw?

2909 [No response.]

2910 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce?

2911 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.

2912 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce votes aye.

2913 Mr. Weber?

2914 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
2915 *The Clerk. Mr. Weber votes aye.
2916 Mr. Allen?
2917 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
2918 *The Clerk. Mr. Allen votes aye.
2919 Mr. Balderson?
2920 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
2921 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson votes aye.
2922 Mr. Fulcher?
2923 *Mr. Fulcher. Aye.
2924 *The Clerk. Mr. Fulcher votes aye.
2925 Mr. Pfluger?
2926 [No response.]
2927 *The Clerk. Mrs. Harshbarger?
2928 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
2929 *The Clerk. Mrs. Harshbarger votes aye.
2930 Mrs. Miller-Meeks?
2931 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
2932 *The Clerk. Mrs. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
2933 Mrs. Cammack?
2934 [No response.]
2935 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte?
2936 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
2937 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte votes aye.
2938 Mr. James?

2939 *Mr. James. Aye.
2940 *The Clerk. Mr. James votes aye.
2941 Mr. Bentz?
2942 *Mr. Bentz. Aye.
2943 *The Clerk. Mr. Bentz votes aye.
2944 Mrs. Houchin?
2945 *Mrs. Houchin. Aye.
2946 *The Clerk. Mrs. Houchin votes aye.
2947 Mr. Fry?
2948 *Mr. Fry. Aye.
2949 *The Clerk. Mr. Fry votes aye.
2950 Ms. Lee?
2951 *Ms. Lee. Aye.
2952 *The Clerk. Ms. Lee votes aye.
2953 Mr. Langworthy?
2954 *Mr. Langworthy. Aye.
2955 *The Clerk. Mr. Langworthy votes aye.
2956 Mr. Kean?
2957 [No response.]
2958 *The Clerk. Mr. Rulli?
2959 *Mr. Rulli. Aye.
2960 *The Clerk. Mr. Rulli votes aye.
2961 Mr. Evans?
2962 *Mr. Evans. Aye.
2963 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans votes aye.

2964 Mr. Goldman?

2965 [No response.]

2966 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fedorchak?

2967 *Mrs. Fedorchak. Aye.

2968 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fedorchak votes aye.

2969 Mr. Pallone?

2970 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.

2971 *The Clerk. Mr. Pallone votes aye.

2972 Ms. DeGette?

2973 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.

2974 *The Clerk. Ms. DeGette votes aye.

2975 Ms. Schakowsky?

2976 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.

2977 *The Clerk. Ms. Schakowsky votes aye.

2978 Ms. Matsui?

2979 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.

2980 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui votes aye.

2981 Ms. Castor?

2982 *Ms. Castor. Aye.

2983 *The Clerk. Ms. Castor votes aye.

2984 Mr. Tonko?

2985 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.

2986 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko votes aye.

2987 Ms. Clarke?

2988 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.

2989 *The Clerk. Ms. Clarke votes aye.
2990 Mr. Ruiz?
2991 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
2992 *The Clerk. Mr. Ruiz votes aye.
2993 Mr. Peters?
2994 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
2995 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters votes aye.
2996 Mrs. Dingell?
2997 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
2998 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell votes aye.
2999 Mr. Veasey?
3000 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
3001 *The Clerk. Mr. Veasey votes aye.
3002 Ms. Kelly?
3003 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
3004 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly votes aye.
3005 Ms. Barragan?
3006 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
3007 *The Clerk. Ms. Barragan votes aye.
3008 Mr. Soto?
3009 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
3010 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto votes aye.
3011 Mrs. Trahan?
3012 Oh, I am sorry. Ms. Schrier?
3013 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.

3014 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan?
3015 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
3016 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan votes aye.
3017 Mrs. Fletcher?
3018 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
3019 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fletcher votes aye.
3020 Ms. Ocasio-Cortez?
3021 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Aye.
3022 *The Clerk. Ms. Ocasio-Cortez votes aye.
3023 Mr. Auchincloss?
3024 *Mr. Auchincloss. No.
3025 *The Clerk. Mr. Auchincloss votes no.
3026 Mr. Carter of Louisiana?
3027 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. Aye.
3028 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Louisiana votes aye.
3029 Mr. Menendez?
3030 *Mr. Menendez. Aye.
3031 *The Clerk. Mr. Menendez votes aye.
3032 Mr. Mullin?
3033 *Mr. Mullin. Aye.
3034 *The Clerk. Mr. Mullin votes aye.
3035 Mr. Landsman?
3036 *Mr. Landsman. Aye.
3037 *The Clerk. Mr. Landsman votes aye.
3038 Ms. McClellan?

3039 *Ms. McClellan. Aye.

3040 *The Clerk. Ms. McClellan votes aye.

3041 Mr. Guthrie?

3042 *The Chair. I vote aye.

3043 Anyone -- how is the gentleman from Florida, Mr.

3044 Bilirakis --

3045 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis --

3046 *The Chair. -- recorded?

3047 *The Clerk. -- is not recorded.

3048 *Mr. Bilirakis. Bilirakis votes aye.

3049 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis votes aye.

3050 *The Chair. How is the gentleman from North Carolina,

3051 Mr. Hudson, recorded?

3052 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson is not recorded.

3053 *Mr. Hudson. Hudson votes aye.

3054 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson votes aye.

3055 *The Chair. Anyone else seeking recognition on the

3056 Republican -- the Democrat side?

3057 *Voice. Is Kat on the way?

3058 *The Chair. We will give her a couple -- is she over --

3059 did somebody from her office -- we may have one more.

3060 How is the gentlelady from Florida, the great mother of

3061 Florida, recorded?

3062 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.

3063 *The Clerk. Mrs. Cammack votes aye.

3064 *The Chair. It is a lovely, lovely young daughter
3065 there. Great.

3066 So is anyone else seeking recognition?

3067 Seeing none, the clerk will report.

3068 [Pause.]

3069 *Voice. Is that her husband?

3070 *The Chair. Yes, her husband. He is a firefighter in
3071 Florida.

3072 *The Clerk. Mr. Chairman, on that vote there are 48
3073 ayes and 1 no.

3074 *The Chair. With 48 ayes and 1 no, the ayes have it,
3075 and the bill is adopted.

3076 The chair calls up H.R. 4348 and asks the clerk to
3077 report.

3078 *The Clerk. H.R. 4348, a bill to reauthorize the Kay
3079 Hagan Tick --

3080 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
3081 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
3082 amendment at any point.

3083 So ordered.

3084 [The bill follows:]

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3086 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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3088 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
3089 bill?

3090 For what purpose does the gentleman from Virginia seek
3091 recognition?

3092 *Mr. Griffith. Wishing to speak to the bill, Mr.
3093 Chairman.

3094 *The Chair. You are recognized for five minutes to
3095 speak on the bill. You do not have to strike the last word.
3096 You are recognized to speak on the bill.

3097 *Mr. Griffith. That is exactly right. Thank you.
3098 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I speak today in favor of H.R.
3099 4348, and ask my colleagues to do the same -- not to speak on
3100 it, necessarily, but to certainly vote for it.

3101 This bill reauthorizes the Kay Hagan Tick Act. This
3102 landmark legislation is led by Representative Chris Smith and
3103 by Representative Doggett, and will continue efforts to
3104 improve research, prevention, diagnostics, and treatment of
3105 tick-borne diseases. It is named in honor of former Senator
3106 Kay Hagan, who passed away from complications of the tick-
3107 borne virus called Powassan.

3108 Virginia is one of the top states for Lyme disease, as I
3109 know many of us represent areas that are, with my home area
3110 of southwest Virginia having some of the highest rates of
3111 Lyme and other tick-borne illnesses. Another tick-borne
3112 illness, Alpha gal syndrome, also is one that is a malady

3113 that needs to be looked into and that we need more awareness
3114 and research into, which is also a tick-borne illness.

3115 Mr. Chairman, as you know, there are many different
3116 tick-borne illnesses, and although we have made some progress
3117 there is more work to be done to better understand these
3118 diseases that continue to have devastating impacts on our
3119 communities.

3120 I urge my colleagues to support the bill so that we can
3121 continue to build on the foundation created when the Kay
3122 Hagan Tick Act was first authorized in 2019.

3123 With that I yield back.

3124 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
3125 further discussion on the bill?

3126 The gentleman from New York is recognized to speak on
3127 the bill.

3128 *Mr. Tonko. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move to strike the
3129 last word.

3130 *The Chair. The gentleman is recognized.

3131 *Mr. Tonko. I rise in strong support of the Tick Act
3132 legislation I am leading, along with my colleagues,
3133 Representatives Chris Smith, Lloyd Doggett, and Tom Kean.

3134 The Tick Act would reauthorize key programs at the CDC
3135 that fund both research and support for local public health
3136 agencies to address tick-borne diseases such as Lyme disease.

3137 Tick-borne diseases are large and growing as a problem

3138 in New York, with more than 18,000 cases of Lyme disease
3139 reported in New York State in 2024. Lyme can cause serious
3140 health consequences and, for some, long-term complications
3141 persist well after treatment.

3142 With a warming climate, tick populations and ranges are
3143 on the rise, leading to fears that tick-borne diseases will
3144 continue to increase in frequency in the years to come.
3145 Already, warning signs are blaring that 2026 could be the
3146 worst year for tick exposures since 2017, based on CDC
3147 tracking data. In this backdrop, research investments and
3148 public health resources are more vital than ever, and that is
3149 what the Tick Act will deliver.

3150 I am proud to have worked on this common-sense,
3151 bipartisan bill and urge all of my colleagues to support this
3152 legislation.

3153 And with that, Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my
3154 time.

3155 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
3156 further discussion on the bill?

3157 Are there any amendments on the bill?

3158 Seeing none, if there is no further discussion, the
3159 question now occurs on adopting H.R. 4348. A roll call has
3160 been requested, and the clerk will call the roll.

3161 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta?

3162 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

3163 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta votes aye.
3164 Mr. Griffith?
3165 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.
3166 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith votes aye.
3167 Mr. Bilirakis?
3168 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.
3169 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis votes aye.
3170 Mr. Hudson?
3171 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.
3172 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson votes aye.
3173 Mr. Carter of Georgia?
3174 *Mr. Carter of Georgia. Aye.
3175 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Georgia votes aye.
3176 Mr. Palmer?
3177 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
3178 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer votes aye.
3179 Mr. Dunn?
3180 [No response.]
3181 *The Clerk. Mr. Crenshaw?
3182 [No response.]
3183 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce?
3184 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
3185 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce votes aye.
3186 Mr. Weber?
3187 [No response.]

3188 *The Clerk. Mr. Allen?
3189 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
3190 *The Clerk. Mr. Allen votes aye.
3191 Mr. Balderson?
3192 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
3193 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson votes aye.
3194 Mr. Pflugger? I am sorry, pardon me. Mr. Fulcher?
3195 *Mr. Fulcher. Aye.
3196 *The Clerk. Mr. Fulcher votes aye.
3197 Mrs. Harshbarger?
3198 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
3199 *The Clerk. Mrs. Harshbarger votes aye.
3200 Mrs. Miller-Meeks?
3201 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
3202 *The Clerk. Mrs. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
3203 Mrs. Cammack?
3204 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
3205 *The Clerk. Mrs. Cammack votes aye.
3206 Mr. Obernolte?
3207 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
3208 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte votes aye.
3209 Mr. James?
3210 [No response.]
3211 *The Clerk. Mr. Bentz?
3212 *Mr. Bentz. Aye.

3213 *The Clerk. Mr. Bentz votes aye.
3214 Mrs. Houchin?
3215 [No response.]
3216 *The Clerk. Mr. Fry?
3217 *Mr. Fry. Aye.
3218 *The Clerk. Mr. Fry votes aye.
3219 Ms. Lee?
3220 *Ms. Lee. Aye.
3221 *The Clerk. Ms. Lee votes aye.
3222 Mr. Langworthy?
3223 *Mr. Langworthy. Aye.
3224 *The Clerk. Mr. Langworthy votes aye.
3225 Mr. Kean?
3226 [No response.]
3227 *The Clerk. Mr. Rulli?
3228 [No response.]
3229 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans?
3230 *Mr. Evans. Aye.
3231 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans votes aye.
3232 Mr. Goldman?
3233 [No response.]
3234 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fedorchak?
3235 [No response.]
3236 *The Clerk. Mr. Pallone?
3237 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.

3238 *The Clerk. Mr. Pallone votes aye.
3239 Ms. DeGette?
3240 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
3241 *The Clerk. Ms. DeGette votes aye.
3242 Ms. Schakowsky?
3243 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
3244 *The Clerk. Ms. Schakowsky votes aye.
3245 Ms. Matsui?
3246 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
3247 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui votes aye.
3248 Ms. Castor?
3249 [No response.]
3250 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko?
3251 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
3252 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko votes aye.
3253 Ms. Clarke?
3254 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
3255 *The Clerk. Ms. Clarke votes aye.
3256 Mr. Ruiz?
3257 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
3258 *The Clerk. Mr. Ruiz votes aye.
3259 Mr. Peters?
3260 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
3261 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters votes aye.
3262 Mrs. Dingell?

3263 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
3264 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell votes aye.
3265 Mr. Veasey?
3266 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
3267 *The Clerk. Mr. Veasey votes aye.
3268 Ms. Kelly?
3269 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
3270 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly votes aye.
3271 Ms. Barragan?
3272 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
3273 *The Clerk. Ms. Barragan votes aye.
3274 Mr. Soto?
3275 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
3276 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto votes aye.
3277 Ms. Schrier?
3278 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
3279 *The Clerk. Ms. Schrier votes aye.
3280 Mrs. Trahan?
3281 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
3282 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan votes aye.
3283 Mrs. Fletcher?
3284 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
3285 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fletcher votes aye.
3286 Ms. Ocasio-Cortez?
3287 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Aye.

3288 *The Clerk. Ms. Ocasio-Cortez votes aye.
3289 Mr. Auchincloss?
3290 *Mr. Auchincloss. Aye.
3291 *The Clerk. Mr. Auchincloss votes aye.
3292 Mr. Carter of Louisiana?
3293 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. Aye.
3294 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Louisiana votes aye.
3295 Mr. Menendez?
3296 *Mr. Menendez. Aye.
3297 *The Clerk. Mr. Menendez votes aye.
3298 Mr. Mullin?
3299 *Mr. Mullin. Aye.
3300 *The Clerk. Mr. Mullin votes aye.
3301 Mr. Landsman?
3302 *Mr. Landsman. Aye.
3303 *The Clerk. Mr. Landsman votes aye.
3304 [Laughter.]
3305 *The Clerk. Ms. McClellan?
3306 *Ms. McClellan. Aye.
3307 *The Clerk. Ms. McClellan votes aye.
3308 Mr. Guthrie?
3309 *The Chair. Aye.
3310 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie votes aye.
3311 *The Chair. Mrs. Houchin?
3312 *Mrs. Houchin. Aye.

3313 *The Clerk. Mrs. Houchin votes aye.

3314 *The Chair. Ms. Castor?

3315 *Ms. Castor. Aye.

3316 *The Clerk. Ms. Castor votes aye.

3317 *The Chair. Mrs. Fedorchak?

3318 *Mrs. Fedorchak. Aye.

3319 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fedorchak votes aye.

3320 *The Chair. Mr. Weber?

3321 *Mr. Weber. Aye.

3322 *The Clerk. Mr. Weber votes aye.

3323 *The Chair. Mr. James?

3324 *Mr. James. Aye.

3325 *The Clerk. Mr. James votes aye.

3326 *The Chair. Is there any more on your side? Anybody

3327 else you have?

3328 Anybody else on our side? It seemed like there were

3329 several missing before.

3330 The clerk will report.

3331 *The Clerk. Chairman, on that vote there are 48 ayes

3332 and 0 nays.

3333 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.

3334 All right, the chair calls up H.R. 4541 and asks the

3335 clerk to report.

3336 *The Clerk. H.R. 4541, a bill to reauthorize the Young

3337 Woman's Breast Health, Education, and Awareness --

3338 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
3339 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
3340 amendment at any point.

3341 So ordered.

3342 [The bill follows:]

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3344 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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3346 *The Chair. Does anyone seek recognition on the bill?

3347 Seeing none, are there any amendments to the bill?

3348 The gentleman from New Jersey is recognized -- for what
3349 purpose does the gentleman from New Jersey seek recognition?

3350 *Mr. Pallone. I have an amendment in the nature of a
3351 substitute at the desk, Mr. Chairman.

3352 *The Chair. The clerk will report.

3353 *Mr. Pallone. It is amendment number 4541FCR_ANS_02.

3354 *The Clerk. Amendment in the nature of a substitute to
3355 H.R. 4541, offered by Mr. Pallone.

3356 *The Chair. Without objection, the reading of the
3357 amendment is dispensed with.

3358 [The amendment of Mr. Pallone follows:]

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3360 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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3362 *The Chair. And the gentleman is recognized for five
3363 minutes in support of the amendment.

3364 *Mr. Pallone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

3365 This ANS before us simply combines the bipartisan EARLY
3366 Act reauthorization of 2025, H.R. 4541, and the Screens for
3367 Cancer Act of 2025, H.R. 2381, into a unified reauthorization
3368 bill. And these two programs are not parallel efforts, but
3369 are two critical programs in the same continuum of care.

3370 These bipartisan programs ensure that every woman in
3371 America, regardless of her age, income, or insurance status,
3372 has a fair chance to detect cancer early when it is most
3373 treatable and most survivable. Many of us know that in 2025
3374 alone an estimated 321,000 women in the U.S. will be
3375 diagnosed with invasive breast cancer, and nearly 43,000,
3376 unfortunately, will die from the disease. Roughly 16 percent
3377 of those new diagnoses will occur in women under the age of
3378 50, and another 14,000 women will be diagnosed with cervical
3379 cancer. And behind every one of those numbers is a daughter,
3380 a mother, a sister, a wife, a friend, and we owe it to them
3381 to continue the commitments we have made with these two
3382 programs.

3383 So I would like to thank our colleagues, Representative
3384 Wasserman Schultz, for her tireless leadership and advocacy
3385 on behalf of the EARLY Act, as well as Representative
3386 Morelle, for ensuring that screening and diagnosis programs

3387 for low-income women continue through the SCREENS Act, and I
3388 urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in
3389 supporting H.R. 4541, as amended, and bring it to the floor
3390 without further delay.

3391 And with that I yield back, Mr. Chairman.

3392 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
3393 discussion of the amendment?

3394 The gentlelady from Iowa is recognized for five minutes
3395 to speak on the amendment.

3396 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the
3397 last word.

3398 *The Chair. The gentlelady is recognized to speak on
3399 the amendment.

3400 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman,
3401 for including my good friend and colleague, Representative
3402 Wasserman Schultz, and my bill, H.R. 4541, the EARLY Act
3403 Reauthorization of 2025, in today's markup. This critical
3404 bipartisan piece of legislation will continue an important
3405 public health initiative focused on educating and empowering
3406 young women about breast health and breast cancer awareness.

3407 As a physician and a former director of public health
3408 for the State of Iowa, I know firsthand that early awareness
3409 and early detection saves lives. And as a woman whose sister
3410 died of breast cancer, I also know the importance for all
3411 women.

3412 While breast cancer is often associated with older
3413 women, thousands of younger women are diagnosed every year,
3414 frequently with more aggressive forms of the disease. Too
3415 often, younger women dismiss symptoms or delay seeking care
3416 because they don't believe they are at risk. The EARLY Act
3417 as a targeted, evidence-based initiative that addresses a
3418 clear gap in our health system: awareness and early
3419 detection of breast cancer in young women, particularly those
3420 under age 45 who are not routinely captured by traditional
3421 screening guidelines. This program gives women the tools and
3422 information they need to recognize warning signs, understand
3423 family history, and engage proactively with their health care
3424 providers.

3425 This vital work is made even more impactful by the
3426 incorporation of the SCREENS for Cancer Act, which
3427 reauthorizes a grant program that states can utilize to help
3428 ensure women have access to breast and cervical cancer
3429 screening, diagnostic, and treatment services.

3430 Importantly, this is a bipartisan effort that reflects
3431 what we can accomplish when we focus on prevention,
3432 education, and better health outcomes for patients and
3433 families. And for me, this is a continuation of the work I
3434 did for female veterans in leading and getting signed into
3435 law the MAMMO Act and the SERVICE Act, both of which were
3436 addressing young women early screening and also education and

3437 updating VA facilities for 3D mammography.

3438 For women in Iowa and across the country, access to
3439 accurate information can make the difference between catching
3440 cancer early or facing a much more difficult diagnosis later.
3441 In short, reauthorizing this program is a common-sense step
3442 that strengthens public health and supports every woman at
3443 every stage of life. I urge my colleagues to support H.R.
3444 4541 as amended.

3445 And I yield back.

3446 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back. Is there
3447 further discussion?

3448 The gentlelady from Florida is recognized for five
3449 minutes to speak on the amendment.

3450 *Ms. Castor. Yes. Thank you so much, Mr. Chairman. I
3451 move to strike the last word --

3452 *The Chair. The gentlelady recognized --

3453 *Ms. Castor. -- support of the ANS.

3454 *The Chair. -- the amendment.

3455 *Ms. Castor. I am pleased to see the committee work
3456 together in a bipartisan fashion to move two critical
3457 reauthorizations today, the EARLY Act and the SCREENS for
3458 Cancer Act. I am proud to lead the bipartisan EARLY Act, an
3459 initiative which educates young, high-risk women about their
3460 breast health and cancer diagnoses.

3461 Women under 45 are increasingly being diagnosed with

3462 breast cancer. These cancers are often found before women
3463 are -- have begun their routine mammograms, and it is
3464 particularly problematic because often times you get a later-
3465 stage diagnosis, where the cancers are more aggressive and
3466 harder to treat. And of course, this has serious
3467 consequences for young women of child-bearing years.

3468 For 16 years, though, the EARLY Act has been a blessing
3469 to young women. It has funded initiatives and services at
3470 the CDC that address the unique needs of younger women who
3471 are diagnosed with or have a higher risk of breast cancer and
3472 have different medical, financial, and psychological needs
3473 than older patients. This includes the Bring Your Brave
3474 awareness campaign, training and education for health care
3475 providers, and the Young Breast Cancer Survivors program,
3476 which provides funding for supportive services to increase
3477 patients' rates of survival and improve their quality of
3478 life.

3479 The EARLY Act helps ensure that newly diagnosed and
3480 high-risk women are not alone out there. It helps give them
3481 the know-how and resources they need to take that diagnosis
3482 head on.

3483 So I am also glad to see that the CDC's National Breast
3484 and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program reauthorization
3485 is advancing today. This is an incredibly impactful
3486 initiative expanding access to timely breast and cervical

3487 cancer screenings, diagnostic tests, and treatment to under
3488 and uninsured women nationwide. It helps our neighbors catch
3489 cancer earlier, stay healthier, and live longer. This
3490 bipartisan legislation helps ensure families aren't forced to
3491 choose between their health and their wallets. It
3492 strengthens early detection and prevention across communities
3493 that have -- that are often overlooked.

3494 I do believe Congress has more to do here to support
3495 women with breast and cervical cancer, including my
3496 bipartisan Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act and my
3497 bipartisan Prevent HPV Cancers Act, but the progress we are
3498 making today will be lifesaving, and I want to thank the
3499 committee and the chair and the ranking member, Congresswoman
3500 Wasserman Schultz, Congresswoman Miller-Meeks, and all of us
3501 to move the -- this very important bill.

3502 Thank you, and I yield back.

3503 *The Chair. If you will yield, just to -- I just want
3504 to say --

3505 *Ms. Castor. I yield.

3506 *The Chair. I know that we all know Congresswoman
3507 Wasserman Schultz, and I -- we have -- I am sure we have many
3508 colleagues that have, unfortunately, been through this. But
3509 when people stand up and they are courageous and they say
3510 what is happening to them and take what has happened to them
3511 and make a difference for -- we saw earlier with Ms. Whitten

3512 here, with her child that has Down syndrome -- it -- when
3513 people do that, it really matters. And so thanks for -- I
3514 know she is a dear friend of yours and a friend of all of us,
3515 and I appreciate her doing this bill.

3516 I will yield back to you and yield back. Is there a
3517 further discussion?

3518 If there is no further discussion, we have to adopt the
3519 amendment in the nature of a substitute.

3520 All those in favor shall signify by saying aye.

3521 All those opposed, nay.

3522 The ayes have it, and the amendment is agreed to.

3523 The question now occurs -- if there are no further
3524 amendments, the question now occurs on adopting 4541, as
3525 amended. A roll call has been requested and the clerk will
3526 call the roll.

3527 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta?

3528 [No response.]

3529 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith?

3530 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

3531 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith votes aye.

3532 Mr. Bilirakis?

3533 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

3534 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis votes aye.

3535 Mr. Hudson?

3536 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.

3537 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson votes aye.
3538 Mr. Carter of Georgia?
3539 *Mr. Carter of Georgia. Aye.
3540 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Georgia votes aye.
3541 Mr. Palmer?
3542 [No response.]
3543 *The Clerk. Mr. Dunn?
3544 [No response.]
3545 *The Clerk. Mr. Crenshaw?
3546 [No response.]
3547 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce?
3548 [No response.]
3549 *The Clerk. Mr. Weber?
3550 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
3551 *The Clerk. Mr. Weber votes aye.
3552 Mr. Allen?
3553 [No response.]
3554 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson?
3555 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
3556 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson votes aye.
3557 Mr. Fulcher?
3558 *Mr. Fulcher. Aye.
3559 *The Clerk. Mr. Fulcher votes aye.
3560 Mr. Pfluger?
3561 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.

3562 *The Clerk. Mr. Pfluger votes aye.
3563 Mrs. Harshbarger?
3564 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
3565 *The Clerk. Mrs. Harshbarger votes aye.
3566 Mrs. Miller-Meeks?
3567 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
3568 *The Clerk. Mrs. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
3569 Mrs. Cammack?
3570 *Mrs. Cammack. Aye.
3571 *The Clerk. Mrs. Cammack votes aye.
3572 Mr. Obernolte?
3573 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
3574 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte votes aye.
3575 Mr. James?
3576 *Mr. James. Aye.
3577 *The Clerk. Mr. James votes aye.
3578 Mr. Bentz?
3579 *Mr. Bentz. Aye.
3580 *The Clerk. Mr. Bentz votes aye.
3581 Mrs. Houchin?
3582 *Mrs. Houchin. Aye.
3583 *The Clerk. Mrs. Houchin votes aye.
3584 Mr. Fry?
3585 *Mr. Fry. Aye.
3586 *The Clerk. Mr. Fry votes aye.

3587 Ms. Lee?

3588 *Ms. Lee. Aye.

3589 *The Clerk. Ms. Lee votes aye.

3590 Mr. Langworthy?

3591 *Mr. Langworthy. Aye.

3592 *The Clerk. Mr. Langworthy votes aye.

3593 Mr. Kean?

3594 [No response.]

3595 *The Clerk. Mr. Rulli?

3596 [No response.]

3597 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans?

3598 *Mr. Evans. Aye.

3599 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans votes aye.

3600 Mr. Goldman?

3601 [No response.]

3602 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fedorchak?

3603 *Mrs. Fedorchak. Aye.

3604 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fedorchak votes aye.

3605 Mr. Pallone?

3606 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.

3607 *The Clerk. Mr. Pallone votes aye.

3608 Ms. DeGette?

3609 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.

3610 *The Clerk. Ms. DeGette votes aye.

3611 Ms. Schakowsky?

3612 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
3613 *The Clerk. Ms. Schakowsky votes aye.
3614 Ms. Matsui?
3615 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
3616 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui votes aye.
3617 Ms. Castor?
3618 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
3619 *The Clerk. Ms. Castor votes aye.
3620 Mr. Tonko?
3621 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
3622 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko votes aye.
3623 Ms. Clarke?
3624 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
3625 *The Clerk. Ms. Clarke votes aye.
3626 Mr. Ruiz?
3627 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
3628 *The Clerk. Mr. Ruiz votes aye.
3629 Mr. Peters?
3630 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
3631 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters votes aye.
3632 Mrs. Dingell?
3633 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
3634 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell votes aye.
3635 Mr. Veasey?
3636 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.

3637 *The Clerk. Mr. Veasey votes aye.
3638 Ms. Kelly?
3639 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
3640 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly votes aye.
3641 Ms. Barragan?
3642 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
3643 *The Clerk. Ms. Barragan votes aye.
3644 Mr. Soto?
3645 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
3646 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto votes aye.
3647 Ms. Schrier?
3648 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
3649 *The Clerk. Ms. Schrier votes aye.
3650 Mrs. Trahan?
3651 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
3652 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan votes aye.
3653 Mrs. Fletcher?
3654 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
3655 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fletcher votes aye.
3656 Ms. Ocasio-Cortez?
3657 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Aye.
3658 *The Clerk. Ms. Ocasio-Cortez votes aye.
3659 Mr. Auchincloss?
3660 *Mr. Auchincloss. Aye.
3661 *The Clerk. Mr. Auchincloss votes aye.

3662 Mr. Carter of Louisiana?
3663 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. Aye.
3664 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Louisiana votes aye.
3665 Mr. Menendez?
3666 *Mr. Menendez. Aye.
3667 *The Clerk. Mr. Menendez votes aye.
3668 Mr. Mullin?
3669 *Mr. Mullin. Aye.
3670 *The Clerk. Mr. Mullin votes aye.
3671 Mr. Landsman?
3672 *Mr. Landsman. Aye.
3673 *The Clerk. Mr. Landsman votes aye.
3674 Ms. McClellan?
3675 *Ms. McClellan. Aye.
3676 *The Clerk. Ms. McClellan votes aye.
3677 Mr. Guthrie?
3678 *The Chair. Aye.
3679 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie votes aye.
3680 *The Chair. Mr. Latta.
3681 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta is not recorded.
3682 *Mr. Latta. Aye.
3683 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta votes aye.
3684 *The Chair. Mr. Palmer? Mr. Palmer?
3685 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer is not recorded.
3686 *Mr. Palmer. Palmer votes aye.

3687 *The Chair. Mr. Carter, are you --

3688 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter votes aye.

3689 *The Chair. Oh. Anybody else on the Republican side?
3690 The Democrat side?

3691 *Mr. Joyce. Joyce.

3692 *The Chair. Dr. Joyce?

3693 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.

3694 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce votes aye.

3695 *The Chair. Anybody coming? Anybody coming on your
3696 side that you -- you are good? You are good? Anybody?
3697 All right, the clerk will report.

3698 *The Clerk. Chairman, on that vote there are 48 ayes
3699 and 0 nays.

3700 *The Chair. Ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.

3701 The chair calls up H.R. 3747, and asks the clerk to
3702 report.

3703 *The Clerk. H.R. 3747, a bill to reauthorize the
3704 technology-enabled collaborative learning program, and for
3705 other purposes.

3706 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
3707 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for any
3708 amendment at any point.

3709 So ordered.

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3712 [The bill follows:]

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3714 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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3716 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
3717 bill?

3718 The gentleman from Ohio, Mr. Balderson, for what purpose
3719 do you seek recognition?

3720 *Mr. Balderson. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last
3721 word and speak in support of the bill.

3722 *The Chair. You are recognized for five minutes to
3723 speak on the bill.

3724 *Mr. Balderson. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you,
3725 Chairman Guthrie, for holding this markup today.

3726 Alzheimer's disease continues to impact millions of
3727 families across the country, including more than 236,000
3728 people in Ohio alone. As our population ages and new
3729 treatments become available, early detection and timely care
3730 are more important than ever. But too often patients
3731 experience delays in diagnosis because the providers they
3732 rely on most are not adequately supported in identifying and
3733 managing dementia-related conditions.

3734 In many communities, particularly in rural areas,
3735 primary care physicians are carrying the responsibility of
3736 dementia care without consistent access to specialists or
3737 advanced training resources. The AADAPT Act takes an
3738 important step toward addressing that challenge by
3739 reauthorizing and strengthening the Project ECHO program.
3740 This program uses virtual specialist-led training networks to

3741 help frontline providers build expertise and improve care
3742 coordination for patients living with Alzheimer's and other
3743 forms of dementia. This legislation is about making sure
3744 providers have access to practical tools and clinical
3745 supports so patients and families can receive answers,
3746 treatment options, and care planning early in the process.

3747 Improving dementia care should not depend on a patient's
3748 zip code. Whether someone lives in a major city or a rural
3749 community like many across Ohio, families deserve access to
3750 providers who are prepared to recognize the signs of this
3751 decline and connect patients to appropriate care. I am proud
3752 to support this bipartisan legislation, and I appreciate the
3753 work of my colleagues to advance policies that strengthen the
3754 health care workforce and improve care for Americans living
3755 with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.

3756 I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to
3757 support this bill.

3758 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I yield back.

3759 *The Chair. Thank you. The gentleman yields back. Is
3760 there further discussion?

3761 The gentlelady from California, Ms. Barragan, is
3762 recognized for five minutes to speak on the bill.

3763 *Ms. Barragan. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I move to
3764 strike the last word.

3765 *The Chair. The gentlelady is recognized to speak on

3766 the bill.

3767 *Ms. Barragan. I want to thank everybody who has worked
3768 on this bill. I support this bill. But I am disappointed
3769 that, as amended, it removes the targeted funding for
3770 Alzheimer's disease and related dementias that was included
3771 in the original bill.

3772 The specific allocation is critical for many reasons.
3773 Over 7 million Americans currently live with Alzheimer's
3774 disease, and by 2050 the number of people is projected to
3775 increase to nearly 13 million Americans. In 2026 Alzheimer's
3776 and other dementias will cost the nation \$409 billion, and by
3777 2050 these costs could rise to nearly \$1 trillion.

3778 Nearly 13 million Americans provide unpaid care for
3779 people with Alzheimer's, valued at more than \$446 billion.
3780 These are costs to our health care system, to the economy,
3781 and, most importantly, it costs lives. As a caregiver for my
3782 own mother who has Alzheimer's, I understand what is at
3783 stake, especially what a timely and accurate diagnosis can
3784 mean for families. Too often individuals are diagnosed late
3785 or not at all.

3786 Primary care providers are usually the first place where
3787 families turn to, yet many of these providers report they
3788 don't feel fully prepared to diagnose or manage dementia.
3789 Sixty-nine percent received little to no dementia training in
3790 medical school. Thirty-nine percent are not confident enough

3791 to make a diagnosis.

3792 Now, I have told my story and I am going to tell it
3793 again. When my mother started to show early signs, we took
3794 her to her primary care physician and we were referred out to
3795 somebody who asked her questions like, do you know how you
3796 got dressed this morning? Do you know what you had for
3797 breakfast this morning? They were very basic questions that
3798 really didn't tell us anything. And we walked out the door
3799 with advice saying, have more of a Mediterranean diet. And
3800 that is the advice we got. And this is why I joined
3801 Representative Balderson to co-lead the AADAPT Act, which
3802 would continue access to more specialized education for our
3803 primary care providers.

3804 Investment in research has led to innovative diagnostic
3805 tools and treatments, but this means very little to patients
3806 and their families if our primary care workforce is not
3807 prepared to use them. I urge my colleagues to support this
3808 bill, but I hope we can continue to work on dedicated
3809 funding. Americans who face this devastating disease should
3810 not have to go longer without answers or support because the
3811 health care system was not prepared to meet them where they
3812 are.

3813 Thank you, and I yield back.

3814 *The Chair. Thank you. The gentlelady yields back and
3815 the chair recognizes -- anyone on the Republican side?

3816 The chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida, Mr.

3817 Soto --

3818 *Mr. Soto. Thank you --

3819 *The Chair. -- for five minutes to speak on the bill.

3820 *Mr. Soto. Thank you, Chairman.

3821 In Florida and across the nation we are seeing Americans
3822 living longer. We have seen advances in statins to help with
3823 heart disease, advances in cancer treatments to help many of
3824 those become curable, even obesity drugs that are being
3825 developed right now. And so as people are living longer, we
3826 are seeing the next big challenge, which is a huge increase
3827 in those living longer and facing dementia or Alzheimer's.
3828 And so it is becoming increasingly prevalent both in Florida
3829 and across the nation. And we need to do what we can to help
3830 both seniors and those who are affected by this earlier on in
3831 their lives.

3832 We need to invest in research. We have seen some new
3833 FDA treatments that slow progression like Leqembi and
3834 Kinsula, and also manage symptoms -- others manage symptoms
3835 like memory loss. We need to help the caretakers like family
3836 members. We saw it in my own family and so many other
3837 families across the nation, how much caretakers struggle.
3838 And we need to make sure our primary care physicians and
3839 other medical providers know the early signs, best practices,
3840 and the emerging medications that are helping to manage this

3841 increasingly big issue for our nation.

3842 So I am proud to support the AADAPT Act, and I want to
3843 echo my colleague Representative Barragan's desire to make
3844 sure we have dedicated funding to ensure that every primary
3845 care doctor has the information they need to help out
3846 families as they face this very increasingly challenging and
3847 prevalent condition of dementia and Alzheimer's.

3848 And I yield back.

3849 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
3850 further -- are there any further -- the gentleman from New
3851 York is recognized for five minutes to --

3852 *Mr. Tonko. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move to strike the
3853 last word.

3854 *The Chair. The gentleman is recognized.

3855 *Mr. Tonko. I rise in strong support of the AADAPT Act,
3856 legislation I am proud to be co-leading, along with good
3857 friends and colleagues, Representatives Troy Balderson,
3858 Nanette Barragan, and Darin LaHood. I would like to
3859 particularly commend Troy and Nanette for their strong
3860 leadership on this bill.

3861 Alzheimer's is a devastating disease that impacts nearly
3862 427,000 individuals in New York State. I would imagine that
3863 everyone in this room has been impacted by Alzheimer's at
3864 some point in some manner. It is, first and foremost, a
3865 human crisis, but it is also a Federal budget crisis. That

3866 is why I have been proud to be a champion of Alzheimer's-
3867 related issues during my time in Congress, and why I feel so
3868 strongly about advancing the AADAPT Act today.

3869 The AADAPT Act represents an investment in our provider
3870 workforce as we enter into a new era of dementia care, with
3871 emerging tools like blood-based biomarker tests making
3872 earlier, more accessible diagnoses possible, and increasingly
3873 shifting diagnoses into primary care. We need to make
3874 certain that we have a provider workforce that is trained and
3875 ready to respond to these advances in diagnosis and treatment
3876 technology. The AADAPT Act is designed to close that gap by
3877 ensuring providers are prepared to responsibly adopt and
3878 apply these innovations in everyday practice.

3879 One proven way to address this issue is with the Project
3880 ECHO training model. In my district health systems like St.
3881 Peter's Health partners in Albany County are already using
3882 the ECHO model and working to improve dementia care. The
3883 AADAPT Act expands access to these virtual training
3884 opportunities, strengthening dementia education for primary
3885 care providers and supporting earlier and more accurate
3886 diagnosis.

3887 I would also like to use this moment to highlight a
3888 companion piece of legislation that I have authored, the ASAP
3889 Act, which would help ensure Medicare coverage keeps pace
3890 with FDA-approved blood-based biomarker tests. Together,

3891 AADAPT and ASAP reflect a continuum approach, equipping
3892 providers to use new tools and use them effectively while
3893 ensuring patients can access them in the first place. And
3894 while we are not marking up ASAP today, I would encourage the
3895 chair and ranking member to consider this bipartisan bill
3896 with over 90 cosponsors for our next health legislative
3897 hearing so that we keep making forward progress in delivering
3898 earlier diagnosis and better treatments for families facing
3899 dementia.

3900 In closing, I am proud to have worked on the AADAPT Act,
3901 and I would urge all of our colleagues to support this
3902 common-sense legislation.

3903 With that, Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my
3904 time.

3905 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
3906 further discussion on Republican side?

3907 The gentleman from Massachusetts -- I am sorry, the
3908 gentlelady from North Dakota, Mrs. Fedorchak. I was looking
3909 to the wrong side. The gentlelady, Mrs. Fedorchak, is
3910 recognized for five minutes.

3911 *Mrs. Fedorchak. Confusing when I am sitting on the
3912 other side. But it is fun over here. I am making some good
3913 friends.

3914 [Laughter.]

3915 *The Chair. He is a good friend.

3916 *Mrs. Fedorchak. Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to speak
3917 up in support of this bill and applaud the cosponsors, both
3918 Mr. Balderson and Barragan.

3919 Both my parents suffered from Alzheimer's and ultimately
3920 died from it, so I know very well the journey that families
3921 go on in this tough disease. There are so many questions
3922 that families have to deal with: When do we pull the
3923 driver's license? When do they need to leave their house?
3924 How can we care for them at home?

3925 And then, when you deal with the health care system, the
3926 staff is -- God bless them, but they are just not equipped
3927 with the training. I remember spending overnights with my
3928 dad in the hospital because we knew that the staff just
3929 didn't know, like, how to deal with his various challenges of
3930 the disease. So we absolutely have to do more on the
3931 research and development and the training side.

3932 One conversation I particularly remember was my son was
3933 about 12 years old and he asked my dad, "Grandpa, what is it
3934 like to not be able to remember anything?"

3935 And he said -- and my dad, who was a proud man, broke
3936 down in tears and said, "Nate, it is just terrible. Isn't
3937 there anything more we can do?"

3938 And I still remember the look in his eyes. Like, there
3939 has to be more we can do. And there really wasn't. And
3940 there still isn't. And so that is why bills like this that

3941 draw attention to this problem and direct resources to it are
3942 so important. And I am honored to work in a bipartisan way
3943 to support this bill today.

3944 Thank you. I yield back.

3945 *The Chair. Thank you. The gentlelady yields back.

3946 The gentleman from Massachusetts, Mr. Auchincloss, is
3947 recognized for five minutes to speak on the bill.

3948 *Mr. Auchincloss. Thank you, Chairman. Like the
3949 gentlewoman from North Dakota, this is both personal and
3950 professional to me, and I strongly support this legislation
3951 and I also encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle
3952 to help rally Congress towards a big, bold initiative to cure
3953 this disease by 2040.

3954 By the year 2050 there is going to be about 15 million
3955 Americans suffering from Alzheimer's disease, each requiring
3956 three caregivers. That is 60 million Americans sidelined
3957 medically, financially, emotionally by this devastating
3958 disease that affects, you know, all of us.

3959 And there are things that we can do to rally cures. We
3960 can, for example, increase funding for the National
3961 Institutes of Health. We know less about how the brain works
3962 than any other entity in the universe. And more basic
3963 research could help unlock those mysteries of neurology.
3964 Right now we are spending about two percent of our GDP on
3965 gross domestic product. We should double that and rally

3966 Americans towards a new scientific enterprise focused on the
3967 brain. After World War II, we were spending five or six
3968 percent of GDP, so it is not unprecedented. And public
3969 opinion research suggests that Americans would support up to
3970 seven percent of GDP being spent on basic research. So there
3971 is broad-based popular support for more research and
3972 discovery funding.

3973 I think we should also expand throughput of clinical
3974 trials in this country because Alzheimer's disease is a very
3975 expensive disease to put through clinical trials because the
3976 endpoints and the proxies are challenging to discern and
3977 because the disease can progress slowly and unevenly. And so
3978 getting more shots on goal through better, faster, cheaper
3979 clinical trials makes a cure come even quicker.

3980 And then finally, we got to be thinking about
3981 reimbursement policies, as well, for Alzheimer's disease. A
3982 lot of the cures and disease-modifying drugs coming to market
3983 are things that you got to start taking in maybe your forties
3984 or fifties. Similar to how Medicare reimburses for kidney
3985 dialysis before the age of 65, I think we should be
3986 considering about Medicare reimbursing for both diagnostics
3987 and therapeutics for Alzheimer's disease before the age of 65
3988 because, ultimately, preventing this disease from taking hold
3989 is the most effective way to treat this disease for the
3990 Medicare population.

3991 So these are ideas right now, but I am putting them in
3992 front of the committee, Chairman, because I would love to see
3993 us rally in a bipartisan way around making my children's
3994 generation the last generation that has to bear the burden of
3995 this disease.

3996 I yield back.

3997 *The Chair. Thank you. The gentleman yields back. Is
3998 there further discussion on the bill?

3999 Seeing none, the question now occurs on adopting -- oh,
4000 do we adopt the ANS?

4001 Okay, the question now occurs on adopting 3747. A roll
4002 call has been requested and the clerk will call the roll.

4003 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta?

4004 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

4005 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta votes aye.

4006 Mr. Griffith?

4007 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

4008 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith votes aye.

4009 Mr. Bilirakis?

4010 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

4011 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis votes aye.

4012 Mr. Hudson?

4013 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.

4014 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson votes aye.

4015 Mr. Carter of Georgia?

4016 *Mr. Carter of Georgia. Aye.
4017 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Georgia votes aye.
4018 Mr. Palmer?
4019 [No response.]
4020 *The Clerk. Mr. Dunn?
4021 [No response.]
4022 *The Clerk. Mr. Crenshaw?
4023 [No response.]
4024 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce?
4025 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
4026 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce votes aye.
4027 Mr. Weber?
4028 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
4029 *The Clerk. Mr. Weber votes aye.
4030 Mr. Allen?
4031 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
4032 *The Clerk. Mr. Allen votes aye.
4033 Mr. Balderson?
4034 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
4035 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson votes aye.
4036 Mr. Fulcher?
4037 *Mr. Fulcher. Aye.
4038 *The Clerk. Mr. Fulcher votes aye.
4039 Mr. Pfluger?
4040 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.

4041 *The Clerk. Mr. Pfluger votes aye.
4042 Mrs. Harshbarger?
4043 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
4044 *The Clerk. Mrs. Harshbarger votes aye.
4045 Mrs. Miller-Meeks?
4046 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
4047 *The Clerk. Mrs. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
4048 Mrs. Cammack?
4049 [No response.]
4050 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte?
4051 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
4052 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte votes aye.
4053 Mr. James?
4054 *Mr. James. Aye.
4055 *The Clerk. Mr. James votes aye.
4056 Mr. Bentz?
4057 *Mr. Bentz. Aye.
4058 *The Clerk. Mr. Bentz votes aye.
4059 Mrs. Houchin?
4060 *Mrs. Houchin. Aye.
4061 *The Clerk. Mrs. Houchin votes aye.
4062 Mr. Fry?
4063 *Mr. Fry. Aye.
4064 *The Clerk. Mr. Fry votes aye.
4065 Ms. Lee?

4066 *Ms. Lee. Aye.
4067 *The Clerk. Ms. Lee votes aye.
4068 Mr. Langworthy?
4069 *Mr. Langworthy. Aye.
4070 *The Clerk. Mr. Langworthy votes aye.
4071 Mr. Kean?
4072 [No response.]
4073 *The Clerk. Mr. Rulli?
4074 [No response.]
4075 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans?
4076 *Mr. Evans. Aye.
4077 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans votes aye.
4078 Mr. Goldman?
4079 *Mr. Goldman. Aye.
4080 *The Clerk. Mr. Goldman votes aye.
4081 Mrs. Fedorchak?
4082 *Mrs. Fedorchak. Aye.
4083 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fedorchak votes aye.
4084 Mr. Pallone?
4085 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
4086 *The Clerk. Mr. Pallone votes aye.
4087 Ms. DeGette?
4088 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
4089 *The Clerk. Ms. DeGette votes aye.
4090 Ms. Schakowsky?

4091 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
4092 *The Clerk. Ms. Schakowsky votes aye.
4093 Ms. Matsui?
4094 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
4095 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui votes aye.
4096 Ms. Castor?
4097 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
4098 *The Clerk. Ms. Castor votes aye.
4099 Mr. Tonko?
4100 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
4101 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko votes aye.
4102 Ms. Clarke?
4103 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
4104 *The Clerk. Ms. Clarke votes aye.
4105 Mr. Ruiz?
4106 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
4107 *The Clerk. Mr. Ruiz votes aye.
4108 Mr. Peters?
4109 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
4110 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters votes aye.
4111 Mrs. Dingell?
4112 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
4113 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell votes aye.
4114 Mr. Veasey?
4115 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.

4116 *The Clerk. Mr. Veasey votes aye.
4117 Ms. Kelly?
4118 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
4119 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly votes aye.
4120 Ms. Barragan?
4121 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
4122 *The Clerk. Ms. Barragan votes aye.
4123 Mr. Soto?
4124 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
4125 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto votes aye.
4126 Ms. Schrier?
4127 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
4128 *The Clerk. Ms. Schrier votes aye.
4129 Mrs. Trahan?
4130 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
4131 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan votes aye.
4132 Mrs. Fletcher?
4133 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
4134 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fletcher votes aye.
4135 Ms. Ocasio-Cortez?
4136 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Aye.
4137 *The Clerk. Ms. Ocasio-Cortez votes aye.
4138 Mr. Auchincloss?
4139 *Mr. Auchincloss. Aye.
4140 *The Clerk. Mr. Auchincloss votes aye.

4141 Mr. Carter of Louisiana?
4142 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. Aye.
4143 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Louisiana votes aye.
4144 Mr. Menendez?
4145 *Mr. Menendez. Aye.
4146 *The Clerk. Mr. Menendez votes aye.
4147 Mr. Mullin?
4148 *Mr. Mullin. Aye.
4149 *The Clerk. Mr. Mullin votes aye.
4150 Mr. Landsman?
4151 *Mr. Landsman. Aye.
4152 *The Clerk. Mr. Landsman votes aye.
4153 Ms. McClellan?
4154 *Ms. McClellan. Aye.
4155 *The Clerk. Ms. McClellan votes aye.
4156 Mr. Guthrie?
4157 *The Chair. Aye.
4158 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie votes aye.
4159 *The Chair. Is anybody seeking to be recorded on the
4160 Republican side?
4161 Mr. Palmer?
4162 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer is not recorded.
4163 *Mr. Palmer. Palmer votes aye.
4164 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer votes aye.
4165 *The Chair. The Democrat side, do you have anybody

4166 else?

4167 Seeing none, the clerk will report.

4168 *The Clerk. Mr. Chairman, on that one there are 48 ayes
4169 and 0 nays.

4170 *The Chair. The ayes have it and the bill is adopted.

4171 The chair calls up H.R. 8209 and asks the clerk to
4172 report.

4173 *The Clerk. H.R. 8209, a bill to amend the Public
4174 Health Service Act to reauthorize the School-Based Health
4175 Centers Grant program.

4176 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
4177 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
4178 amendment at any point.

4179 So ordered.

4180 [The bill follows:]

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4182 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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4184 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
4185 bill?

4186 For what purpose does the gentleman from Ohio seek
4187 recognition?

4188 *Mr. Balderson. Mr. Chairman, I move to strike the last
4189 word and speak in support of the bill.

4190 *The Chair. You are recognized to speak on the bill.

4191 *Mr. Balderson. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like
4192 to thank my colleague from New York, Congressman Tonko, for
4193 his leadership on this legislation and for working with me to
4194 reauthorize the School-Based Health Centers Grant program.

4195 School-based health centers help students access a broad
4196 range of age-appropriate health care services in a
4197 convenient, familiar, and trusted setting. These centers
4198 primarily serve underserved communities and play an important
4199 role in delivering primary care to children and adolescents,
4200 including preventive services, dental screenings, and mental
4201 health supports. Today more than 2,500 school-based health
4202 centers serve over 6.3 million K through 12 students
4203 nationwide, with many located in rural and underserved
4204 communities where provider shortages and transportation
4205 barriers are -- barriers can make accessing care more
4206 difficult for families.

4207 In communities across Ohio, families continue to face
4208 challenges finding timely access to pediatric care and

4209 behavioral health services. School-based health centers help
4210 bridge those gaps by expanding access to care in practical,
4211 community-centered ways.

4212 We also cannot ignore the growing need for youth mental
4213 health services. Schools continue to see increased demand
4214 for counseling, behavioral health support, and early
4215 intervention services. School-based health centers can help
4216 connect students to care earlier in a more coordinated way,
4217 while still working alongside parents, local providers, and
4218 school personnel.

4219 Importantly, these centers operate within clear
4220 guardrails under Federal law, including parental consent
4221 requirements, patient privacy protections, coordination with
4222 community providers in compliance with state and local laws.

4223 Ultimately, this bill is about helping ensure students
4224 are healthy, supported, and better positioned to succeed both
4225 inside and outside the classroom. Strengthening access to
4226 care for children and families benefits communities across
4227 the country.

4228 And I appreciate the bipartisan work behind this
4229 legislation, and I encourage my colleagues to support this
4230 bill.

4231 Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I yield back.

4232 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
4233 discussion on the bill?

4234 The gentleman from New York is recognized for five
4235 minutes to speak on the bill.

4236 *Mr. Tonko. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move to strike the
4237 last word.

4238 *The Chair. The gentleman is recognized to speak on the
4239 bill.

4240 *Mr. Tonko. Thank you. I rise in strong support of the
4241 School-Based Health Centers Reauthorization Act, legislation
4242 that I was proud to author along with my colleague,
4243 Representative Troy Balderson. I appreciate his support and
4244 efforts on behalf of this legislation.

4245 School-based health centers help to deliver
4246 comprehensive primary health care services to millions of
4247 children across our country. By locating directly in or near
4248 schools, SBHCs are able to provide high-quality care in a
4249 convenient setting. Today there are more than 2,500 school-
4250 based health centers nationwide, serving more than 6.3
4251 million K through 12 students.

4252 In my district I am especially proud of the work of
4253 health centers including that of Whitney Young Health and
4254 Hometown Health, which operate multiple school-based health
4255 centers in the capital region of New York, including the
4256 communities of Albany, Watervliet, and Schenectady.

4257 The services provided by school-based health centers can
4258 be a lifeline for children who may not have convenient ways

4259 to access care in other settings, especially for services
4260 like behavioral health, where there can still be stigma
4261 associated with seeking care. Through the school-based
4262 health center program funding can be used to establish new
4263 school-based sites or to upgrade current facilities to serve
4264 additional children.

4265 I have been proud to be a long-time supporter of this
4266 program. I am grateful for the bipartisan support in
4267 reauthorizing this program today. However, as we think about
4268 the role of school-based health centers moving forward, I
4269 would encourage this committee to think bigger and bolder
4270 because every child, every family, and every community can
4271 benefit from SBHCs. We can do this not only by expanding
4272 this grant funding stream to bring hundreds of new and
4273 expanded sites on board, but also by securing and
4274 strengthening programs like Medicaid and CHIP that help make
4275 the SBHC model sustainable. Our children deserve nothing
4276 less.

4277 In closing, I would like to thank the chair and ranking
4278 member for their work on moving this bill forward, and I
4279 would urge all of our colleagues to support the legislation.

4280 And with that I yield back, Mr. Chair.

4281 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
4282 further discussion on the bill?

4283 The gentlelady from Michigan is recognized for five

4284 minutes to speak on the bill.

4285 *Mrs. Dingell. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I move to strike
4286 the last word.

4287 *The Chair. The gentlelady is recognized to speak on
4288 the bill.

4289 *Mrs. Dingell. Thank you, and I want to thank both of
4290 my colleagues for leading this critical piece of legislation.

4291 School-based health centers are a critical tool that
4292 brings health care directly to students in their schools.
4293 They offer high-quality care for every student that helps
4294 them learn better and cuts through barriers to care.

4295 In my home state of Michigan, many of these SBHCs are
4296 facing a real issue accessing Federal funding. Currently,
4297 the Health Resources and Services Administration has only
4298 awarded funding to SBHCs that are sponsored by federally-
4299 qualified health centers. The federally-qualified health
4300 centers do a tremendous job in playing an important role, but
4301 there are many other entities that run SBHCs through the --
4302 throughout the nation, including but not limited to local
4303 health departments, non-profits, hospital systems, and, in
4304 some cases, school districts that are left behind.

4305 Across the United States, 37 percent of SBHCs are not
4306 run by the federally-qualified health centers, and therefore
4307 they can't access a necessary stream of funding despite
4308 meeting the same criteria and providing the same high-quality

4309 services. While under the statute funding is technically
4310 available to any government or non-profit health center, it
4311 is not working that way in practice.

4312 Therefore, I would like to express my commitment to
4313 following up with the Health Resources and Services
4314 Administration to clarify the intent of the statute and
4315 address this issue so that school-based centers across the
4316 country can access this critical funding, and I would ask the
4317 chairman if the committee would commit to do that, as well,
4318 and help us.

4319 *The Chair. Yes, thank you -- so you are yielding?

4320 Yes, I appreciate it. Our staffs, I know, have been
4321 discussing your concern this morning, and I am absolutely
4322 happy to commit for us to -- connecting with HRSA, and we
4323 will get clarification on this matter.

4324 *Mrs. Dingell. Thank you, Mr. Chair. I yield back.

4325 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back. Is there
4326 further discussion on the bill?

4327 Seeing none, is there any amendments to the bill?

4328 Seeing none, if there is no further discussion on the
4329 bill, the question now occurs on adopting 8209. A roll call
4330 has been requested, and the clerk will call the roll.

4331 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta?

4332 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

4333 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta votes aye.

4334 Mr. Griffith?

4335 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

4336 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith votes aye.

4337 Mr. Bilirakis?

4338 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

4339 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis votes aye.

4340 Mr. Hudson?

4341 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.

4342 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson votes aye.

4343 Mr. Carter of Georgia?

4344 *Mr. Carter of Georgia. Aye.

4345 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Georgia votes aye.

4346 Mr. Palmer?

4347 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.

4348 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer votes aye.

4349 Mr. Dunn?

4350 [No response.]

4351 *The Clerk. Mr. Crenshaw?

4352 [No response.]

4353 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce?

4354 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.

4355 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce votes aye.

4356 Mr. Weber?

4357 *Mr. Weber. Aye.

4358 *The Clerk. Mr. Weber votes aye.

4359 Mr. Allen?
4360 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
4361 *The Clerk. Mr. Allen votes aye.
4362 Mr. Balderson?
4363 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
4364 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson votes aye.
4365 Mr. Fulcher?
4366 *Mr. Fulcher. Aye.
4367 *The Clerk. Mr. Fulcher votes aye.
4368 Mr. Pfluger?
4369 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
4370 *The Clerk. Mr. Pfluger votes aye.
4371 Mrs. Harshbarger?
4372 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
4373 *The Clerk. Mrs. Harshbarger votes aye.
4374 Mrs. Miller-Meeks?
4375 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
4376 *The Clerk. Mrs. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
4377 Mrs. Cammack?
4378 [No response.]
4379 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte?
4380 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
4381 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte votes aye.
4382 Mr. James?
4383 *Mr. James. Aye.

4384 *The Clerk. Mr. James votes aye.
4385 Mr. Bentz?
4386 *Mr. Bentz. Aye.
4387 *The Clerk. Mr. Bentz votes aye.
4388 Mrs. Houchin?
4389 *Mrs. Houchin. Aye.
4390 *The Clerk. Mrs. Houchin votes aye.
4391 Mr. Fry?
4392 *Mr. Fry. Aye.
4393 *The Clerk. Mr. Fry votes aye.
4394 Ms. Lee?
4395 [No response.]
4396 *The Clerk. Mr. Langworthy?
4397 *Mr. Langworthy. Aye.
4398 *The Clerk. Mr. Langworthy votes aye.
4399 Mr. Kean?
4400 [No response.]
4401 *The Clerk. Mr. Rulli?
4402 [No response.]
4403 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans?
4404 *Mr. Evans. Aye.
4405 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans votes aye.
4406 Mr. Goldman?
4407 *Mr. Goldman. Aye.
4408 *The Clerk. Mr. Goldman votes aye.

4409 Mrs. Fedorchak?
4410 *Mrs. Fedorchak. Aye.
4411 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fedorchak votes aye.
4412 Mr. Pallone?
4413 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
4414 *The Clerk. Mr. Pallone votes aye.
4415 Ms. DeGette?
4416 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
4417 *The Clerk. Ms. DeGette votes aye.
4418 Ms. Schakowsky?
4419 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
4420 *The Clerk. Ms. Schakowsky votes aye.
4421 Ms. Matsui?
4422 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
4423 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui votes aye.
4424 Ms. Castor?
4425 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
4426 *The Clerk. Ms. Castor votes aye.
4427 Mr. Tonko?
4428 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
4429 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko votes aye.
4430 Ms. Clarke?
4431 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
4432 *The Clerk. Ms. Clarke votes aye.
4433 Mr. Ruiz?

4434 [No response.]

4435 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters?

4436 *Mr. Peters. Aye.

4437 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters votes aye.

4438 Mrs. Dingell?

4439 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.

4440 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell votes aye.

4441 Mr. Veasey?

4442 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.

4443 *The Clerk. Mr. Veasey votes aye.

4444 Ms. Kelly?

4445 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.

4446 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly votes aye.

4447 Ms. Barragan?

4448 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.

4449 *The Clerk. Ms. Barragan votes aye.

4450 Mr. Soto?

4451 *Mr. Soto. Aye.

4452 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto votes aye.

4453 Ms. Schrier?

4454 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.

4455 *The Clerk. Ms. Schrier votes aye.

4456 Mrs. Trahan?

4457 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.

4458 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan votes aye.

4459 Mrs. Fletcher?

4460 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.

4461 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fletcher votes aye.

4462 Ms. Ocasio-Cortez?

4463 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Aye.

4464 *The Clerk. Ms. Ocasio-Cortez votes aye.

4465 Mr. Auchincloss?

4466 [No response.]

4467 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Louisiana?

4468 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. Aye.

4469 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Louisiana votes aye.

4470 Mr. Menendez?

4471 *Mr. Menendez. Aye.

4472 *The Clerk. Mr. Menendez votes aye.

4473 Mr. Mullin?

4474 *Mr. Mullin. Aye.

4475 *The Clerk. Mr. Mullin votes aye.

4476 Mr. Landsman?

4477 *Mr. Landsman. Aye.

4478 *The Clerk. Mr. Landsman votes aye.

4479 Ms. McClellan?

4480 *Ms. McClellan. Aye.

4481 *The Clerk. Ms. McClellan votes aye.

4482 Mr. Guthrie?

4483 *The Chair. Aye.

4484 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie votes aye.

4485 *The Chair. Is anyone seeking to answer the -- seek the
4486 roll? Anyone on the Republican side? Anyone on the Democrat
4487 side?

4488 Seeing none, the clerk will report.

4489 *The Clerk. Mr. Chairman, on that vote there were 46
4490 ayes and 0 nays.

4491 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.
4492 The chair calls up H.R. 5160 and asks the clerk to
4493 report.

4494 *The Clerk. H.R. 5160, a bill to reauthorize the --

4495 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
4496 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
4497 amendment at any point.

4498 So ordered.

4499 [The bill follows:]

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4501 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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4503 *The Chair. Does anyone seek recognition on the bill?

4504 Do you want to offer the ANS on the bill?

4505 Seeing none, the gentlelady from -- for what purpose

4506 does gentlelady from -- I almost said Massachusetts --

4507 California have -- I know, a long day -- California -- I know

4508 you are from Sacramento. For what purpose does the lady from

4509 California seek recognition?

4510 *Ms. Matsui. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have an

4511 amendment in the nature of a substitute at the desk.

4512 *The Chair. The clerk will report.

4513 *The Clerk. Amendment H5160-FCR-AINS_01, amendment in

4514 the nature of a --

4515 *The Chair. Without objection, the reading of the

4516 amendment is dispensed with.

4517 [The amendment of Ms. Matsui follows:]

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4519 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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4521 *The Chair. And the gentlelady is recognized for five
4522 minutes in support of the amendment.

4523 *Ms. Matsui. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am thrilled
4524 that my Stem Cell Therapeutic and Research Reauthorization
4525 Act was included in today's markup. I would like to thank
4526 the chair and ranking member for working with my office on
4527 this important legislation.

4528 This bill reauthorizes two vital programs for patients
4529 facing life-threatening diseases like cancer, sickle cell
4530 anemia, or other blood or marrow disorders. The C.W. Bill
4531 Young Cell Transplantation Program -- Transplantation
4532 Program, or National Bone Marrow Registry, matches unrelated
4533 donors with patients in need, and the National Cord Blood
4534 Inventory, which banks umbilical cord blood units from donors
4535 to help additional patients.

4536 This issue is personal to me. My life was profoundly
4537 impacted by bone marrow failure disease. I know all too well
4538 what it means to be told there are no options for your loved
4539 one's care. It is my goal to make sure no patient, spouse,
4540 or child ever has to hear those words again. And remarkably,
4541 we are closer than ever to making that a reality.

4542 When we last reauthorized this program in 2021, NMDP,
4543 which manages the contract for the National Bone Marrow
4544 Registry, was about to hit a significant milestone: 100,000
4545 transplants after 33 years of work. Now, only five years

4546 later, NMDP is about to reach 150,000 lifesaving transplants.
4547 That is exponential growth, and it is not an accident; it is
4548 the result of years of congressional partnership and targeted
4549 investment that has unlocked innovations and efficiencies
4550 that accelerate our ability to bring life-saving transplants
4551 to families.

4552 I would like to share just one of those family's
4553 stories. Scott is a Sacramento area dad whose daughter,
4554 Taryn, was diagnosed with a rare blood disorder when she was
4555 only eight years old. She needed a bone marrow transplant.
4556 But as is the case of a majority of patients, no one in her
4557 family was a match. Thankfully, Taryn had a match on the
4558 Bone Marrow Registry and received a life-saving transplant.
4559 Taryn is now 20 years old, and her dad, Scott, has become a
4560 force to help families like his. He has hosted hundreds of
4561 donor drives, helping thousands of potential life-saving
4562 donors to the registry, and he personally delivers donated
4563 marrow to patients across the country as a medically-trained
4564 volunteer courier.

4565 This program saves lives. That is why the
4566 reauthorization in front of us today is so important. We are
4567 unlocking hope for more families like Scott's who are
4568 desperate for care for their loved ones.

4569 The reauthorization for the National Cord Blood
4570 Inventory is just as critical. Public cord blood banks

4571 participating in this program have banked over 100,000 high-
4572 quality cord blood units. These stem cells, derived from
4573 donated umbilical cord blood, are particularly helpful in
4574 providing transplants for pediatric patients and adults with
4575 high-risk leukemia. Thanks to the pioneering work of
4576 patients involved in the National Cord Blood Inventory
4577 Program, cord blood stem cells are also being used in
4578 research to unlock treatments for rare diseases, Alzheimer's,
4579 stroke, and more.

4580 The ANS makes important updates to ensure public cord
4581 blood banks can manage the inventory of bank cord blood
4582 units. I am hopeful that we can reach a future in which
4583 every patient diagnosed with a bone or blood -- bone marrow
4584 or blood disease has an option for a life-saving transplant.
4585 With continued congressional investment in these programs, I
4586 believe that future is within reach. I urge my colleagues to
4587 support the ANS and the underlying bill, and I look forward
4588 to moving this bill to the House floor.

4589 With that I yield the balance of my time.

4590 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back. Is there a
4591 discussion of the amendment?

4592 The gentleman from Florida is recognized for five
4593 minutes to speak on the amendment.

4594 *Mr. Bilirakis. Thank you. Thank you, I appreciate it,
4595 Mr. Chairman.

4596 Every year thousands of Americans are diagnosed with
4597 devastating diseases such as leukemia, lymphoma, sickle cell
4598 disease, and other inherited immune system disorders. For
4599 many of these patients, a bone marrow or cord blood
4600 transplant can provide a critical treatment option and, in
4601 some cases, a path toward long-term recovery. Finding a
4602 compatible donor, however, is often incredibly difficult,
4603 particularly for those who do not have a matching donor
4604 within their own family. The C.W. Bill Young Cell
4605 Transplantation Program helps make these lifesaving
4606 transplants possible by coordinating donor-matching
4607 transplant resources and patient support through a single
4608 national system.

4609 The National Cord Blood Inventory complements that work
4610 by supporting the availability of high-quality cord blood
4611 units for transplantation and research, including for
4612 children with rare genetic and immune disorders who otherwise
4613 may have very limited treatment options.

4614 The amendment continues Federal support for these
4615 programs through 2031, while making targeted updates to help
4616 ensure the inventory is managed using the best available
4617 scientific and clinical information. These improvements were
4618 developed in coordination with HRSA and stakeholder groups,
4619 and will help strengthen the long-term effectiveness of the
4620 program.

4621 I also want to recognize the longstanding work of Dr.
4622 Joanne Kurtzberg, whose leadership in cord blood research and
4623 transplantation helped shape the development of the National
4624 Cord Blood Inventory alongside champions such as Congressman
4625 Chris Smith, the late Congressman Bill Young, Senator Orrin
4626 Hatch, and my father, Congressman Mike Bilirakis. I am proud
4627 to join Representative Smith, and I -- my colleague here, Ms.
4628 Matsui. We have Pingree, Tenney, and Mfume -- in introducing
4629 the bipartisan legislation, and I urge my colleagues to
4630 support the amendment and the underlying bill.

4631 Thank you and I yield back, Mr. Chairman.

4632 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
4633 further discussion on the amendment?

4634 If there is no further discussion, the vote occurs on
4635 the amendment.

4636 All those in favor shall signify by saying aye.

4637 All those opposed, no.

4638 The ayes have it and the amendment is agreed to. Are
4639 there any further amendments?

4640 Seeing none, the question now occurs on adopting H.R.
4641 5160, as amended. A roll call has been requested, and the
4642 clerk will call the roll.

4643 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta?

4644 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

4645 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta votes aye.

4646 Mr. Griffith?
4647 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.
4648 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith votes aye.
4649 Mr. Bilirakis?
4650 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.
4651 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis votes aye.
4652 Mr. Hudson?
4653 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.
4654 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson votes aye.
4655 Mr. Carter of Georgia?
4656 *Mr. Carter of Georgia. Aye.
4657 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Georgia votes aye.
4658 Mr. Palmer?
4659 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
4660 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer votes aye.
4661 Mr. Dunn?
4662 [No response.]
4663 *The Clerk. Mr. Crenshaw?
4664 [No response.]
4665 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce?
4666 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
4667 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce votes aye.
4668 Mr. Weber?
4669 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
4670 *The Clerk. Mr. Weber votes aye.

4671 Mr. Allen?
4672 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
4673 *The Clerk. Mr. Allen votes aye.
4674 Mr. Balderson?
4675 *The Clerk. Mr. Fulcher?
4676 *Mr. Fulcher. Fulcher, aye.
4677 *The Clerk. Mr. Fulcher votes aye.
4678 Mr. Pfluger?
4679 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
4680 *The Clerk. Mr. Pfluger votes aye.
4681 Mrs. Harshbarger?
4682 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
4683 *The Clerk. Mrs. Harshbarger votes aye.
4684 Mrs. Miller-Meeks?
4685 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
4686 *The Clerk. Mrs. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
4687 Mrs. Cammack?
4688 [No response.]
4689 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte?
4690 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
4691 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte votes aye.
4692 Mr. James?
4693 *Mr. James. Aye.
4694 *The Clerk. Mr. James votes aye.
4695 Mr. Bentz?

4696 *Mr. Bentz. Aye.
4697 *The Clerk. Mr. Bentz votes aye.
4698 Mrs. Houchin?
4699 *Mrs. Houchin. Aye.
4700 *The Clerk. Mrs. Houchin votes aye.
4701 Mr. Fry?
4702 *Mr. Fry. Aye.
4703 *The Clerk. Mr. Fry votes aye.
4704 Ms. Lee?
4705 [No response.]
4706 *The Clerk. Mr. Langworthy?
4707 *Mr. Langworthy. Aye.
4708 *The Clerk. Mr. Langworthy votes aye.
4709 Mr. Kean?
4710 [No response.]
4711 *The Clerk. Mr. Rulli?
4712 [No response.]
4713 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans?
4714 *Mr. Evans. Aye.
4715 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans votes aye.
4716 Mr. Goldman?
4717 *Mr. Goldman. Aye.
4718 *The Clerk. Mr. Goldman votes aye.
4719 Mrs. Fedorchak?
4720 *Mrs. Fedorchak. Aye.

4721 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fedorchak votes aye.
4722 Mr. Pallone?
4723 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
4724 *The Clerk. Mr. Pallone votes aye.
4725 Ms. DeGette?
4726 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
4727 *The Clerk. Ms. DeGette votes aye.
4728 Ms. Schakowsky?
4729 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
4730 *The Clerk. Ms. Schakowsky votes aye.
4731 Ms. Matsui?
4732 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
4733 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui votes aye.
4734 Ms. Castor?
4735 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
4736 *The Clerk. Ms. Castor votes aye.
4737 Mr. Tonko?
4738 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
4739 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko votes aye.
4740 Ms. Clarke?
4741 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
4742 *The Clerk. Ms. Clarke votes aye.
4743 Mr. Ruiz?
4744 [No response.]
4745 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters?

4746 [No response.]

4747 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell?

4748 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.

4749 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell votes aye.

4750 Mr. Veasey?

4751 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.

4752 *The Clerk. Mr. Veasey votes aye.

4753 Ms. Kelly?

4754 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.

4755 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly votes aye.

4756 Ms. Barragan?

4757 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.

4758 *The Clerk. Ms. Barragan votes aye.

4759 Mr. Soto?

4760 *Mr. Soto. Aye.

4761 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto votes aye.

4762 Ms. Schrier?

4763 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.

4764 *The Clerk. Ms. Schrier votes aye.

4765 Mrs. Trahan?

4766 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.

4767 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan votes aye.

4768 Mrs. Fletcher?

4769 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.

4770 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fletcher votes aye.

4771 Ms. Ocasio-Cortez?

4772 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Aye.

4773 *The Clerk. Ms. Ocasio-Cortez votes aye.

4774 Mr. Auchincloss?

4775 *Mr. Auchincloss. Aye.

4776 *The Clerk. Mr. Auchincloss votes aye.

4777 Mr. Carter of Louisiana?

4778 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. Aye.

4779 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Louisiana votes aye.

4780 Mr. Menendez?

4781 *Mr. Menendez. Aye.

4782 *The Clerk. Mr. Menendez votes aye.

4783 Mr. Mullin?

4784 *Mr. Mullin. Aye.

4785 *The Clerk. Mr. Mullin votes aye.

4786 Mr. Landsman?

4787 *Mr. Landsman. Aye.

4788 *The Clerk. Mr. Landsman votes aye.

4789 Ms. McClellan?

4790 *Ms. McClellan. Aye.

4791 *The Clerk. Ms. McClellan votes aye.

4792 Mr. Guthrie?

4793 *The Chair. Aye.

4794 [Pause.]

4795 *Mr. Griffith. [Presiding.] The clerk will report the

4796 roll.

4797 Oh, others want to vote. Mr. Balderson is --

4798 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson is not recorded.

4799 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.

4800 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson is aye.

4801 *Mr. Griffith. Is there anybody else?

4802 Mr. James, have you voted?

4803 *Mr. James. Aye.

4804 *Mr. Griffith. Mr. James votes aye.

4805 *The Clerk. Mr. James is recorded as aye.

4806 *Mr. Griffith. Is there anybody on the other side of
4807 the aisle who has not voted?

4808 All right. Now the clerk will report the roll.

4809 *The Clerk. Mr. Chairman, on that vote there were 46
4810 ayes and 0 nays.

4811 *Mr. Griffith. All right, the ayes have it, and the
4812 bill is adopted.

4813 I now call up H.R. 2001 and ask the clerk to report.

4814 *The Clerk. H.R. 2001, a bill to amend the Public
4815 Health Service Act to reauthorize a grant program for
4816 addressing dental workforce needs.

4817 *Mr. Griffith. All right, without objection the first
4818 reading of the bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be
4819 open for amendment at any point.

4820 So ordered.

4821 [The bill follows:]

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4823 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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4825 *Mr. Griffith. And are there people wishing to speak on
4826 the measure?

4827 I recognize Mrs. Harshbarger for five minutes --

4828 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Thank you, Mr. --

4829 *Mr. Griffith. -- for her time.

4830 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Yes.

4831 *Mr. Griffith. Mrs. Harshbarger, you are recognized.

4832 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

4833 I would like to start by thanking my colleague,
4834 Congresswoman Kelly, as well as Congressman Simpson, for
4835 their work on this important legislation.

4836 This bill authorizes grant programs that help states
4837 develop and implement innovative programs to address the
4838 needs of the dental workforce in dental health professional
4839 shortage areas. Nearly every American will experience tooth
4840 decay in their lifetime. And in my home state of Tennessee
4841 alone, there are 162 dental health professional shortage
4842 areas. And this bill would reauthorize grants for innovative
4843 programs that states can use to increase the dental workforce
4844 in these areas and work towards increasing patient access to
4845 dental care, which is an important factor for a patient's
4846 overall health.

4847 This is a common-sense policy and will help invigorate
4848 our dental workforce, and I urge my colleagues to support
4849 this bill.

4850 And I yield back.

4851 *Mr. Griffith. The gentlelady yields back. Now I
4852 recognize the gentlelady from Illinois, Ms. Kelly, for
4853 comments on the bill.

4854 *Ms. Kelly. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

4855 *Mr. Griffith. The gentlelady is recognized for an
4856 amendment in the nature of a substitute at the desk. Would
4857 the clerk report it, please?

4858 *The Clerk. Hh2001-FCD-AINS_01, amendment in the nature
4859 of a substitute to H.R. --

4860 *Mr. Griffith. And without objection, the amendment in
4861 the nature of a substitute will not be read further.

4862 Any objection?

4863 [No response.]

4864 [The amendment of Ms. Kelly follows:]

4865 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

4866

4867 *Mr. Griffith. All right, Ms. Kelly, you are recognized
4868 to speak on your amendment in the nature of a substitute.

4869 *Ms. Kelly. Mr. Chair, I move to strike the last word
4870 and thank you. My amendment makes a clarifying change to the
4871 title of the bill. This reauthorization has been known as
4872 the Action for Dental Health Act.

4873 Action for Dental Health plays a vital role in
4874 developing our future dental workforce by equipping states
4875 with the infrastructure and resources needed to expand access
4876 to care. This measure, H.R. 2001, which I introduced with my
4877 colleague, Mike Simpson, reauthorizes these important
4878 programs to continue advancing workforce training and
4879 community-based oral health initiatives reaching those in
4880 need. The legislation also reinforces the public-private
4881 safety net and brings dental health education, prevention,
4882 and disease intervention directly into underserved
4883 communities.

4884 I want to share why this program needs to be
4885 reauthorized and funded. To date, Action for Dental Health
4886 has supported more than 30 states in efforts to reduce dental
4887 disease through oral health education, expansion of the oral
4888 health workforce, and decreases emergency department visits
4889 by establishing dental homes. The program has helped
4890 establish and expand more than 50 oral health facilities in
4891 shortage areas, increasing access to care for underserved

4892 communities.

4893 I want to thank the staff of the chair and ranking
4894 member for working with me on this bill, and I would also
4895 like to recognize and thank Representative Simpson for being
4896 a champion of this effort.

4897 This is a long time coming since the bill was part of
4898 the infamous end-of-the-year deal of 2024. It was
4899 dismantled, and I won't go into that. But at last we are
4900 back on track. It is crucial we continue to train and
4901 support the next generation of oral health providers serving
4902 vulnerable populations.

4903 Thank you, and I yield back.

4904 *Mr. Griffith. The gentlelady yields back. Is there
4905 any further discussion on the amendment in the nature of a
4906 substitute?

4907 I recognize the gentlelady of Washington, Dr. Schrier.

4908 *Ms. Schrier. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am really
4909 glad to see the committee consider H.R. 2001, a bill to
4910 reauthorize the HRSA Oral Health Workforce Grant program.

4911 In my home state of Washington this funding goes toward
4912 improving access to high-quality oral health care for rural
4913 communities by increasing the number of dental clinics
4914 providing care to Medicaid patients or Apple Health patients
4915 in rural dental health professional shortage areas.

4916 The data speaks to just how critical this program is for

4917 rural Americans. For instance, in Washington the number of
4918 dentists per 100,000 people is nearly twice as high in non-
4919 rural counties compared to rural ones, and that amounts to a
4920 gap of about 40 dentists for 100,000 people.

4921 Dental care is a key part of general medical care, and
4922 dental health and the health of the rest of the body are
4923 closely tied together. It may surprise you -- or may not --
4924 that tooth decay is the single most prevalent chronic disease
4925 in children. So adults and children all need dental care as
4926 part of their overall health care. They need access to
4927 providers close to home. And the Oral Health Workforce Grant
4928 program has been a proven tool to help bridge these
4929 geographic divides and build a robust health care workforce.

4930 I want to thank Representatives Kelly and Simpson for
4931 their leadership on this bipartisan legislation. I urge my
4932 colleagues on this committee to support the bill.

4933 And I yield back.

4934 *Mr. Griffith. The gentlelady yields back. Is there
4935 any further discussion on the amendment in the nature of a
4936 substitute?

4937 All right, seeing none, the vote occurs on the
4938 amendment.

4939 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

4940 Opposed, nay.

4941 The ayes have it. All right, the amendment is agreed

4942 to.

4943 Is there any further discussion on the underlying bill?

4944 Seeing none, the question now occurs on adopting H.R.

4945 2001, as amended. A roll call vote has been requested, and

4946 the clerk will call the roll.

4947 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta?

4948 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

4949 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta votes aye.

4950 Mr. Griffith?

4951 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

4952 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith votes aye.

4953 Mr. Bilirakis?

4954 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

4955 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis votes aye.

4956 Mr. Hudson?

4957 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.

4958 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson votes aye.

4959 Mr. Carter of Georgia?

4960 *Mr. Carter of Georgia. Aye.

4961 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Georgia votes aye.

4962 Mr. Palmer?

4963 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.

4964 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer votes aye.

4965 Mr. Dunn?

4966 [No response.]

4967 *The Clerk. Mr. Crenshaw?
4968 [No response.]
4969 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce?
4970 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
4971 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce votes aye.
4972 Mr. Weber?
4973 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
4974 *The Clerk. Mr. Weber votes aye.
4975 Mr. Allen?
4976 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
4977 *The Clerk. Mr. Allen votes aye.
4978 Mr. Balderson?
4979 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
4980 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson votes aye.
4981 Mr. Fulcher?
4982 *Mr. Fulcher. Aye.
4983 *The Clerk. Mr. Fulcher votes aye.
4984 Mr. Pfluger?
4985 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
4986 *The Clerk. Mr. Pfluger votes aye.
4987 Mrs. Harshbarger?
4988 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
4989 *The Clerk. Mrs. Harshbarger votes aye.
4990 Mrs. Miller-Meeks?
4991 [No response.]

4992 *The Clerk. Mrs. Cammack?
4993 [No response.]
4994 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte?
4995 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
4996 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte votes aye.
4997 Mr. James?
4998 [No response.]
4999 *The Clerk. Mr. Bentz?
5000 *Mr. Bentz. Aye.
5001 *The Clerk. Mr. Bentz votes aye.
5002 Mrs. Houchin?
5003 *Mrs. Houchin. Aye.
5004 *The Clerk. Mrs. Houchin votes aye.
5005 Mr. Fry?
5006 *Mr. Fry. Aye.
5007 *The Clerk. Mr. Fry votes aye.
5008 Ms. Lee?
5009 [No response.]
5010 *The Clerk. Mr. Langworthy?
5011 *Mr. Langworthy. Aye.
5012 *The Clerk. Mr. Langworthy votes aye.
5013 Mr. Kean?
5014 [No response.]
5015 *The Clerk. Mr. Rulli?
5016 [No response.]

5017 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans?
5018 [No response.]
5019 *The Clerk. Mr. Goldman?
5020 *Mr. Goldman. Aye.
5021 *The Clerk. Mr. Goldman votes aye.
5022 Mrs. Fedorchak?
5023 *Mrs. Fedorchak. Aye.
5024 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fedorchak votes aye.
5025 Mr. Pallone?
5026 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
5027 *The Clerk. Mr. Pallone votes aye.
5028 Ms. DeGette?
5029 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
5030 *The Clerk. Ms. DeGette votes aye.
5031 Ms. Schakowsky?
5032 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
5033 *The Clerk. Ms. Schakowsky votes aye.
5034 Ms. Matsui?
5035 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
5036 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui votes aye.
5037 Ms. Castor?
5038 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
5039 *The Clerk. Ms. Castor votes aye.
5040 Mr. Tonko?
5041 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.

5042 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko votes aye.
5043 Ms. Clarke?
5044 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
5045 *The Clerk. Ms. Clarke votes aye.
5046 Mr. Ruiz?
5047 [No response.]
5048 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters?
5049 [No response.]
5050 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell?
5051 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
5052 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell votes aye.
5053 Mr. Veasey?
5054 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.
5055 *The Clerk. Mr. Veasey votes aye.
5056 Ms. Kelly?
5057 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
5058 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly votes aye.
5059 Ms. Barragan?
5060 *Ms. Barragan. Yes.
5061 *The Clerk. Ms. Barragan votes aye.
5062 Mr. Soto?
5063 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
5064 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto votes aye.
5065 Ms. Schrier?
5066 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.

5067 *The Clerk. Ms. Schrier votes aye.
5068 Mrs. Trahan?
5069 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
5070 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan votes aye.
5071 Mrs. Fletcher?
5072 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
5073 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fletcher votes aye.
5074 Ms. Ocasio-Cortez?
5075 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Aye.
5076 *The Clerk. Ms. Ocasio-Cortez votes aye.
5077 Mr. Auchincloss?
5078 *Mr. Auchincloss. Aye.
5079 *The Clerk. Mr. Auchincloss votes aye.
5080 Mr. Carter of Louisiana?
5081 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. Aye.
5082 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Louisiana votes aye.
5083 Mr. Menendez?
5084 *Mr. Menendez. Aye.
5085 *The Clerk. Mr. Menendez votes aye.
5086 Mr. Mullin?
5087 *Mr. Mullin. Aye.
5088 *The Clerk. Mr. Mullin votes aye.
5089 Mr. Landsman?
5090 [No response.]
5091 *The Clerk. Ms. McClellan?

5092 *Ms. McClellan. Aye.

5093 *The Clerk. Ms. McClellan votes aye.

5094 Mr. Guthrie?

5095 *The Chair. Aye.

5096 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie votes aye.

5097 *Mr. James. Have I been recorded?

5098 *The Clerk. Mr. James is not recorded.

5099 *Mr. James. James votes aye.

5100 *The Clerk. Mr. James votes aye.

5101 *Mr. Griffith. Is anyone else seeking recognition to
5102 get a vote cast?

5103 Mr. Landsman.

5104 *Mr. Landsman. Aye.

5105 *The Clerk. Mr. Landsman votes aye.

5106 *Mr. Griffith. Anyone else?

5107 All right, the clerk will report the roll.

5108 *The Clerk. Mr. Chairman, on that vote there were 44
5109 ayes and 0 nays.

5110 *Mr. Griffith. Forty-four ayes, zero nays, the bill is
5111 adopted.

5112 And now we go to H.R. 1493 and ask the clerk to report,
5113 please.

5114 *The Clerk. H.R. 1493, a bill to reauthorize and make
5115 improvements to Federal programs relating to the prevention,
5116 detection, and treatment of traumatic brain injuries, and for

5117 other purposes.

5118 *Mr. Griffith. Without objection, the first reading of
5119 the bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
5120 amendment at any point.

5121 So ordered.

5122 [The bill follows:]

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5124 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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5126 *Mr. Griffith. I now recognize the gentleman from New
5127 Jersey, Mr. Pallone, to explain the bill.

5128 *Mr. Pallone. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to take
5129 a moment to speak on the bill which matters a great deal to
5130 me and families across the country.

5131 I am very pleased that we are considering the Traumatic
5132 Brain Injury Program Reauthorization Act which I have
5133 introduced. I am honored to be able to take up this crucial
5134 legislation from my dear friend, the late Representative Bill
5135 Pascrell, who tirelessly championed this issue in Congress
5136 and created the bipartisan congressional TBI Caucus. And
5137 this bill will secure continued support for Americans
5138 affected by traumatic brain injuries.

5139 Nearly three million Americans sustain a TBI every year.
5140 According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,
5141 brain injuries contributed to more than 69,000 deaths in 2021
5142 and over 214,000 TBI-related hospitalizations. Millions of
5143 our fellow citizens live with lifelong disabilities as a
5144 result. And the causes are varied: a service member injured
5145 by a roadside blast, a child hurt on the playing field, a
5146 worker struck on the job, a survivor of domestic violence, or
5147 a senior who has fallen at home. The TBI does not
5148 discriminate, and its consequences of memory loss, seizures,
5149 depression, personality change, loss of livelihood can last a
5150 lifetime.

5151 Yet the Federal authorities that fund TBI research,
5152 surveillance, prevention, and state-level services lapsed in
5153 2024, and this gap in authorization has been unacceptable,
5154 and I am pleased we are taking steps to ensure the program
5155 has the ability to continue to its fullest capacity.

5156 H.R. 1493 authorizes the CBC's [sic] TBI program to
5157 continue research and national surveillance of incidence and
5158 prevalence. It reauthorizes the TBI state partnership grants
5159 that help states expand rehabilitation and community-based
5160 services. It also reauthorizes the State Protection and
5161 Advocacy Systems Grant that ensures survivors and their
5162 families can navigate the systems meant to support them. And
5163 finally, the bill directs the Department of Health and Human
5164 Services to study whether TBIs should be formally designated
5165 as a chronic condition, a step that could meaningfully expand
5166 the Federal role in supporting long-term care.

5167 And this bill is also a tribute. It carries forward the
5168 work of our friend, whose decades of advocacy made TBI a
5169 national priority. By naming the surveillance and registry
5170 program to former -- in former Representative Bill Pascrell's
5171 honor, we ensure that the millions of Americans whose lives
5172 he touched will continue to benefit from his commitment long
5173 after his passing.

5174 So I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to
5175 join me in supporting H.R. 1493 and I yield back, Mr.

5176 Chairman.

5177 *The Chair. [Presiding.] The gentleman yields back. Is
5178 anybody see recognition to speak on the bill?

5179 The gentleman from Virginia, you are recognized for five
5180 minutes to speak on the bill.

5181 *Mr. Griffith. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman. I
5182 also rise to speak in favor of H.R. 1493.

5183 This is a bill to reauthorize and make improvements to
5184 Federal programs relating to prevention, detection, and
5185 treatment of traumatic brain injuries, also known as TBI.

5186 I thank you, Ranking Member Pallone, for your work on
5187 this, your detailed explanation, which I think summed it up
5188 extremely well, and for carrying on the work of the late
5189 Congressman Bill Pascrell.

5190 The bill will continue important resources for TBI
5191 prevention, help improve access to TBI rehabilitation, and
5192 support TBI patient advocacy systems. It also continues
5193 resources to help support states and other entities to ensure
5194 providers and patients are educated on TBIs, and improve
5195 methods to treat and prevent such incidents. I urge my
5196 colleagues to support the bill.

5197 I thank you, Mr. Pallone, for carrying on this great
5198 work.

5199 And I yield back.

5200 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there

5201 further discussion on the bill?

5202 The gentleman from New Jersey, Mr. Menendez, you are
5203 recognized for five minutes to speak on the bill.

5204 *Mr. Menendez. Thank you, Chairman.

5205 It is a privilege to co-lead this bill with Ranking
5206 Member Pallone to honor the legacy of the late, great
5207 Congressman Bill Pascrell, Jr., and I am proud that this bill
5208 is passing through committee with bipartisan support today.

5209 For more than two decades Bill Pascrell was a tireless
5210 and exceptional advocate for brain injury treatment and
5211 research. He understood that traumatic brain injuries are
5212 not only a medical issue, but a profound public health
5213 challenge that affects millions of Americans and their
5214 families. This bill builds on his record of leadership to
5215 fund vital research, treatment, and services that help
5216 vulnerable communities struggling with TBI, and will continue
5217 our efforts towards recognizing TBIs as a chronic condition
5218 and invest in the next generation of researchers who find
5219 new, more effective treatments and give patients and families
5220 hope for the future.

5221 Bill devoted so much of his career to ensuring that
5222 individuals living with brain injuries were seen, supported,
5223 and never left behind. Advancing this legislation today is a
5224 fitting tribute to his legacy, and I encourage my colleagues
5225 to support it.

5226 Thank you, and I yield back.

5227 *The Chair. Thank you. The gentleman yields back.

5228 Those of us who got to serve with Mr. Pascrell got to serve
5229 with a very wonderful man, very interesting, very wonderful
5230 guy.

5231 Is there any further discussion on the bill?

5232 Seeing none, the question now occurs on adopting H.R.
5233 1493. A roll call has been requested, and the clerk will
5234 call the roll.

5235 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta?

5236 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

5237 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta votes aye.

5238 Mr. Griffith?

5239 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

5240 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith votes aye.

5241 Mr. Bilirakis?

5242 [No response.]

5243 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson?

5244 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.

5245 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson votes aye.

5246 Mr. Carter of Georgia?

5247 *Mr. Carter of Georgia. Aye.

5248 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Georgia votes aye.

5249 Mr. Palmer?

5250 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.

5251 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer votes aye.
5252 Mr. Dunn?
5253 [No response.]
5254 *The Clerk. Mr. Crenshaw?
5255 [No response.]
5256 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce?
5257 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
5258 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce votes aye.
5259 Mr. Weber?
5260 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
5261 *The Clerk. Mr. Weber votes aye.
5262 Mr. Allen?
5263 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
5264 *The Clerk. Mr. Allen votes aye.
5265 Mr. Balderson?
5266 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
5267 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson votes aye.
5268 Mr. Fulcher?
5269 *Mr. Fulcher. Aye.
5270 *The Clerk. Mr. Fulcher votes aye.
5271 Mr. Pfluger?
5272 [No response.]
5273 *The Clerk. Mrs. Harshbarger?
5274 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
5275 *The Clerk. Mrs. Harshbarger votes aye.

5276 Mrs. Miller-Meeks?
5277 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
5278 *The Clerk. Mrs. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
5279 Mrs. Cammack?
5280 [No response.]
5281 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte?
5282 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
5283 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte votes aye.
5284 Mr. James?
5285 [No response.]
5286 *The Clerk. Mr. Bentz?
5287 *Mr. Bentz. Aye.
5288 *The Clerk. Mr. Bentz votes aye.
5289 Mrs. Houchin?
5290 *Mrs. Houchin. Aye.
5291 *The Clerk. Mrs. Houchin votes aye.
5292 Mr. Fry?
5293 [No response.]
5294 *The Clerk. Ms. Lee?
5295 [No response.]
5296 *The Clerk. Mr. Langworthy?
5297 *Mr. Langworthy. Aye.
5298 *The Clerk. Mr. Langworthy votes aye.
5299 Mr. Kean?
5300 [No response.]

5301 *The Clerk. Mr. Rulli?
5302 [No response.]
5303 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans?
5304 [No response.]
5305 *The Clerk. Mr. Goldman?
5306 *Mr. Goldman. Aye.
5307 *The Clerk. Mr. Goldman votes aye.
5308 Mrs. Fedorchak?
5309 *Mrs. Fedorchak. Aye.
5310 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fedorchak votes aye.
5311 Mr. Pallone?
5312 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
5313 *The Clerk. Mr. Pallone votes aye.
5314 Ms. DeGette?
5315 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
5316 *The Clerk. Ms. DeGette votes aye.
5317 Ms. Schakowsky?
5318 [No response.]
5319 *The Clerk. Ms. Schakowsky?
5320 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
5321 *The Clerk. Ms. Schakowsky votes aye.
5322 Ms. Matsui?
5323 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
5324 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui votes aye.
5325 Ms. Castor?

5326 *Ms. Castor. Aye.

5327 *The Clerk. Ms. Castor votes aye.

5328 Mr. Tonko?

5329 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.

5330 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko votes aye.

5331 Ms. Clarke?

5332 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.

5333 *The Clerk. Ms. Clarke votes aye.

5334 Mr. Ruiz?

5335 [No response.]

5336 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters?

5337 *Mr. Peters. Aye.

5338 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters votes aye.

5339 Mrs. Dingell?

5340 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.

5341 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell votes aye.

5342 Mr. Veasey?

5343 [No response.]

5344 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly?

5345 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.

5346 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly votes aye.

5347 Ms. Barragan?

5348 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.

5349 *The Clerk. Ms. Barragan votes aye.

5350 Mr. Soto?

5351 *Mr. Soto. Aye.

5352 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto votes aye.

5353 Ms. Schrier?

5354 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.

5355 *The Clerk. Ms. Schrier votes aye.

5356 Mrs. Trahan?

5357 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.

5358 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan votes aye.

5359 Mrs. Fletcher?

5360 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.

5361 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fletcher votes aye.

5362 Ms. Ocasio-Cortez?

5363 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Aye.

5364 *The Clerk. Ms. Ocasio-Cortez votes aye.

5365 Mr. Auchincloss?

5366 *Mr. Auchincloss. Aye.

5367 *The Clerk. Mr. Auchincloss votes aye.

5368 Mr. Carter of Louisiana?

5369 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. Aye.

5370 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Louisiana votes aye.

5371 Mr. Menendez?

5372 *Mr. Menendez. Aye.

5373 *The Clerk. Mr. Menendez votes aye.

5374 Mr. Mullin?

5375 *Mr. Mullin. Aye.

5376 *The Clerk. Mr. Mullin votes aye.
5377 Mr. Landsman?
5378 *Mr. Landsman. Aye.
5379 *The Clerk. Mr. Landsman votes aye.
5380 Ms. McClellan?
5381 *Ms. McClellan. Aye.
5382 *The Clerk. Ms. McClellan votes aye.
5383 Mr. Guthrie?
5384 *The Chair. Aye.
5385 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie votes aye.
5386 *The Chair. Is anyone seeking recognition?
5387 How is Mr. Bilirakis recorded?
5388 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis is not recorded.
5389 *Mr. Bilirakis. Bilirakis votes aye.
5390 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis votes aye.
5391 *The Chair. Mr. James.
5392 *Mr. James. James is aye.
5393 *The Clerk. Mr. James votes aye.
5394 *The Chair. Mr. Pfluger?
5395 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
5396 *The Clerk. Mr. Pfluger votes aye.
5397 *The Chair. Is there anyone on the Democrat side?
5398 Seeing none, the clerk will report.
5399 *The Clerk. Mr. Chairman, on that vote there are 43
5400 ayes and 0 nays.

5401 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.
5402 The chair calls up H.R. 3491 and asks the clerk to
5403 report.

5404 *The Clerk. H.R. 3491, a bill to amend the Public
5405 Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and
5406 Human Services to carry out a program --

5407 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
5408 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
5409 amendment at any point.

5410 So ordered.

5411 [The bill follows:]

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5413 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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5415 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
5416 bill?

5417 The gentleman from North Carolina is recognized to speak
5418 on the bill for five minutes.

5419 *Mr. Hudson. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

5420 I want to begin by thanking my colleague, Representative
5421 Diana DeGette, who has been a real leader on issues affecting
5422 the Down syndrome community for a long time. And it has been
5423 an honor to work very closely with her on this important
5424 legislation, the DeOndra Dixon INCLUDE Project Act of 2025.

5425 I also want to thank Michelle Sie Whitten and the Global
5426 Down Syndrome Foundation for the tremendous work that she has
5427 done to raise awareness about these issues, to advocate for
5428 research, to provide support for caregivers. They do an
5429 amazing job, and have really been incredibly beneficial to me
5430 as I work on these issues.

5431 This bill authorizes the INCLUDE Project at NIH, which
5432 supports high-risk, high-reward research on Down syndrome,
5433 including ways to improve diagnosis, treatment, and quality
5434 of life. Research enabled by the INCLUDE Project will lead
5435 to break-throughs in treatment and care, benefitting not only
5436 individuals with Down syndrome but every American by
5437 uncovering links between Down syndrome and conditions such as
5438 Alzheimer's disease and certain cancers.

5439 People with Down syndrome enrich our world in many

5440 unique ways. I first became aware of this because of the
5441 advocacy of our former chairwoman, Cathy McMorris Rodgers,
5442 who was a tireless advocate, and meeting her son, Cole, who I
5443 have known for his whole life. And Cole is my friend, and
5444 Cole has really opened my eyes to many things, and I credit
5445 him for giving me the passion and the inspiration to work on
5446 the DeOndra Dixon INCLUDE Act.

5447 This Act will ensure that people with Down syndrome are
5448 valued, respected members of society, and ensures that NIH is
5449 supporting their health, enabling them to live their lives to
5450 their full potential with no barriers or bias or obstacles
5451 standing in their way. I am honored to continue and grow
5452 research efforts for our beloved neighbors in the Down
5453 syndrome community, and I urge a yes vote on H.R. 3491.

5454 And I ask all my colleagues to join Representative
5455 DeGette and me in sending a strong message to the Down
5456 syndrome community that we support you, we love you, we value
5457 you, and we are committed to funding the research that will
5458 ensure you have a long and healthy life.

5459 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

5460 *The Chair. Would you yield?

5461 *Mr. Hudson. I would be happy to yield to the --

5462 *The Chair. So I know last evening we had a chance to
5463 spend some time with the group that advocates for people that
5464 have Down syndrome. And what shocked me last night, of

5465 everything there, was that there were -- I can't remember the
5466 number, it was like 10 to \$20 million, somewhere between
5467 there, I think, if I have got that correct, spent on Down
5468 syndrome research maybe 20 years ago or so. And so all of us
5469 are working together, and my good friend, Diana DeGette was
5470 there, others were there last night, and it is over 400
5471 million, I think somewhere north of that number, that has
5472 been with all of us all working together.

5473 And so many families are affected by it. It changes a
5474 family when they have it. As we heard -- the lady said 40
5475 years ago, my whole life changed when my baby sister was
5476 born. But what she also said was it made her life so much
5477 richer that her baby sister was born. And so it was just --
5478 it was interesting to be -- it was nice to be there and see
5479 the performances of the people there. It was just -- it was
5480 a great evening, but it shows the hard work, and when we come
5481 together and work together we can do big things.

5482 And so thanks for your leadership on this.

5483 *Mr. Hudson. Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I
5484 would say Representative DeGette did a fantastic job
5485 presenting an award for Mr. Tonko, our colleague, who was
5486 recognized for his leadership, as well. So this is truly a
5487 bipartisan effort, and I am proud to work with all of you on
5488 this.

5489 And with that I will yield back again.

5490 *The Chair. So you yield back. And I know that the
5491 gentlelady from Colorado is seeking recognition, and I know
5492 that your constituent was here earlier, and her father, John
5493 Sie, who invented C-SPAN, is watching for this moment. So --

5494 *Ms. DeGette. Yes, thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.
5495 And I would just say with Representative Hudson I couldn't
5496 have a better partner on these issues.

5497 But as you see, the chairman cares about this, Mr. Tonko
5498 cares about this, everybody on this committee cares about it
5499 because when we first started working on this some years ago
5500 there was no -- virtually no research at the NIH into Down
5501 syndrome. And part of it was because -- and I talked a lot
5502 to the former chair, Cathy McMorris Rodgers, about this --
5503 people just didn't -- just assumed that people wouldn't go
5504 through with the pregnancies, or that the children wouldn't
5505 live long, and so they just sort of abandoned them.

5506 But when we started authorizing research into this, what
5507 we learned is that there are many co-occurring conditions
5508 within Down syndrome. And this cross-institute research that
5509 we are doing can help us not just learn about Down syndrome,
5510 but many other diseases including heart disease, Alzheimer's,
5511 certain types of tumors, and more.

5512 And I am so proud because much of this work is happening
5513 right in my home state of Colorado, where the Crnic Institute
5514 for Down Syndrome on the Anschutz Medical Campus leads more

5515 than 200 scientists in the largest Down syndrome research
5516 facility in the world, and they are having incredible break-
5517 throughs every day.

5518 And so what we have done -- and I am so proud of this
5519 committee, and it did start with Representative McMorris
5520 Rodgers -- is it puts science and inclusion in front of
5521 politics, and it benefits everybody living with Down syndrome
5522 and their families. Since we started this effort there has
5523 been a 10-year increase in life expectancy with -- for those
5524 with Down syndrome. Think about that immediate effect. And
5525 we can have an even higher life expectancy if we actually are
5526 able to do the research. And so I am happy about this
5527 renaissance in Down syndrome research. I am happy we are
5528 doing this bill.

5529 I would just say the \$400 million was over 20 years. We
5530 need to compress that a lot. And I look forward to working
5531 with you, Mr. Chairman, and with Representatives Hudson and
5532 Tonko and everybody else to actually authorize a much larger
5533 investment so that we can truly deal with this research that
5534 is so vital.

5535 And I will yield back.

5536 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back. Is there
5537 further discussion?

5538 I know the gentleman from New York, and you are
5539 recognized and honored last night and well deserved. The

5540 gentleman -- the honoree of last night and general -- and the
5541 gentleman from New York is recognized.

5542 *Mr. Tonko. Thank you, Mr. Chair, and I move to strike
5543 the last word. Thank you.

5544 I just wanted to offer a quick word of support for my
5545 colleagues, Representative DeGette and Representative Hudson,
5546 for championing this great piece of legislation, the DeOndra
5547 Dixon INCLUDE Project Act. And I had the honor, along with
5548 my colleagues, of spending last evening with the Down
5549 syndrome community, and I can tell you firsthand how
5550 important this bill is and having the impact that this
5551 research agenda is having.

5552 Already, these investments have led to major break-
5553 throughs in how Down syndrome interacts with other health
5554 conditions that have a high incidence in the community such
5555 as immune system disorders, liver dysfunction, sleep apnea,
5556 cancer, Alzheimer's, and more. In fact, with the Project Act
5557 that we did for Alzheimer's, where we put together a national
5558 plan for responding to Alzheimer's through the research, they
5559 are getting more and more focused into the Down community
5560 because of the early -- earlier onset of Alzheimer's in that
5561 given a bit of population. So a lot of hope and promise with
5562 all of this investment. Every one of these break-throughs
5563 carries the hope for a brighter tomorrow for individuals
5564 living with Down syndrome.

5565 And I would also like to recognize that this progress
5566 doesn't happen without sustained advocacy. Earlier, when
5567 Michelle was here, I indicated that her role with the Global
5568 Down Syndrome Foundation as founder of the Michelle Sie
5569 Whitten effort that she has championed offers such great
5570 advocacy, and really are to be credited with so much of the
5571 progress that we are making in this whole realm.

5572 So again, thanks to our co-leads, Representatives
5573 DeGette and Hudson, for their leadership, and I look forward
5574 to supporting this bill and empowering the Down community
5575 which deserves every bit of our respect and attention.

5576 So with that, Mr. Chair, I yield back.

5577 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back? Did the
5578 gentleman yield back? I am sorry.

5579 *Mr. Tonko. Yes, I yield back.

5580 *The Chair. We were just discussing -- I am sorry --
5581 that someone had adopted someone with Down syndrome. What
5582 wonderful, wonderful people that are -- we have a world of
5583 wonderful people, don't we?

5584 Well, any further discussion on the bill?

5585 Seeing none, the question now occurs on adopting H.R.
5586 3491. A roll call has been requested, and the clerk will
5587 call the roll.

5588 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta?

5589 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

5590 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta votes aye.
5591 Mr. Griffith?
5592 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.
5593 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith votes aye.
5594 Mr. Bilirakis?
5595 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.
5596 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis votes aye.
5597 Mr. Hudson?
5598 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.
5599 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson votes aye.
5600 Mr. Carter of Georgia?
5601 *Mr. Carter of Georgia. Aye.
5602 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Georgia votes aye.
5603 Mr. Palmer?
5604 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
5605 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer votes aye.
5606 Mr. Dunn?
5607 [No response.]
5608 *The Clerk. Mr. Crenshaw?
5609 [No response.]
5610 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce?
5611 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
5612 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce votes aye.
5613 Mr. Weber?
5614 *Mr. Weber. Aye.

5615 *The Clerk. Mr. Weber votes aye.
5616 Mr. Allen?
5617 [No response.]
5618 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson?
5619 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
5620 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson votes aye.
5621 Mr. Fulcher?
5622 *Mr. Fulcher. Aye.
5623 *The Clerk. Mr. Fulcher votes aye.
5624 Mr. Pfluger?
5625 [No response.]
5626 *The Clerk. Mrs. Harshbarger?
5627 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
5628 *The Clerk. Mrs. Harshbarger votes aye.
5629 Mrs. Miller-Meeks?
5630 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
5631 *The Clerk. Mrs. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
5632 Mrs. Cammack?
5633 [No response.]
5634 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte?
5635 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
5636 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte votes aye.
5637 Mr. James?
5638 [No response.]
5639 *The Clerk. Mr. Bentz?

5640 *Mr. Bentz. Aye.

5641 *The Clerk. Mr. Bentz votes aye.

5642 Mrs. Houchin?

5643 *Mrs. Houchin. Aye.

5644 *The Clerk. Mrs. Houchin votes aye.

5645 Mr. Fry?

5646 *Mr. Fry. Aye.

5647 *The Clerk. Mr. Fry votes aye.

5648 Ms. Lee?

5649 *Ms. Lee. Aye.

5650 *The Clerk. Ms. Lee votes aye.

5651 Mr. Langworthy?

5652 *Mr. Langworthy. Aye.

5653 *The Clerk. Mr. Langworthy votes aye.

5654 Mr. Kean?

5655 [No response.]

5656 *The Clerk. Mr. Rulli?

5657 [No response.]

5658 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans?

5659 *Mr. Evans. Aye.

5660 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans votes aye.

5661 Mr. Goldman?

5662 *Mr. Goldman. Aye.

5663 *The Clerk. Mr. Goldman votes aye.

5664 Mrs. Fedorchak?

5665 *Mrs. Fedorchak. Aye.
5666 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fedorchak votes aye.
5667 Mr. Pallone?
5668 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
5669 *The Clerk. Mr. Pallone votes aye.
5670 Ms. DeGette?
5671 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
5672 *The Clerk. Ms. DeGette votes aye.
5673 Ms. Schakowsky?
5674 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
5675 *The Clerk. Ms. Schakowsky votes aye.
5676 Ms. Matsui?
5677 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
5678 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui votes aye.
5679 Ms. Castor?
5680 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
5681 *The Clerk. Ms. Castor votes aye.
5682 Mr. Tonko?
5683 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
5684 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko votes aye.
5685 Ms. Clarke?
5686 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
5687 *The Clerk. Ms. Clarke votes aye.
5688 Mr. Ruiz?
5689 [No response.]

5690 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters?
5691 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
5692 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters votes aye.
5693 Mrs. Dingell?
5694 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
5695 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell votes aye.
5696 Mr. Veasey?
5697 [No response.]
5698 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly?
5699 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
5700 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly votes aye.
5701 Ms. Barragan?
5702 [No response.]
5703 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto?
5704 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
5705 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto votes aye.
5706 Ms. Schrier?
5707 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
5708 *The Clerk. Ms. Schrier votes aye.
5709 Mrs. Trahan?
5710 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
5711 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan votes aye.
5712 Mrs. Fletcher?
5713 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
5714 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fletcher votes aye.

5715 Ms. Ocasio-Cortez?

5716 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Aye.

5717 *The Clerk. Ms. Ocasio-Cortez votes aye.

5718 Mr. Auchincloss?

5719 *Mr. Auchincloss. Aye.

5720 *The Clerk. Mr. Auchincloss votes aye.

5721 Mr. Carter of Louisiana?

5722 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. Aye.

5723 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Louisiana votes aye.

5724 Mr. Menendez?

5725 *Mr. Menendez. Aye.

5726 *The Clerk. Mr. Menendez votes aye.

5727 Mr. Mullin?

5728 *Mr. Mullin. Aye.

5729 *The Clerk. Mr. Mullin votes aye.

5730 Mr. Landsman?

5731 *Mr. Landsman. Aye.

5732 *The Clerk. Mr. Landsman votes aye.

5733 Ms. McClellan?

5734 *Ms. McClellan. Aye.

5735 *The Clerk. Ms. McClellan votes aye.

5736 Mr. Guthrie?

5737 *The Chair. Aye.

5738 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie votes aye.

5739 *The Chair. Mr. Pfluger?

5740 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.

5741 *The Clerk. Mr. Pfluger votes aye.

5742 *The Chair. Mr. James?

5743 *Mr. James. Aye.

5744 *The Clerk. Mr. James votes aye.

5745 *The Chair. Is anyone on your -- isn't Nanette -- Ms.
5746 Barragan?

5747 *The Clerk. Ms. Barragan is not recorded.

5748 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.

5749 *The Clerk. Ms. Barragan votes aye.

5750 *The Chair. Seeing no one else here for the roll call,
5751 the clerk will report.

5752 *The Clerk. Mr. Chairman, on that vote there are 46
5753 ayes and 0 nays.

5754 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.

5755 The chair calls up H.R. 6238, and asks the clerk to
5756 report.

5757 [Applause.]

5758 *The Chair. All right, the chair calls up 6328, and
5759 asks the clerk to report.

5760 *The Clerk. H.R. 6238, a bill to establish the IMPROVE
5761 initiative within the National Institutes of --

5762 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
5763 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
5764 amendment at any point.

5765 So ordered.

5766 [The bill follows:]

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5768 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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5770 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
5771 bill?

5772 The gentlelady from -- for what purpose does the
5773 gentlelady from Tennessee seek recognition?

5774 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment at
5775 the desk.

5776 *The Chair. Was there anybody to speak on the bill
5777 first? If not, we can speak on the amendment.

5778 So the clerk will report.

5779 *The Chair. Amendment H6238-FCR-AINS_01, amendment in
5780 the nature of a substitute to H.R. 6238.

5781 *The Chair. Without objection, the reading of the
5782 amendment is dispensed with.

5783 [The amendment of Mrs. Harshbarger follows:]

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5785 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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5787 *The Chair. And the gentlelady from Tennessee is
5788 recognized for five minutes in support of the amendment.

5789 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I am
5790 glad to see the committee is taking up H.R. 6238, the NIH
5791 IMPROVE Act led by Representatives Underwood and Fitzpatrick.

5792 You know, unfortunately, the United States has one of
5793 the highest maternal mortality and morbidity rates among most
5794 developed countries. And the worst thing is most of these
5795 deaths are preventable. This legislation codifies the NIH
5796 IMPROVE initiative that supports research to reduce
5797 preventable causes of maternal deaths and improve health for
5798 women during -- before, during, and after pregnancy.

5799 And this amendment is merely technical, and it matches
5800 the funding to the most recently appropriated amount. And I
5801 ask you to support this legislation and ensure that moms
5802 thrive through pregnancy, childbirth, and postpartum. And I
5803 urge my colleagues to support this amendment and thank you.

5804 And with that I yield back.

5805 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back. So we will
5806 start with the gentlelady from -- for what purpose does the
5807 gentlelady from Colorado seek recognition?

5808 *Ms. DeGette. I move to strike the last word.

5809 *The Chair. So the gentlelady is recognized to speak on
5810 the amendment.

5811 *Ms. DeGette. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

5812 Obviously, no pregnancy-related death is acceptable in
5813 one of the most technologically developed nations in the
5814 world. But shockingly, as my colleague Mrs. Harshbarger
5815 mentioned, the United States actually has the highest rate of
5816 maternal mortality in developed nations in the entire world.
5817 And what is worse is our rates for people of color is even
5818 higher.

5819 And so thanks to state Maternal Mortality Review
5820 committees, support for which Congress reauthorized in
5821 February, we now understand the problem. But only because of
5822 the research done through the NIH IMPROVE Initiative do we
5823 also begin to understand the solution.

5824 More than 80 percent of pregnancy-related deaths are
5825 preventable. The IMPROVE initiative investigates the lead
5826 causes of these deaths, supports the development of
5827 interventions to prevent them, and, importantly, identifies
5828 factors that contribute to disparities in maternal health
5829 because White women die of maternal causes at a rate of 14
5830 per 100,000, but that rate is 45 in 100,000, exponentially
5831 higher, for Black women. And I was just looking at some
5832 data. For Louisiana, for example, their rate of maternal
5833 mortality is exponentially higher than places like
5834 California.

5835 Now, we need to all work together now that we are
5836 identifying the problem to solve the problem. That is why

5837 this bill is such an important bill.

5838 I want to congratulate the lead sponsors,
5839 Representatives Underwood and Fitzpatrick, but also people
5840 like Congresswoman Kelly who have been working on these
5841 issues for many, many years. I support the bill. I hope
5842 that we can pass it.

5843 And I yield -- do you want me to yield to you?

5844 I will yield to Ms. Kelly.

5845 *Ms. Kelly. Thank you so much, Congresswoman DeGette.
5846 I too just want to lift this bill.

5847 I have been working on this topic for almost 10 years
5848 now, since I got a phone call from a constituent that said, I
5849 want to tell you a story. And she told me a story about a
5850 Black woman who was resourced, educated, and in good health,
5851 and died after giving birth to her second child. And as you
5852 said, so many of these births are preventable, 80 to 84
5853 percent. And Black women do die three to one times the rate
5854 of White women. But in places like Chicago it is five times
5855 the rate, so -- and in other places it is even higher than
5856 that.

5857 This is so very important. In the richest country in
5858 the history of the world there is no reason why we rank so
5859 poorly in our women, all women giving birth. So I just want
5860 to thank the sponsors of the bill, and hope that my
5861 colleagues pass this. Thank you.

5862 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back. The gentlelady
5863 from Texas, Mrs. Fletcher, is recognized for five minutes.

5864 *Mrs. Fletcher. Thank you so much, Mr. Chairman. I
5865 move to strike the last word. Thank you.

5866 Well, I agree that it is critical that the NIH IMPROVE
5867 initiative has sufficient and consistent funding, which is
5868 why I support the NIH IMPROVE Act and the amendment to secure
5869 the funding.

5870 I also agree entirely with what my colleagues,
5871 Representatives DeGette and Kelly, just mentioned about the
5872 shameful maternal mortality rates in this country. In --
5873 where I live in Houston, Harris County, we have one of the
5874 highest maternal mortality rates in the country and in the
5875 developed world. And there is -- it is just absolutely
5876 essential that we have funding for research on maternal care
5877 and mortality to address this crisis, and this bill is a
5878 really important part of this research. We have to
5879 understand what is happening, why it is happening, and how we
5880 stop it.

5881 So while I support this bill and this program, and I am
5882 an original sponsor of the Momnibus -- original cosponsor of
5883 the Momnibus package, so much important work we need to do
5884 around maternal health care -- we really can't talk about
5885 research funding without acknowledging the cuts that the
5886 Trump Administration has made to women's health programs and

5887 to the NIH. And this Congress has done nothing so far to
5888 prevent the Administration from making these cuts, slashing
5889 these programs, and attacking women's health care more
5890 broadly.

5891 Over the last year the Trump Administration has
5892 obstructed the important, essential work of the title 10
5893 Family Planning Funding program at every turn, from freezing
5894 its funding to firing the civil servants who administer it.
5895 And President Trump has proposed eliminating the title 10
5896 program again in his fiscal year 2027 budget.

5897 And, you know, I like to say title 10 was born in Texas
5898 7 because it was introduced in Congress more than 50 years
5899 ago by my predecessor in this seat, Congressman George H.W.
5900 Bush. He was the person who introduced this program in
5901 Congress. It has long had bipartisan support, and I hope
5902 that we can come back around to having bipartisan support for
5903 family planning funding just as today we are seeing
5904 bipartisan support to address the maternal mortality crisis.
5905 We need these essential family planning funding funds and
5906 programs, and we need preventative health care services.

5907 And so, you know, among the actions that we have seen in
5908 the last year, you know, the One Big, Beautiful Bill
5909 prohibits Planned Parenthood health centers from receiving
5910 Federal Medicaid funds for a year, and that cuts off
5911 essential health services. When we are talking about women's

5912 access to health care, we cannot keep them from the places
5913 where they go to get that health care. And women across this
5914 country have relied on Planned Parenthood for generations to
5915 get reliable, accurate, appropriate medical health care,
5916 reproductive health care. And this Congress is cutting them
5917 off from the providers that they go to for that health care.

5918 And so we need to do better and we can do better. There
5919 is no reason why we can't come together to support the health
5920 of all women through their pregnancies and throughout their
5921 reproductive lives. And so we just need to work to ensure
5922 that we protect these essential programs like title 10 from
5923 attacks from this Administration and from the groups that
5924 want to separate women from access to care.

5925 And in addition, as I mentioned earlier, with just this
5926 minute I have left, I am really concerned by this
5927 Administration's grants overall -- the cuts to NIH. And, you
5928 know, over the last year I have heard from so many people who
5929 work at the Texas Medical Center and who live in my district
5930 who have struggled to maintain their research projects
5931 because of the cuts to the NIH grant funding and the failure
5932 to issue the funding opportunity notices.

5933 And I think we talked about this in a hearing in our
5934 subcommittee, but since taking office the Trump
5935 Administration has terminated 2,300 NIH research grants and
5936 eliminated almost 2.5 billion in research funding. Why? I

5937 don't know. Was it so the President could create a slush
5938 fund to give out to people who attacked the Capitol and
5939 Capitol Police officers on January 6? I don't know, but we
5940 need to make sure that we are not allowing that, either of
5941 those things. We can't cut NIH funding and we should all
5942 vote against this slush fund when it comes before us.

5943 So with that I am running out of time. I want to thank
5944 you for the opportunity to share my thoughts on this. I
5945 encourage everyone to vote for this bill.

5946 And I yield back.

5947 *The Chair. Thank you. The gentlelady yields back. Is
5948 there further discussion on the amendment?

5949 The gentlelady from Virginia is recognized for five
5950 minutes to discuss the amendment.

5951 *Ms. McClellan. Thank you, Mr. Chair. As you have
5952 heard, the United States is facing a maternal health crisis.
5953 As compared to other high-income countries, we have the
5954 highest rate of maternal deaths.

5955 Twenty-twenty-three is the most recent year for which
5956 data is available, and while in that year the national
5957 maternal mortality rate declined, Black women remain still
5958 three times more likely to die as White and Hispanic women
5959 from a pregnancy-related death. Women aged 40 and older
5960 experience mortality rates nearly 5 times higher than those
5961 younger than 25. And in some states, unfortunately like

5962 Virginia, after significant improvement from peak deaths in
5963 2021, maternal mortality rates got worse in 2023. Eighty-
5964 seven percent of these deaths are preventable.

5965 This crisis is not just statistics. I almost became one
5966 of those statistics 11 years ago, when my daughter and I both
5967 nearly died when my placenta ruptured because I had placenta
5968 previa and I needed an emergency C-section nine weeks before
5969 my daughter was due. I was one of the lucky ones because I
5970 had access to good health care and was able to get all of the
5971 prenatal care that I needed and the postnatal care. But too
5972 many women in America aren't so lucky.

5973 The factors driving these mortality rates vary, but they
5974 include heart disease; cardiovascular issues, which is the
5975 leading cause of death in the months following delivery;
5976 increased chronic conditions such as diabetes; hemorrhaging;
5977 mental health and substance abuse; and the lack of pre-natal
5978 care as access to prenatal care declines, with nearly one in
5979 four women beginning their care after the first trimester,
5980 missing those critical appointments when they can detect and
5981 address risks early.

5982 Gaps in post-partum care, maternal care deserts, and
5983 Medicaid cuts will make this worse as fewer women have access
5984 to this critical care as rural hospitals either close or,
5985 like the one in Lynchburg, Virginia, close their labor and
5986 delivery departments citing Medicaid cuts. As fewer

5987 providers go into the OB/GYN field due to low reimbursement
5988 rates and fear around legal liability, as -- this will get
5989 worse.

5990 And so the NIH IMPROVE Act by Representatives Underwood
5991 and Fitzpatrick is a very important first step. It cannot be
5992 the last. I agree with Representative Fletcher that we need
5993 to ensure that we have the workforce to collect and analyze
5994 the data through this research at the Federal level. We need
5995 to address our collapsing public health safety net, and we
5996 need to build on the work of champions like Representative
5997 Kelly to address this crisis. I am hopeful we will consider
5998 the Momnibus bill, a package of 14 bills that aim to address
5999 root causes of maternal health challenges, provide support to
6000 mothers, and further study how we can build a better system
6001 for every American family in need of care.

6002 We can and we must do better. Our moms deserve for us
6003 to do better. And so I urge my colleagues to vote on this
6004 and continue this important work to finally end the maternal
6005 mortality crisis in America.

6006 I yield back.

6007 *The Chair. The gentlelady yields back. Is there
6008 further discussion on the amendment?

6009 Seeing none, no further discussion, the vote occurs on
6010 the amendment.

6011 All those in favor shall say aye.

6012 All those opposed, nay.

6013 The ayes have it, the amendment is agreed to. Are there
6014 further amendments?

6015 Seeing none, the question now occurs on adopting H.R.
6016 6238, as amended. A roll call has been requested, and the
6017 clerk will call the roll.

6018 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta?

6019 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

6020 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta votes aye.

6021 Mr. Griffith?

6022 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

6023 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith votes aye.

6024 Mr. Bilirakis?

6025 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

6026 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis votes aye.

6027 Mr. Hudson?

6028 [No response.]

6029 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Georgia?

6030 [No response.]

6031 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer?

6032 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.

6033 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer votes aye.

6034 Mr. Dunn?

6035 [No response.]

6036 *The Clerk. Mr. Crenshaw?

6037 [No response.]

6038 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce?

6039 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.

6040 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce votes aye.

6041 Mr. Weber?

6042 *Mr. Weber. Aye.

6043 *The Clerk. Mr. Weber votes aye.

6044 Mr. Allen?

6045 [No response.]

6046 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson?

6047 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.

6048 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson votes aye.

6049 Mr. Fulcher?

6050 *Mr. Fulcher. Aye.

6051 *The Clerk. Mr. Fulcher votes aye.

6052 Mr. Pfluger?

6053 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.

6054 *The Clerk. Mr. Pfluger votes aye.

6055 Mrs. Harshbarger?

6056 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.

6057 *The Clerk. Mrs. Harshbarger votes aye.

6058 Mrs. Miller-Meeks?

6059 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.

6060 *The Clerk. Mrs. Miller-Meeks votes aye.

6061 Mrs. Cammack?

6062 [No response.]

6063 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte?

6064 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.

6065 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte votes aye.

6066 Mr. James?

6067 [No response.]

6068 *The Clerk. Mr. Bentz?

6069 *Mr. Bentz. Aye.

6070 *The Clerk. Mr. Bentz votes aye.

6071 Mrs. Houchin?

6072 *Mrs. Houchin. Aye.

6073 *The Clerk. Mrs. Houchin votes aye.

6074 Mr. Fry?

6075 [No response.]

6076 *The Clerk. Ms. Lee?

6077 [No response.]

6078 *The Clerk. Mr. Langworthy?

6079 *Mr. Langworthy. Aye.

6080 *The Clerk. Mr. Langworthy votes aye.

6081 Mr. Kean?

6082 [No response.]

6083 *The Clerk. Mr. Rulli?

6084 [No response.]

6085 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans?

6086 *Mr. Evans. Aye.

6087 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans votes aye.
6088 Mr. Goldman?
6089 *Mr. Goldman. Aye.
6090 *The Clerk. Mr. Goldman votes aye.
6091 Mrs. Fedorchak?
6092 [No response.]
6093 *The Clerk. Mr. Pallone?
6094 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
6095 *The Clerk. Mr. Pallone votes aye.
6096 Ms. DeGette?
6097 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
6098 *The Clerk. Ms. DeGette votes aye.
6099 Ms. Schakowsky?
6100 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
6101 *The Clerk. Ms. Schakowsky votes aye.
6102 Ms. Matsui?
6103 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
6104 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui votes aye.
6105 Ms. Castor?
6106 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
6107 *The Clerk. Ms. Castor votes aye.
6108 Mr. Tonko?
6109 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
6110 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko votes aye.
6111 Ms. Clarke?

6112 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.

6113 *The Clerk. Ms. Clarke votes aye.

6114 Mr. Ruiz?

6115 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.

6116 *The Clerk. Mr. Ruiz votes aye.

6117 Mr. Peters?

6118 *Mr. Peters. Aye.

6119 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters votes aye.

6120 Mrs. Dingell?

6121 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.

6122 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell votes aye.

6123 Mr. Veasey?

6124 [No response.]

6125 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly?

6126 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.

6127 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly votes aye.

6128 Ms. Barragan?

6129 [No response.]

6130 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto?

6131 [No response.]

6132 *The Clerk. Ms. Schrier?

6133 [No response.]

6134 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan?

6135 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.

6136 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan votes aye.

6137 Mrs. Fletcher?

6138 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.

6139 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fletcher votes aye.

6140 Ms. Ocasio-Cortez?

6141 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Aye.

6142 *The Clerk. Ms. Ocasio-Cortez votes aye.

6143 Mr. Auchincloss?

6144 *Mr. Auchincloss. Aye.

6145 *The Clerk. Mr. Auchincloss votes aye.

6146 Mr. Carter of Louisiana?

6147 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. Aye.

6148 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Louisiana votes aye.

6149 Mr. Menendez?

6150 *Mr. Menendez. Aye.

6151 *The Clerk. Mr. Menendez votes aye.

6152 Mr. Mullin?

6153 *Mr. Mullin. Aye.

6154 *The Clerk. Mr. Mullin votes aye.

6155 Mr. Landsman?

6156 *Mr. Landsman. Aye.

6157 *The Clerk. Mr. Landsman votes aye.

6158 Ms. McClellan?

6159 *Ms. McClellan. Aye.

6160 *The Clerk. Ms. McClellan votes aye.

6161 Mr. Guthrie?

6162 *The Chair. Aye.

6163 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie votes aye.

6164 *The Chair. Is anybody seeking to answer the roll call?

6165 Mr. Carter?

6166 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter is not recorded.

6167 *Mr. Carter of Georgia. Aye.

6168 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter votes aye.

6169 *The Chair. Mr. James?

6170 *The Clerk. Mr. James is not recorded.

6171 *Mr. James. Aye.

6172 *The Chair. Mrs. Fedorchak?

6173 *The Clerk. Mr. James votes aye.

6174 *Mrs. Fedorchak. Aye.

6175 *The Chair. Fedorchak?

6176 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fedorchak --

6177 *The Chair. Did you get Fedorchak?

6178 *The Clerk. -- votes aye.

6179 *The Chair. Lee, Ms. Lee?

6180 *Ms. Lee. Aye.

6181 *The Clerk. Ms. Lee votes aye.

6182 *The Chair. Mr. Hudson?

6183 *Mr. Hudson. Hudson votes aye.

6184 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson votes aye.

6185 *The Chair. Is there anyone on the Democrat side?

6186 Seeing none, the clerk will report.

6187 [Pause.]

6188 *The Chair. Before the clerk reports, is Ms. Schrier
6189 recorded?

6190 *The Clerk. Ms. Schrier is not --

6191 *The Chair. Dr. Schrier, I --

6192 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.

6193 *The Chair. Dr. Schrier said aye. You got it?

6194 *The Clerk. Dr. Schrier votes aye.

6195 *The Chair. The clerk will report.

6196 *The Clerk. Mr. Chairman, on that vote there are 46
6197 ayes and 0 nays.

6198 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.
6199 The chair calls up H.R. 8205 and asks the clerk to
6200 report.

6201 *The Clerk. H.R. 8205, a bill to amend the --

6202 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
6203 bill is dispensed with. The bill will be open for amendment
6204 at any point.

6205 So ordered.

6206 [The bill follows:]

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6208 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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6210 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
6211 bill?

6212 Mr. -- okay, seeing none, are there any amendments to
6213 the bill?

6214 For what purpose does the gentleman from Florida seek
6215 recognition?

6216 *Mr. Bilirakis. Well, I have an amendment at the desk,
6217 Mr. Speaker. It is --

6218 *The Chair. The clerk will report the amendment.

6219 *Mr. Bilirakis. Yes.

6220 *The Chair. Do you have the amendment?

6221 Could you designate the amendment? I am sorry.

6222 *Mr. Bilirakis. It is 02.

6223 *The Clerk. H8205-FCR-AINS_02, amendment in the nature
6224 of a substitute to H.R. --

6225 *The Chair. Without objection, the reading of the
6226 amendment is dispensed with.

6227 [The amendment of Mr. Bilirakis follows:]

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6229 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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6231 *The Chair. And the gentleman from Florida is
6232 recognized for five minutes in support of the amendment.

6233 *Mr. Bilirakis. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman, I
6234 appreciate it.

6235 ALS, as you know, is a devastating disease that
6236 gradually takes away a person's ability to move, speak, eat,
6237 and breathe. And today there is still no cure. For many
6238 families, time is the greatest challenge. Patients living
6239 with ALS cannot afford to wait through years of slow research
6240 and regulatory timelines.

6241 Congress recognized this reality when it passed the ACT,
6242 The Act for ALS, in 2021. The goal was to accelerate
6243 research, improve coordination, and expand access to
6244 promising investigational therapies. Since then the program
6245 has helped strengthen collaboration between researchers,
6246 regulators, manufacturers, and patient advocates working to
6247 better understand and treat ALS.

6248 This amendment continues that work by extending these
6249 programs through 2031 while making targeted improvements,
6250 developing coordination with FDA, NIH, HHS, and stakeholder
6251 groups to help address challenges unique to rare disease drug
6252 development including clinical trial enrollment, safety
6253 reporting, and the use of small patient population data to
6254 support future approvals. It also strengthens oversight by
6255 requiring an updated FDA action plan and additional reporting

6256 on FDA's progress.

6257 Importantly, this legislation recognizes that advances
6258 made in ALS research may also help patients living with other
6259 rare neurodegenerative diseases. While there is still much
6260 work to be done, continuing to support research, innovation,
6261 and access to promising therapies offers hope to patients and
6262 families confronting these devastating diseases every single
6263 day.

6264 I appreciate Mr. Quigley's leadership on this particular
6265 effort, and I am proud to cosponsor this particular bill. I
6266 urge my colleagues to support the amendment and the
6267 underlying bill. Thank you.

6268 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
6269 discussion on the amendment?

6270 Seeing none -- is there further discussion?

6271 The gentleman from Virginia is recognized for five
6272 minutes to speak on the amendment.

6273 *Mr. Griffith. Yes, I generally try not to slow these
6274 things down, and I appreciate it, but this one is important
6275 to me on two counts.

6276 One, the amendment in the nature of a substitute, of
6277 course, continues the work we have been doing on ALS. Some
6278 of you may recall that I have talked about this on a number
6279 of occasions, but for whatever reason my neighborhood in the
6280 Roanoke Valley appears to be a hot spot. One of my mentors

6281 in the Virginia House of Delegates who was ahead of me by a
6282 couple of years but whose kids swam on the swim team died of
6283 this on Christmas Eve a number of years ago. Another friend
6284 of mine, Rob Lawson, who was one of my swimming friends, died
6285 from ALS just four years ago. And he would call me all the
6286 time and he would say, "What are we -- what have you got
6287 going? What research is going on? What are you all doing?"
6288 This is extremely important for those kinds of things.

6289 And then you talk about -- and I have known others.
6290 Mike Ahern. You all don't know Mike, but his sister was John
6291 Warner's chief of staff for many years, Susan McGill. And
6292 the list goes on and on. And we don't know why. They are
6293 still doing research on why there are some hot spots. But I
6294 asked about it one time in a hearing, and they said, yes,
6295 there are hot spots in the areas, and I know more people than
6296 the statistics would indicate I ought to know who have died
6297 of this disease.

6298 And then the other neurodegenerative diseases have been
6299 included in the ANS, and I think that is important because
6300 they -- the research overlaps. And I also have two families
6301 that I know that are afflicted with Huntington's disease.

6302 So Mr. Chairman, this is an important legislation. I
6303 appreciate that it is moving fast and we are trying to get
6304 out of here, but I just felt compelled that I ought to say
6305 something in support of this. This is when it really makes

6306 you quite proud to serve on this committee because we do get
6307 a lot of good things done. And when it comes to these kinds
6308 of maladies, there is no partisanship. It is us working
6309 together for the benefit of the people of the United States.

6310 And I yield back.

6311 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there any
6312 further discussion?

6313 Seeing none, if there is no further discussion, the vote
6314 occurs on the amendment.

6315 All those in favor shall signify by saying aye.

6316 All those opposed, nay.

6317 The ayes have it.

6318 Are there any further amendments?

6319 Seeing none, the question now occurs on adopting H.R.
6320 205 [sic], as amended. A roll call has been requested, and
6321 the clerk will call the roll.

6322 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta?

6323 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

6324 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta votes aye.

6325 Mr. Griffith?

6326 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

6327 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith votes aye.

6328 Mr. Bilirakis?

6329 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

6330 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis votes aye.

6331 Mr. Hudson?

6332 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.

6333 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson votes aye.

6334 Mr. Carter of Georgia?

6335 [No response.]

6336 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer?

6337 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.

6338 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer votes aye.

6339 Mr. Dunn?

6340 [No response.]

6341 *The Clerk. Mr. Crenshaw?

6342 [No response.]

6343 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce?

6344 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.

6345 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce votes aye.

6346 Mr. Weber?

6347 *Mr. Weber. Aye.

6348 *The Clerk. Mr. Weber votes aye.

6349 Mr. Allen?

6350 [No response.]

6351 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson?

6352 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.

6353 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson votes aye.

6354 Mr. Fulcher?

6355 *Mr. Fulcher. Aye.

6356 *The Clerk. Mr. Fulcher votes aye.
6357 Mr. Pfluger?
6358 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
6359 *The Clerk. Mr. Pfluger votes aye.
6360 Mrs. Harshbarger?
6361 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
6362 *The Clerk. Mrs. Harshbarger votes aye.
6363 Mrs. Miller-Meeks?
6364 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
6365 *The Clerk. Mrs. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
6366 Mrs. Cammack?
6367 [No response.]
6368 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte?
6369 *Mr. Obernolte. Aye.
6370 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte votes aye.
6371 Mr. James?
6372 *Mr. James. Aye.
6373 *The Clerk. Mr. James votes aye.
6374 Mr. Bentz?
6375 *Mr. Bentz. Aye.
6376 *The Clerk. Mr. Bentz votes aye.
6377 Mrs. Houchin?
6378 *Mrs. Houchin. Aye.
6379 *The Clerk. Mrs. Houchin votes aye.
6380 Mr. Fry?

6381 [No response.]

6382 *The Clerk. Ms. Lee?

6383 *Ms. Lee. Aye.

6384 *The Clerk. Ms. Lee votes aye.

6385 Mr. Langworthy?

6386 *Mr. Langworthy. Aye.

6387 *The Clerk. Mr. Langworthy votes aye.

6388 Mr. Kean?

6389 [No response.]

6390 *The Clerk. Mr. Rulli?

6391 [No response.]

6392 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans?

6393 *Mr. Evans. Aye.

6394 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans votes aye.

6395 Mr. Goldman?

6396 *Mr. Goldman. Aye.

6397 *The Clerk. Mr. Goldman votes aye.

6398 Mrs. Fedorchak?

6399 *Mrs. Fedorchak. Aye.

6400 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fedorchak votes aye.

6401 Mr. Pallone?

6402 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.

6403 *The Clerk. Mr. Pallone votes aye.

6404 Ms. DeGette?

6405 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.

6406 *The Clerk. Ms. DeGette votes aye.
6407 Ms. Schakowsky?
6408 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
6409 *The Clerk. Ms. Schakowsky votes aye.
6410 Ms. Matsui?
6411 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
6412 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui votes aye.
6413 Ms. Castor?
6414 *Ms. Castor. Aye.
6415 *The Clerk. Ms. Castor votes aye.
6416 Mr. Tonko?
6417 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.
6418 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko votes aye.
6419 Ms. Clarke?
6420 [No response.]
6421 *The Clerk. Ms. Clarke?
6422 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.
6423 *The Clerk. Ms. Clarke votes aye.
6424 Mr. Ruiz?
6425 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
6426 *The Clerk. Mr. Ruiz votes aye.
6427 Mr. Peters?
6428 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
6429 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters votes aye.
6430 Mrs. Dingell?

6431 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
6432 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell votes aye.
6433 Mr. Veasey?
6434 [No response.]
6435 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly?
6436 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
6437 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly votes aye.
6438 Ms. Barragan?
6439 *Ms. Barragan. Aye.
6440 *The Clerk. Ms. Barragan votes aye.
6441 Mr. Soto?
6442 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
6443 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto votes aye.
6444 Ms. Schrier?
6445 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
6446 *The Clerk. Ms. Schrier votes aye.
6447 Mrs. Trahan?
6448 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
6449 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan votes aye.
6450 Mrs. Fletcher?
6451 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
6452 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fletcher votes aye.
6453 Ms. Ocasio-Cortez?
6454 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Aye.
6455 *The Clerk. Ms. Ocasio-Cortez votes aye.

6456 Mr. Auchincloss?
6457 *Mr. Auchincloss. Aye.
6458 *The Clerk. Mr. Auchincloss votes aye.
6459 Mr. Carter of Louisiana?
6460 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. Aye.
6461 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Louisiana votes aye.
6462 Mr. Menendez?
6463 *Mr. Menendez. Aye.
6464 *The Clerk. Mr. Menendez votes aye.
6465 Mr. Mullin?
6466 *Mr. Mullin. Aye.
6467 *The Clerk. Mr. Mullin votes aye.
6468 Mr. Landsman?
6469 *Mr. Landsman. Aye.
6470 *The Clerk. Mr. Landsman votes aye.
6471 Ms. McClellan?
6472 *Ms. McClellan. Aye.
6473 *The Clerk. Ms. McClellan votes aye.
6474 Mr. Guthrie?
6475 *The Chair. Aye.
6476 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie votes aye.
6477 *The Chair. Is there anyone -- Mr. Carter?
6478 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter is not recorded.
6479 *Mr. Carter of Georgia. Aye.
6480 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter votes aye.

6481 *The Chair. Anyone on the Republican side? Democrat
6482 side?

6483 Seeing none, the clerk will report.

6484 *The Clerk. Chairman, on that vote there are 46 ayes
6485 and 0 nays.

6486 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.
6487 The chair calls up H.R. 2715 and asks the clerk to
6488 report.

6489 *The Clerk. H.R. 2715, a bill to amend the Federal
6490 Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act --

6491 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
6492 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
6493 amendment at any point.

6494 So ordered.

6495 [The bill follows:]

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6497 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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6499 *The Chair. Is there any discussion on the bill?

6500 Seeing none, is there -- are there any amendments to the
6501 bill?

6502 The gentleman from Louisiana is recognized for five
6503 minutes. Oh, no, excuse me, the gentleman from Louisiana
6504 seeks recognition for an amendment.

6505 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. Yes.

6506 *The Chair. So the clerk will report.

6507 Will you designate your amendment? I am sorry, I said
6508 that wrong.

6509 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. I have an amendment at the
6510 desk, H217- --

6511 *The Chair. If you use your microphone, it might help.
6512 Thank you.

6513 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. Amendment at the desk, H2715-
6514 FCR-AINS_01.xml.

6515 *The Clerk. Amendment in the nature of a substitute to
6516 H.R. 2715.

6517 *The Chair. The clerk will report. The clerk will
6518 report the amendment. Okay. Yes.

6519 *The Clerk. Amendment in the nature of a substitute to
6520 H.R. 2715.

6521 *The Chair. Without objection, the reading of the
6522 amendment is dispensed with.

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6524 [The amendment of Mr. Carter of Louisiana follows:]

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6526 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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6528 *The Chair. And the gentleman from Louisiana is
6529 recognized for five minutes in support of his --

6530 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
6531 am proud to have introduced H.R. 2715, the Destruction of
6532 Hazardous Imports Act, with my Louisiana colleague,
6533 Representative Clay Higgins, to crack down on the
6534 reimportation of harmful products rejected by the Federal
6535 inspectors.

6536 This bill authorizes the Food and Drug Administration to
6537 require an importer to destroy an FDA-regulated product
6538 refused entry into U.S. because it posed a significant public
6539 health concern at the importer's expense. This bill also
6540 prohibits the unauthorized movement of any article designated
6541 for destruction by the FDA.

6542 This bipartisan amendment in the nature of a
6543 substitution clarifies the timeline for the agency to issue
6544 proposed and final regulations. It also mandates that these
6545 regulations include the due process procedures for the owner
6546 of or consignee of an import subject to an order of
6547 destruction.

6548 At our March legislative hearing we heard from experts
6549 -- witnesses about the need for these reforms. Under current
6550 law, foreign exporters can ship contaminated or counterfeit
6551 products to the U.S., knowing they can withdraw and then take
6552 the shipment if FDA has flagged it to try and enter another

6553 port, a practice known as port shopping. This loophole
6554 endangers our health and undermines our food and safety
6555 systems.

6556 Some imported foods, especially seafood, have been found
6557 to be contaminated with carcinogenic drugs, pesticides, and
6558 other harmful impurities. Beyond food, there has been a rise
6559 in imports of dangerous vape devices and e-liquids containing
6560 banned substances and excessive nicotine, as well as
6561 counterfeit drugs like GLP-1s. This threat is real and it is
6562 documented. Exporters, especially Chinese exporters, have
6563 been caught resubmitting rejected shipments in different
6564 ports, heightening the need for this particular piece of
6565 legislation. This bill closes that loophole. It creates a
6566 different -- a deterrent for bad actors.

6567 Providing this authority has been -- providing this
6568 authority has been a bipartisan priority for both the Biden
6569 and Trump Administration. It is also supported from a broad
6570 group of industry and consumer safety organizations including
6571 the Southern Shrimp Alliance, Louisiana Farm Bureau
6572 Federation, Partnership for Safe Medicines, National
6573 Association of State Controlled Substances Authorities, and
6574 the National Consumer League, among many others.

6575 This is one of those measures that you ask yourself, why
6576 hasn't this been done already? I am not sure, but we have an
6577 opportunity to do it now. This will go a long way to

6578 demonstrating to our people who do the right thing that we
6579 are watching, we are paying attention, and we are not going
6580 to continue to have them undercut by people who seek to bring
6581 in inferior products into our marketplace and unfairly
6582 compete with our people that are right here in Louisiana or
6583 in our country.

6584 Thank you, and I urge adoption of this amendment and
6585 passage of this critical information and, Mr. Chairman, I
6586 yield.

6587 *The Chair. Thank you. The gentleman yields back. Is
6588 anyone seeking -- for the purpose of discussing the
6589 amendment?

6590 Seeing none, if no further discussion, are there any
6591 further amendments?

6592 If there are no further discussion, the vote occurs on
6593 the amendment.

6594 All those in favor shall signify by saying aye.

6595 All those opposed, nay.

6596 In the opinion of the chair the ayes have it.

6597 Are there further amendments?

6598 Seeing none, the question now occurs on adopting H.R.
6599 2715, as amended. A roll call has been requested, and the
6600 clerk will call the roll.

6601 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta?

6602 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

6603 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta votes aye.
6604 Mr. Griffith?
6605 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.
6606 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith votes aye.
6607 Mr. Bilirakis?
6608 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.
6609 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis votes aye.
6610 Mr. Hudson?
6611 [No response.]
6612 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Georgia?
6613 [No response.]
6614 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer?
6615 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
6616 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer votes aye.
6617 Mr. Dunn?
6618 [No response.]
6619 *The Clerk. Mr. Crenshaw?
6620 [No response.]
6621 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce?
6622 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
6623 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce votes aye.
6624 Mr. Weber?
6625 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
6626 *The Clerk. Mr. Weber votes aye.
6627 Mr. Allen?

6628 [No response.]

6629 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson?

6630 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.

6631 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson votes aye.

6632 Mr. Fulcher?

6633 *Mr. Fulcher. Aye.

6634 *The Clerk. Mr. Fulcher votes aye.

6635 Mr. Pfluger?

6636 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.

6637 *The Clerk. Mr. Pfluger votes aye.

6638 Mrs. Harshbarger?

6639 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.

6640 *The Clerk. Mrs. Harshbarger votes aye.

6641 Mrs. Miller-Meeks?

6642 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.

6643 *The Clerk. Mrs. Miller-Meeks votes aye.

6644 Mrs. Cammack?

6645 [No response.]

6646 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte?

6647 [No response.]

6648 *The Clerk. Mr. James?

6649 *Mr. James. Aye.

6650 *The Clerk. Mr. James votes aye.

6651 Mr. Bentz?

6652 *Mr. Bentz. Aye.

6653 *The Clerk. Mr. Bentz votes aye.
6654 Mrs. Houchin?
6655 *Mrs. Houchin. Aye.
6656 *The Clerk. Mrs. Houchin votes aye.
6657 Mr. Fry?
6658 [No response.]
6659 *The Clerk. Ms. Lee?
6660 *Ms. Lee. Aye.
6661 *The Clerk. Ms. Lee votes aye.
6662 Mr. Langworthy?
6663 *Mr. Langworthy. Aye.
6664 *The Clerk. Mr. Langworthy votes aye.
6665 Mr. Kean?
6666 [No response.]
6667 *The Clerk. Mr. Rulli?
6668 [No response.]
6669 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans?
6670 *Mr. Evans. Aye.
6671 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans votes aye.
6672 Mr. Goldman?
6673 *Mr. Goldman. Aye.
6674 *The Clerk. Mr. Goldman votes aye.
6675 Mrs. Fedorchak?
6676 *Mrs. Fedorchak. Aye.
6677 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fedorchak votes aye.

6678 Mr. Pallone?

6679 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.

6680 *The Clerk. Mr. Pallone votes aye.

6681 Ms. DeGette?

6682 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.

6683 *The Clerk. Ms. DeGette votes aye.

6684 Ms. Schakowsky?

6685 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.

6686 *The Clerk. Ms. Schakowsky votes aye.

6687 Ms. Matsui?

6688 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.

6689 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui votes aye.

6690 Ms. Castor?

6691 [No response.]

6692 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko?

6693 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.

6694 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko votes aye.

6695 Ms. Clarke?

6696 *Ms. Clarke. Aye.

6697 *The Clerk. Ms. Clarke votes aye.

6698 Mr. Ruiz?

6699 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.

6700 *The Clerk. Mr. Ruiz votes aye.

6701 Mr. Peters?

6702 *Mr. Peters. Aye.

6703 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters votes aye.
6704 Mrs. Dingell?
6705 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
6706 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell votes aye.
6707 Mr. Veasey?
6708 [No response.]
6709 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly?
6710 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
6711 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly votes aye.
6712 Ms. Barragan?
6713 [No response.]
6714 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto?
6715 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
6716 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto votes aye.
6717 Ms. Schrier?
6718 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
6719 *The Clerk. Ms. Schrier votes aye.
6720 Mrs. Trahan?
6721 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
6722 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan votes aye.
6723 Mrs. Fletcher?
6724 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
6725 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fletcher votes aye.
6726 Ms. Ocasio-Cortez?
6727 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Aye.

6728 *The Clerk. Ms. Ocasio-Cortez votes aye.
6729 Mr. Auchincloss?
6730 *Mr. Auchincloss. Aye.
6731 *The Clerk. Mr. Auchincloss votes aye.
6732 Mr. Carter of Louisiana?
6733 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. Aye.
6734 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Louisiana votes aye.
6735 Mr. Menendez?
6736 *Mr. Menendez. Aye.
6737 *The Clerk. Mr. Menendez votes aye.
6738 Mr. Mullin?
6739 *Mr. Mullin. Aye.
6740 *The Clerk. Mr. Mullin votes aye.
6741 Mr. Landsman?
6742 *Mr. Landsman. Aye.
6743 *The Clerk. Mr. Landsman votes aye.
6744 Ms. McClellan?
6745 *Ms. McClellan. Aye.
6746 *The Clerk. Ms. McClellan votes aye.
6747 Mr. Guthrie?
6748 *The Chair. Aye.
6749 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie votes aye.
6750 *The Chair. Is anyone seeking recognition for the roll
6751 call?
6752 Mr. Hudson.

6753 *Mr. Hudson. Hudson votes aye.

6754 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson votes aye.

6755 *The Chair. Carter, Mr. Carter?

6756 *Mr. Carter of Georgia. Carter votes aye.

6757 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter votes aye.

6758 *The Chair. Is there anyone on the other side?

6759 Seeing none, the clerk will report.

6760 *The Clerk. Chairman, on that vote there are 43 ayes

6761 and 0 nays.

6762 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.

6763 The chair calls up H.R. 2821 and asks the clerk to

6764 report.

6765 *The Clerk. H.R. 2821, a bill to require the Secretary

6766 of Health and Human Services, acting --

6767 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the

6768 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for

6769 amendment at any point.

6770 So ordered.

6771 [The bill follows:]

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6773 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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6775 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
6776 bill?

6777 The gentleman from Georgia, for what purpose do you seek
6778 recognition?

6779 *Mr. Carter of Georgia. Mr. Speaker -- Mr. Chairman, I
6780 move to strike the last word.

6781 *The Chair. You are recognized to speak for five
6782 minutes on the bill.

6783 *Mr. Carter of Georgia. Mr. Chairman, many of our
6784 families would feel incomplete without the pets and animals
6785 that bring unconditional love to our lives. However, there
6786 are millions of animals in our country that are forced into
6787 inhumane testing for pharmaceutical development. Yet every
6788 year millions of animals are still subjected to inhumane
6789 testing and the development of pharmaceuticals.

6790 As policy-makers, we have a responsibility to protect
6791 those who cannot protect themselves. That includes ensuring
6792 we embrace modern scientific innovation that can reduce
6793 unnecessary animal suffering while advancing medical
6794 progress. That is why in 2022 I was proud to help lead
6795 passage of the FDA Modernization Act 2.0 which, for the first
6796 time, allowed drug developers to use modern, animal-free
6797 testing methods as alternatives to traditional animal
6798 testing.

6799 Congress made its intent clear: we wanted to reduce

6800 outdated testing requirements and encourage more effective,
6801 humane, and innovative approaches to drug development.
6802 Unfortunately, the Biden Administration failed to fully
6803 implement that law, limiting its effectiveness and leaving
6804 too many animals still at risk. That is why I introduced the
6805 FDA Modernization 3.0. This legislation ensures that the FDA
6806 finally carries out the will of Congress and the American
6807 people by fully embracing modern alternatives to animal
6808 testing.

6809 This bill will help reduce and replace the use of
6810 animals in non-clinical research, while also improving the
6811 efficiency of the drug development process and helping bring
6812 lifesaving treatments to patients faster. This is a common-
6813 sense, bipartisan step forward for science, for innovation,
6814 and for animal welfare.

6815 I urge my colleagues to support the FDA Modernization
6816 Act 3.0, and I yield back.

6817 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there any
6818 further discussion on the bill?

6819 Seeing none, are there any amendments?

6820 Oh, I am sorry, Mr. -- I am sorry, the gentleman from
6821 New York is recognized for five minutes on the bill.

6822 *Mr. Langworthy. Mr. Chairman, I would like to speak in
6823 support of H.R. 2821.

6824 We have AI, computer modeling, lab-grown human tissue,

6825 and other advanced technologies that can increasingly replace
6826 many forms of animal testing, yet thousands of animals are
6827 still being bred and confined for experimentation across the
6828 country.

6829 I have spent a lot of time bringing attention to the
6830 horrific conditions at Ridglan Farms in Wisconsin, thousands
6831 of beagles packed into stacked cages living above their own
6832 waste, bred for one purpose: experimentation. Many of these
6833 dogs never leave those cages except to undergo painful
6834 testing and eventually be euthanized. They never experience
6835 a normal human home.

6836 What is happening at Ridglan Farms is not an isolated
6837 case. There is beagle-breeding facilities across the
6838 country, and there is one just outside my district in western
6839 New York, Marshall Farms in Wayne County, where roughly
6840 30,000 dogs are bred every year for experimentation. I drove
6841 to the facility myself, and I stood out -- what stood out to
6842 me most was that many of these animals will spend most of
6843 their life, if not all of it, in confinement. And cases like
6844 these are exactly why H.R. 2821 is so important.

6845 The FDA Modernization Act 3.0 would help move us away
6846 from outdated animal testing practices and towards newer
6847 technologies that can produce more reliable human-related
6848 results. Taxpayer dollars should not continue to fund
6849 unnecessary and invasive testing on cats and dogs when better

6850 alternatives are increasingly available.

6851 I have heard loud and clear from constituents and from
6852 people, frankly, in all 50 states of this country who are
6853 horrified what is happening inside some of these facilities,
6854 and they want Congress to act. Ridgman Farms may be shutting
6855 down operations, but facilities across the country, including
6856 in New York, are still continuing these practices. I am not
6857 going to stop fighting until we move closer to ending
6858 unnecessary animal testing and protecting dogs and cats from
6859 these invasive practices, and I encourage my colleagues to
6860 support this legislation.

6861 Chairman, I yield back.

6862 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there any --
6863 seeking recognition?

6864 The gentleman from Louisiana, Mr. Carter, is recognized
6865 for five minutes.

6866 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
6867 move to strike the last word.

6868 *The Chair. The gentleman is recognized for five
6869 minutes.

6870 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. I am proud to speak in
6871 support of H.R. 2821, the FDA Modernization Act 3.0,
6872 introduced by Representative Buddy Carter, which I am proud
6873 to co-lead with a bipartisan coalition of my colleagues,
6874 Representatives Barragan, Buchanan, DeLauro, and Harshbarger.

6875 Over three years ago the FDA Modernization Act 2.0 was
6876 signed into law allowing the FDA to approve human drugs
6877 without requiring animal testing through modern, often more
6878 effective alternatives. However, since then the FDA has not
6879 issued updated regulations to clarify where alternatives to
6880 animal testing are permissible. This legislation before us
6881 requires the FDA to take those steps and to modernize and
6882 transform drug development for the 21st century and
6883 accelerating safer, more humane, and more effective medical
6884 breakthroughs.

6885 Overall, it is a win for patients, a win for innovation,
6886 and a win for animal welfare. I call on my colleagues to
6887 join us by supporting this measure and voting yes.

6888 Thank you, and I yield.

6889 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
6890 further discussion?

6891 Seeing none, are there any amendments?

6892 Seeing none, the question now occurs on adopting H.R.
6893 2821. A roll call has been requested and the clerk will call
6894 the roll.

6895 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta?

6896 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

6897 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta votes aye.

6898 Mr. Griffith?

6899 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

6900 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith votes aye.
6901 Mr. Bilirakis?
6902 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.
6903 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis votes aye.
6904 Mr. Hudson?
6905 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.
6906 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson votes aye.
6907 Mr. Carter of Georgia?
6908 *Mr. Carter of Georgia. Aye.
6909 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Georgia votes aye.
6910 Mr. Palmer?
6911 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.
6912 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer votes aye.
6913 Mr. Dunn?
6914 [No response.]
6915 *The Clerk. Mr. Crenshaw?
6916 [No response.]
6917 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce?
6918 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
6919 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce votes aye.
6920 Mr. Weber?
6921 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
6922 *The Clerk. Mr. Weber votes aye.
6923 Mr. Allen?
6924 [No response.]

6925 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson?
6926 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
6927 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson votes aye.
6928 Mr. Fulcher?
6929 *Mr. Fulcher. Aye.
6930 *The Clerk. Mr. Fulcher votes aye.
6931 Mr. Pfluger?
6932 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
6933 *The Clerk. Mr. Pfluger votes aye.
6934 Mrs. Harshbarger?
6935 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
6936 *The Clerk. Mrs. Harshbarger votes aye.
6937 Mrs. Miller-Meeks?
6938 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
6939 *The Clerk. Mrs. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
6940 Mrs. Cammack?
6941 [No response.]
6942 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte?
6943 [No response.]
6944 *The Clerk. Mr. James?
6945 *Mr. James. Aye.
6946 *The Clerk. Mr. James votes aye.
6947 Mr. Bentz?
6948 *Mr. Bentz. Aye.
6949 *The Clerk. Mr. Bentz votes aye.

6950 Mrs. Houchin?
6951 *Mrs. Houchin. Aye.
6952 *The Clerk. Mrs. Houchin votes aye.
6953 Mr. Fry?
6954 [No response.]
6955 *The Clerk. Ms. Lee?
6956 *Ms. Lee. Aye.
6957 *The Clerk. Ms. Lee votes aye.
6958 Mr. Langworthy?
6959 *Mr. Langworthy. Aye.
6960 *The Clerk. Mr. Langworthy votes aye.
6961 Mr. Kean?
6962 [No response.]
6963 *The Clerk. Mr. Rulli?
6964 [No response.]
6965 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans?
6966 *Mr. Evans. Aye.
6967 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans votes aye.
6968 Mr. Goldman?
6969 *Mr. Goldman. Aye.
6970 *The Clerk. Mr. Goldman votes aye.
6971 Mrs. Fedorchak?
6972 *Mrs. Fedorchak. Aye.
6973 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fedorchak votes aye.
6974 Mr. Pallone?

6975 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.

6976 *The Clerk. Mr. Pallone votes aye.

6977 Ms. DeGette?

6978 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.

6979 *The Clerk. Ms. DeGette votes aye.

6980 Ms. Schakowsky?

6981 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.

6982 *The Clerk. Ms. Schakowsky votes aye.

6983 Ms. Matsui?

6984 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.

6985 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui votes aye.

6986 Ms. Castor?

6987 [No response.]

6988 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko?

6989 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.

6990 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko votes aye.

6991 Ms. Clarke?

6992 [No response.]

6993 *The Clerk. Mr. Ruiz?

6994 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.

6995 *The Clerk. Mr. Ruiz votes aye.

6996 Mr. Peters?

6997 *Mr. Peters. Aye.

6998 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters votes aye.

6999 Mrs. Dingell?

7000 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.

7001 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell votes aye.

7002 Mr. Veasey?

7003 [No response.]

7004 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly?

7005 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.

7006 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly votes aye.

7007 Ms. Barragan?

7008 [No response.]

7009 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto?

7010 *Mr. Soto. Aye.

7011 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto votes aye.

7012 Ms. Schrier?

7013 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.

7014 *The Clerk. Ms. Schrier votes aye.

7015 Mrs. Trahan?

7016 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.

7017 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan votes aye.

7018 Mrs. Fletcher?

7019 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.

7020 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fletcher votes aye.

7021 Ms. Ocasio-Cortez?

7022 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Aye.

7023 *The Clerk. Ms. Ocasio-Cortez votes aye.

7024 Mr. Auchincloss?

7025 *Mr. Auchincloss. Aye.

7026 *The Clerk. Mr. Auchincloss votes aye.

7027 Mr. Carter of Louisiana?

7028 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. Aye.

7029 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Louisiana votes aye.

7030 Mr. Menendez?

7031 *Mr. Menendez. Aye.

7032 *The Clerk. Mr. Menendez votes aye.

7033 Mr. Mullin?

7034 *Mr. Mullin. Aye.

7035 *The Clerk. Mr. Mullin votes aye.

7036 Mr. Landsman?

7037 *Mr. Landsman. Aye.

7038 *The Clerk. Mr. Landsman votes aye.

7039 Ms. McClellan?

7040 *Ms. McClellan. Aye.

7041 *The Clerk. Ms. McClellan votes aye.

7042 Mr. Guthrie?

7043 *The Chair. Aye.

7044 Is anyone seeking recognition?

7045 Is Mr. Allen --

7046 *Mr. Allen. Aye.

7047 *The Clerk. Mr. Allen votes aye.

7048 *The Chair. Mr. Rulli?

7049 *Mr. Rulli. Aye.

7050 *The Clerk. Mr. Rulli votes aye.

7051 *The Chair. Is there anyone on our side? Anyone on the

7052 -- your guys?

7053 Seeing none, the clerk will report.

7054 *The Clerk. Chairman, on that vote there are 45 ayes

7055 and 0 nays.

7056 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.

7057 The chair calls up H.R. 5347 and asks the clerk to

7058 report.

7059 Two more, two more.

7060 [Laughter.]

7061 *The Clerk. H.R. 5347, a bill to amend title 18 --

7062 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the

7063 bill is dispensed, and the bill will be open for amendment at

7064 any point.

7065 So ordered.

7066 [The bill follows:]

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7068 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

7069

7070 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
7071 bill?

7072 The gentleman from Virginia, for what purpose do you
7073 seek recognition?

7074 *Mr. Griffith. I request permission to speak to the
7075 measure.

7076 *The Chair. You are recognized for five minutes to
7077 speak to the bill.

7078 *Mr. Griffith. Thank you very much. I would offer my
7079 support in favor of H.R. 5347, the Health Care Efficiency
7080 Through Flexibility Act which was introduced by Congressman
7081 Vern Buchanan and co-led by Congressman Dan Crenshaw.

7082 This legislation would reduce red tape for physicians
7083 and other health care providers as they participate in the
7084 Medicare Shared Savings Program. H.R. 5347 would require the
7085 Secretary to maintain the availability of certain collection
7086 types for Accountable Care Organizations, also known as ACOs,
7087 quality reporting under the Medicare Shared Savings Program,
7088 including electronic clinical quality measures. The bill
7089 would also exempt ACOs from certain data submission
7090 requirements.

7091 These reforms aim to ease administrative burdens for
7092 providers participating in ACOs as they move towards newer
7093 collection types like Digital Quality Measures, also known as
7094 DQMs. DQMs can often be extracted directly from electronic

7095 health records, offer promise to reduce quality reporting
7096 burdens and costs. This bill will provide more time for
7097 providers to transition to newer systems and technology that
7098 supports the DQMs.

7099 Lastly, this legislation would establish a pilot program
7100 at CMS for Digital Quality Measure reporting for Medicare
7101 Shared Savings Program ACOs to help evaluate the DQM
7102 reporting. And what is interesting is that we had this bill
7103 in the Health Subcommittee, I guess, a week ago or so. And
7104 yesterday in our hearing, Mr. Chairman, we had discussions
7105 about ACOs and this very area. And while this is a small
7106 step in -- towards reducing costs and making health care more
7107 affordable, this is an important step. And so I urge my
7108 colleagues to support this bill.

7109 And with that I yield back.

7110 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
7111 further discussion on the bill?

7112 Seeing none, are there any amendments to the bill?

7113 Seeing none, the question now occurs on adopting H.R.
7114 5347. A roll call has been requested, and the clerk will
7115 call the roll.

7116 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta?

7117 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

7118 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta votes aye.

7119 Mr. Griffith?

7120 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

7121 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith votes aye.

7122 Mr. Bilirakis?

7123 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

7124 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis votes aye.

7125 Mr. Hudson?

7126 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.

7127 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson vote aye.

7128 Mr. Carter of Georgia?

7129 *Mr. Carter of Georgia. Aye.

7130 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Georgia votes aye.

7131 Mr. Palmer?

7132 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.

7133 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer votes aye.

7134 Mr. Dunn?

7135 [No response.]

7136 *The Clerk. Mr. Crenshaw?

7137 [No response.]

7138 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce?

7139 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.

7140 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce votes aye.

7141 Mr. Weber?

7142 *Mr. Weber. Aye.

7143 *The Clerk. Mr. Weber votes aye.

7144 Mr. Allen?

7145 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
7146 *The Clerk. Mr. Allen votes aye.
7147 Mr. Balderson?
7148 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
7149 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson votes aye.
7150 Mr. Fulcher?
7151 *Mr. Fulcher. Aye.
7152 *The Clerk. Mr. Fulcher votes aye.
7153 Mr. Pfluger?
7154 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
7155 *The Clerk. Mr. Pfluger votes aye.
7156 Mrs. Harshbarger?
7157 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
7158 *The Clerk. Mrs. Harshbarger votes aye.
7159 Mrs. Miller-Meeks?
7160 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
7161 *The Clerk. Mrs. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
7162 Mrs. Cammack?
7163 [No response.]
7164 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte?
7165 [No response.]
7166 *The Clerk. Mr. James?
7167 *Mr. James. Aye.
7168 *The Clerk. Mr. James votes aye.
7169 Mr. Bentz?

7170 *Mr. Bentz. Aye.
7171 *The Clerk. Mr. Bentz votes aye.
7172 Mrs. Houchin?
7173 *Mrs. Houchin. Aye.
7174 *The Clerk. Mrs. Houchin votes aye.
7175 Mr. Fry?
7176 [No response.]
7177 *The Clerk. Ms. Lee?
7178 *Ms. Lee. Aye.
7179 *The Clerk. Ms. Lee votes aye.
7180 Mr. Langworthy?
7181 *Mr. Langworthy. Aye.
7182 *The Clerk. Mr. Langworthy votes aye.
7183 Mr. Kean?
7184 [No response.]
7185 *The Clerk. Mr. Rulli?
7186 *Mr. Rulli. Aye.
7187 *The Clerk. Mr. Rulli votes aye.
7188 Mr. Evans?
7189 *Mr. Evans. Aye.
7190 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans votes aye.
7191 Mr. Goldman?
7192 *Mr. Goldman. Aye.
7193 *The Clerk. Mr. Goldman votes aye.
7194 Mrs. Fedorchak?

7195 *Mrs. Fedorchak. Aye.

7196 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fedorchak votes aye.

7197 Mr. Pallone?

7198 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.

7199 *The Clerk. Mr. Pallone votes aye.

7200 Ms. DeGette?

7201 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.

7202 *The Clerk. Ms. DeGette votes aye.

7203 Ms. Schakowsky?

7204 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.

7205 *The Clerk. Ms. Schakowsky votes aye.

7206 Ms. Matsui?

7207 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.

7208 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui votes aye.

7209 Ms. Castor?

7210 [No response.]

7211 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko?

7212 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.

7213 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko votes aye.

7214 Mr. Clarke -- or Ms. Clarke?

7215 [No response.]

7216 *The Clerk. Mr. Ruiz?

7217 [No response.]

7218 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters?

7219 *Mr. Peters. Aye.

7220 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters votes aye.
7221 Mrs. Dingell?
7222 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
7223 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell votes aye.
7224 Mr. Veasey?
7225 [No response.]
7226 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly?
7227 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
7228 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly votes aye.
7229 Ms. Barragan?
7230 [No response.]
7231 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto?
7232 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
7233 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto votes aye.
7234 Ms. Schrier?
7235 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
7236 *The Clerk. Ms. Schrier votes aye.
7237 Mrs. Trahan?
7238 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
7239 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan votes aye.
7240 Mrs. Fletcher?
7241 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
7242 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fletcher votes aye.
7243 Ms. Ocasio-Cortez?
7244 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Aye.

7245 *The Clerk. Ms. Ocasio-Cortez votes aye.
7246 Mr. Auchincloss?
7247 *Mr. Auchincloss. Aye.
7248 *The Clerk. Mr. Auchincloss votes aye.
7249 Mr. Carter of Louisiana?
7250 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. Aye.
7251 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Louisiana votes aye.
7252 Mr. Menendez?
7253 *Mr. Menendez. Aye.
7254 *The Clerk. Mr. Menendez votes aye.
7255 Mr. Mullin?
7256 *Mr. Mullin. Aye.
7257 *The Clerk. Mr. Mullin votes aye.
7258 Mr. Landsman?
7259 *Mr. Landsman. Aye.
7260 *The Clerk. Mr. Landsman votes aye.
7261 Ms. McClellan?
7262 *Ms. McClellan. Aye.
7263 *The Clerk. Ms. McClellan votes aye.
7264 Mr. Guthrie?
7265 *The Chair. Aye.
7266 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie votes aye.
7267 *The Chair. Is Mr. Weber seeking recognition?
7268 Is anybody on the Republican side seeking to answer the
7269 roll call?

7270 Any on the Democrat side?

7271 Seeing none, the clerk will report.

7272 [Pause.]

7273 *The Clerk. Chairman, on that vote there are 44 ayes
7274 and 0 nays.

7275 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.

7276 And before I call the final bill, I thank everybody for
7277 their patience today and for their hard work getting through
7278 these. I absolutely want to thank our staffs and the hard
7279 work they did, and the cooperation everybody has had to get
7280 these bipartisan bills out the committee to the floor so we
7281 can get these passed to the Senate.

7282 The chair calls up H.R. 1703 and asks the clerk to
7283 report.

7284 *The Clerk. H.R. 1703, a bill to amend title --

7285 *The Chair. Without objection, the first reading of the
7286 bill is dispensed with, and the bill will be open for
7287 amendment at any point.

7288 So ordered.

7289 [The bill follows:]

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7291 *****COMMITTEE INSERT*****

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7293 *The Chair. Does anyone seek to be recognized on the
7294 bill?

7295 For what purpose does the gentleman from New Jersey seek
7296 recognition?

7297 *Mr. Joyce. Mr. Chairman, the gentleman from
7298 Pennsylvania --

7299 *The Chair. New Jersey? I said New Jersey.

7300 *Mr. Joyce. -- moves to speak --

7301 *The Chair. Pennsylvania.

7302 [Laughter.]

7303 *The Chair. We were just talking about --

7304 *Mr. Joyce. Mr. Chairman, I move to speak in favor --

7305 *The Chair. It was a long day, I am sorry.

7306 *Mr. Joyce. I understand.

7307 *The Chair. The gentleman from Pennsylvania to speak on
7308 the bill, you are recognized for five minutes.

7309 *Mr. Joyce. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to
7310 offer my support for this important piece of legislation
7311 before the full committee today that would strengthen patient
7312 access to care.

7313 H.R. 1703, the Choices for Increased Mobility Act,
7314 clarifies the payment rules for manual wheelchairs under
7315 Medicare Part B, and will give seniors the opportunity to
7316 exercise their own choice when it comes to medical equipment.

7317 Specifically, the bill allows Medicare patients the

7318 opportunity to decide whether a titanium or a carbon fiber
7319 wheelchair is right for them. Then the patients with
7320 Medicare Part B have the ability to pay out of pocket for
7321 wheelchair upgrades if that is their choice. The operative
7322 word here is "choice."

7323 To achieve this, H.R. 1703 creates two new wheelchair
7324 codes and enables upgrades within an existing code, removing
7325 the current obstacles in place and offering the upgraded
7326 benefit to end users at no additional charge to CMS. Again,
7327 no additional charge to CMS.

7328 This subcommittee [sic] should be encouraged that
7329 Medicare patients have the opportunity to take full advantage
7330 of their health care benefits and, more important, giving
7331 them that choice that will directly impact their lives. This
7332 bipartisan legislation will remove the barrier that, since
7333 2016, has impeded access to lightweight, durable medical
7334 equipment for individuals who live day to day with mobility
7335 impairments.

7336 I would like to thank the cosponsors of this bill,
7337 especially Dr. Schrier of Washington, and urge support for
7338 this underlying legislation.

7339 Mr. Chairman, I yield back.

7340 *The Chair. The gentleman yields back. Is there
7341 further discussion?

7342 Seeing none, are there any amendments?

7343 Seeing none, the question now occurs on H.R. -- on
7344 adopting H.R. 1703. A roll call has been requested, and the
7345 clerk will call the roll.

7346 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta?

7347 *Mr. Latta. Aye.

7348 *The Clerk. Mr. Latta votes aye.

7349 Mr. Griffith?

7350 *Mr. Griffith. Aye.

7351 *The Clerk. Mr. Griffith votes aye.

7352 Mr. Bilirakis?

7353 *Mr. Bilirakis. Aye.

7354 *The Clerk. Mr. Bilirakis votes aye.

7355 Mr. Hudson?

7356 *Mr. Hudson. Aye.

7357 *The Clerk. Mr. Hudson votes aye.

7358 Mr. Carter of Georgia?

7359 *Mr. Carter of Georgia. Aye.

7360 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Georgia votes aye.

7361 Mr. Palmer?

7362 *Mr. Palmer. Aye.

7363 *The Clerk. Mr. Palmer votes aye.

7364 Mr. Dunn?

7365 [No response.]

7366 *The Clerk. Mr. Crenshaw?

7367 [No response.]

7368 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce?
7369 *Mr. Joyce. Aye.
7370 *The Clerk. Mr. Joyce votes aye.
7371 Mr. Weber?
7372 *Mr. Weber. Aye.
7373 *The Clerk. Mr. Weber votes aye.
7374 Mr. Allen?
7375 *Mr. Allen. Aye.
7376 *The Clerk. Mr. Allen votes aye.
7377 Mr. Balderson?
7378 *Mr. Balderson. Aye.
7379 *The Clerk. Mr. Balderson votes aye.
7380 Mr. Fulcher?
7381 *Mr. Fulcher. Aye.
7382 *The Clerk. Mr. Fulcher votes aye.
7383 Mr. Pfluger?
7384 *Mr. Pfluger. Aye.
7385 *The Clerk. Mr. Pfluger votes aye.
7386 Mrs. Harshbarger?
7387 *Mrs. Harshbarger. Aye.
7388 *The Clerk. Mrs. Harshbarger votes aye.
7389 Mrs. Miller-Meeks?
7390 *Mrs. Miller-Meeks. Aye.
7391 *The Clerk. Mrs. Miller-Meeks votes aye.
7392 Mrs. Cammack?

7393 [No response.]

7394 *The Clerk. Mr. Obernolte?

7395 [No response.]

7396 *The Clerk. Mr. James?

7397 *Mr. James. Aye.

7398 *The Clerk. Mr. James votes aye.

7399 Mr. Bentz?

7400 *Mr. Bentz. Aye.

7401 *The Clerk. Mr. Bentz votes aye.

7402 Mrs. Houchin?

7403 *Mrs. Houchin. Aye.

7404 *The Clerk. Mrs. Houchin votes aye.

7405 Mr. Fry?

7406 [No response.]

7407 *The Clerk. Ms. Lee?

7408 *Ms. Lee. Aye.

7409 *The Clerk. Ms. Lee votes aye.

7410 Mr. Langworthy?

7411 *Mr. Langworthy. Aye.

7412 *The Clerk. Mr. Langworthy votes aye.

7413 Mr. Kean?

7414 [No response.]

7415 *The Clerk. Mr. Rulli?

7416 *Mr. Rulli. Aye.

7417 *The Clerk. Mr. Rulli votes aye.

7418 Mr. Evans?
7419 *Mr. Evans. Aye.
7420 *The Clerk. Mr. Evans votes aye.
7421 Mr. Goldman?
7422 *Mr. Goldman. Aye.
7423 *The Clerk. Mr. Goldman votes aye.
7424 Mrs. Fedorchak?
7425 *Mrs. Fedorchak. Aye.
7426 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fedorchak votes aye.
7427 Mr. Pallone?
7428 *Mr. Pallone. Aye.
7429 *The Clerk. Mr. Pallone votes aye.
7430 Ms. DeGette?
7431 *Ms. DeGette. Aye.
7432 *The Clerk. Ms. DeGette votes aye.
7433 Ms. Schakowsky?
7434 *Ms. Schakowsky. Aye.
7435 *The Clerk. Ms. Schakowsky votes aye.
7436 Ms. Matsui?
7437 *Ms. Matsui. Aye.
7438 *The Clerk. Ms. Matsui votes aye.
7439 Ms. Castor?
7440 [No response.]
7441 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko?
7442 *Mr. Tonko. Aye.

7443 *The Clerk. Mr. Tonko votes aye.
7444 Ms. Clarke?
7445 [No response.]
7446 *The Clerk. Mr. Ruiz?
7447 *Mr. Ruiz. Aye.
7448 *The Clerk. Mr. Ruiz votes aye.
7449 Mr. Peters?
7450 *Mr. Peters. Aye.
7451 *The Clerk. Mr. Peters votes aye.
7452 Mrs. Dingell?
7453 *Mrs. Dingell. Aye.
7454 *The Clerk. Mrs. Dingell votes aye.
7455 Mr. Veasey?
7456 [No response.]
7457 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly?
7458 *Ms. Kelly. Aye.
7459 *The Clerk. Ms. Kelly votes aye.
7460 Ms. Barragan?
7461 [No response.]
7462 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto?
7463 *Mr. Soto. Aye.
7464 *The Clerk. Mr. Soto votes aye.
7465 Ms. Schrier?
7466 *Ms. Schrier. Aye.
7467 *The Clerk. Ms. Schrier votes aye.

7468 Mrs. Trahan?
7469 *Mrs. Trahan. Aye.
7470 *The Clerk. Mrs. Trahan votes aye.
7471 Mrs. Fletcher?
7472 *Mrs. Fletcher. Aye.
7473 *The Clerk. Mrs. Fletcher votes aye.
7474 Ms. Ocasio-Cortez?
7475 *Ms. Ocasio-Cortez. Aye.
7476 *The Clerk. Ms. Ocasio-Cortez votes aye.
7477 Mr. Auchincloss?
7478 *Mr. Auchincloss. Aye.
7479 *The Clerk. Mr. Auchincloss votes aye.
7480 Mr. Carter of Louisiana?
7481 *Mr. Carter of Louisiana. Yes.
7482 *The Clerk. Mr. Carter of Louisiana votes aye.
7483 Mr. Menendez?
7484 *Mr. Menendez. Aye.
7485 *The Clerk. Mr. Menendez votes aye.
7486 Mr. Mullin?
7487 *Mr. Mullin. Aye.
7488 *The Clerk. Mr. Mullin votes aye.
7489 Mr. Landsman?
7490 *Mr. Landsman. Aye.
7491 *The Clerk. Mr. Landsman votes aye.
7492 Ms. McClellan?

7493 *Ms. McClellan. Aye.

7494 *The Clerk. Ms. McClellan votes aye.

7495 Mr. Guthrie?

7496 *The Chair. Aye.

7497 Anyone seeking --

7498 *The Clerk. Mr. Guthrie votes aye.

7499 *The Chair. -- recognition for the roll call?

7500 Anyone on the Republican side?

7501 Seeing none, any on the Democrat side?

7502 Seeing none -- oh, Mr. Veasey.

7503 *Mr. Veasey. How am I recorded?

7504 *The Clerk. Mr. Veasey is not recorded.

7505 *Mr. Veasey. Aye.

7506 *The Clerk. Mr. Veasey votes aye.

7507 *The Chair. Seeing no others, the clerk will report.

7508 *The Clerk. Chairman, on that vote there are 45 ayes

7509 and 0 nays.

7510 *The Chair. The ayes have it, and the bill is adopted.

7511 Without objection, staff is authorized to make technical

7512 and conforming changes to the legislation approved by the

7513 committee today.

7514 So ordered.

7515 And without objection, hearing no objection, the

7516 committee is adjourned.

7517 [Whereupon, at 2:58 p.m., the Committee was adjourned.]