Suspend the Rules and Pass the Bill, H.R. 3224, With an Amendment
(The amendment strikes all after the enacting clause and inserts a new text)

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H. R. 3224


IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. D’Esposito (for himself, Mr. Green of Tennessee, and Mr. Carter of Louisiana) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL


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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Extension Act of 2023”.
SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION OF THE COUNTERING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

(a) Extension.—

(1) In general.—Subsection (e) of section 1901 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 591) is amended by striking “5 years after the date of the enactment of the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Act of 2018” and inserting “two years after the date of the enactment of the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Extension Act of 2023”.

(2) Exception.—Subsection (a) shall not apply to sections 1931 and 1932 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (6 U.S.C. 597 and 597a; relating to the Chief Medical Officer and the medical countermeasures program of the Department of Homeland Security).

(b) Organizational Accountability.—

(1) Employee morale.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary for the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office of the Department of Homeland Security shall submit a report to and brief the Committee on Homeland Security of the
House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate regarding an employee engagement action plan and strategy to continuously improve morale within the Office.

(2) **COMPTROLLER GENERAL.—**Not later than one year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall conduct a review of and brief the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate regarding the following with respect to the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office of the Department of Homeland Security:

(A) The efforts of the Office to prioritize the programs and activities that carry out the mission of the Office, including research and development.

(B) The consistency and effectiveness of the Office’s stakeholder coordination across the mission of the Department, including operational and support components of the Department and State and local entities.
(C) The efforts of the Office to manage and coordinate the lifecycle of research and development within the Office and with other components of the Department, including the Science and Technology Directorate.