

Bill Descriptions for the Votes that Affect You

1. Conservation Programs

Representative Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.) made a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 776, which would reauthorize the Nutria Eradication and Control Act of 2003 through fiscal 2030. This law enables the U.S. Department of the Interior to provide funding to states in order to eradicate nutria — large, invasive, semiaquatic rodents native to South America — and restore wetlands damaged by them.

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution does not authorize Congress to establish or fund conservation programs. The 10th Amendment reserves any such powers to “the States respectively, or to the people.”

2. EPA Emissions Rule

H. J. Res. 35 would overturn the Environmental Protection Agency’s 2024 “Waste Emissions Charge” rule, which imposed annual fees on oil and gas facilities that emit methane above certain thresholds. The resolution blocks the EPA from imposing this rule — intended to curb greenhouse-gas emissions — on petroleum and natural-gas systems.

Neither the EPA nor its methane emissions-fee rule are authorized under the Constitution. Moreover, the rule was driven by the false climate-change narrative that serves as a pretext for implementing the UN’s Agenda 2030, which undermines national sovereignty and promotes centralized, global control.

3. Event-ticket Pricing

Representative Gus Bilirakis (R-Fla.) made a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1402, the “Transparency In Charges for Key Events Ticketing (TICKET) Act,” which would require ticket sellers, including those in the secondary market, to clearly display the total ticket price, including all fees. The bill mandates an itemized breakdown of the base ticket price and additional fees before purchase completion, bans speculative ticketing, and requires refunds for canceled or significantly postponed events.

The Constitution does not authorize the federal government to regulate private industries such as ticketing. This legislation imposes unnecessary federal mandates, duplicating existing, market-driven industry practices. Such regulations would likely increase operational costs for ticket sellers, leading to higher ticket prices for consumers and placing undue burdens on smaller vendors.

4. Quad Countries

Representative Bill Huizenga (R-Mich.) made a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1263, the “Strengthening the Quad Act,” which would, in part, direct the U.S. secretary of state to “enter into negotiations with the Governments of Australia, India, and Japan (collectively, with the United States, known as the ‘Quad’) with the goal of reaching a written agreement to establish a Quad Inter-Parliamentary Working Group.”

This bill risks creating a permanent framework that deepens U.S. entanglements in the Indo-Pacific. This would contravene the Founders’ original intent of avoiding entangling alliances and risk undermining Congress’ constitutional powers. Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution grants Congress — not the executive branch or a regional international body — the power to declare war and regulate foreign affairs.

5. Fiscal 2025 Rescissions

H.R. 4, the “Rescissions Act of 2025,” would rescind \$9.4 billion in federal funding, including \$8.3 billion in foreign aid and \$1.1 billion for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The foreign-aid rescissions include \$800 million for migration and refugee assistance, \$361 million for international peacekeeping operations, and \$169 million for international organizations.

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution authorizes Congress to neither establish or fund public media nor send financial aid to foreign countries. Although \$9.4 billion is a small number compared to the total amount of federal spending, it is a good first step toward reining in unconstitutional, reckless spending.

6. Washington, D.C., “Sanctuary City” Law

H.R. 2056 would prohibit the District of Columbia from limiting its cooperation with federal immigration enforcement, effectively repealing the “Sanctuary Values Amendment Act of 2020.”

Illegal aliens are, by definition, criminals who ought to be deported from the United States. They should not be permitted sanctuary anywhere in the country. Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution grants Congress the power to not only “establish a uniform Rule of Naturalization,” but provide for the execution of the “Laws of this Union” and protection against “Invasion.” Moreover, Clause 17 of Article I, Section 8 gives Congress the ability to “exercise exclusive Legislation in all Cases whatsoever” involving D.C.