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'Gulf Of America' Vote Passes: See How Your CA Representative Voted **The House bill passed by a vote of 211-206.**

CALIFORNIA — The House passed a bill Thursday renaming the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America. The measure also directs federal agencies to update their documents to incorporate the new name.

President Donald Trump already signed an executive order during his first day in office to rename the Gulf. House Republicans are looking to show their support, though it is unclear whether the Senate will go along.

The House bill passed by a vote of 211-206. The CA delegation in the U.S. House of Representatives rejected the proposal.

CA's representatives voted along strict party lines. The Golden State's Republican Congressmen did not issue any statements about their votes, but Democrats took to social media to hammer their counterparts across the aisle.

"Marjorie Taylor Greene's bill to rename the Gulf of Mexico is a slap in the face to hard-working Americans who want their leaders focused on lowering the cost of living," District 33 Rep. Pete Aguilar (Fontana) tweeted. "I voted against this ridiculous bill."

"This is the Republicans' priority as they ignore that working families struggle to afford the basics," posted Rep. Judy Chu (Monterey Park). "They could have passed Democrats' bill to put a stop Trump's trade war, but this is what Republicans chose to vote on instead."

Here's how each California representative voted:

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Trump's order only carries authority within the United States. Mexico, which shares borders with the body of water, as well as other countries and international bodies, do not have to recognize the name change.

Democrats said the vote demonstrated that Republicans are not focusing on the priorities of most Americans. New York Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, the House's top Democrat, asked Democrats to vote against this "silly, small-minded and sycophantic piece of legislation."

"It's easy to mock this legislation because it's so inane and embarrassing — and we have," said Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon, D-Pennsylvania. "But its very existence and the fact that House Republicans have chosen to waste time and taxpayer dollars to bring it up for a vote, is worth considering."

Republicans said the nomenclature of the Gulf extended back to a time before the U.S. existed and when Spanish influence over Central America and the Caribbean was at its zenith. But now, it is the United States that dominates economic activity in the Gulf.

"In short, this legislation recognizes the strategic influence America has over this geography, not to mention the existing economic, cultural, and commercial might that we passively exert on the Gulf," said Rep. Virginia Foxx, R-North Carolina.

The bill was sponsored by Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Georgia, a Trump ally and an influential voice in the Republican conference who wore a red "Make American Great Again" hat during last year's State of the Union address.

"The Gulf of America is one of the most important things we can do this Congress," Greene said, adding that it promotes pride in the country.

The Gulf of Mexico name has endured for more than 400 years.

The GOP leadership in the House promoted the legislation during a news conference earlier in the week.

"The American people are footing the bill to protect and secure the Gulf of America. It's only right that it's named appropriately," said House Republican Conference Chair Lisa McClain of Michigan.

Several Democrats spoke out against the bill on the House floor.

Rep. George Latimer, D-New York, said that "instead of mind-bending tariffs, giveaways to billionaires, and renaming bodies of water, we should be voting on bills that lower costs for the average family."

"No one is clamoring for a newly named body of water," Latimer said. "They want lower grocery bills."

The Associated Press contributed reporting.

(The textbook industry may be mad with delight.....think of the cost to school districts.....)

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**Can the renaming to Gulf of America happen?**

Trump — or any American — can suggest a renaming. Under federal law, the U.S. government has a process by which it formally names and renames geographic features, from rivers and lakes to mountains. Overseen by the Board on Geographic Names, it happens more than you might think, and in recent years federal officials have been changing historic place names deemed offensive, particularly to Black and Native Americans. USA Today

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Interior staff braces for impending layoffs

“Interior Department employees are preparing for notices of layoffs as soon as next week, as the Trump administration appears to ready further cuts at bureaus and agencies that have already

seen hundreds of employees voluntarily leave their posts. Interior indicated in mid-April that it would pursue staff reductions — continuing efforts initiated by the so-called Department of Government Efficiency to slash executive branch agencies — when it issued staffers a list of “competitive areas” that could be subject to cuts. Those offices or units where staff will be required to compete to retain jobs include the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management’s Office of Renewable Energy, Interior’s civil rights division in Denver, the Bureau of Land Management’s communications office at Interior headquarters, and a host of BLM state offices and directorates, according to documents obtained by POLITICO’s E&E News last month. ... ” [Read more from E&E News](#)

Today in History: [In 1846, the United States Congress formally declared war against Mexico](#)



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The last Indian massacre.... (?)

Evidence slim in battle at Kelley Creek, where Shoshone Mike was killed.

When bullets felled Shoshone Mike and his band of relatives near Golconda in 1911, it would mark the end of American Indian massacres in the U.S., historical records show.

The Indians were accused of killing three sheep men and one cattleman in Little High Rock Canyon. A posse was formed and set out in search of the Indians. When the posse found the Indian band, a blood bath ensued.

It's been 102 years since that massacre made history by being the last American Indian massacre, that is of Indians killed by whites, in the United States. Was it really the last massacre of whites by Indians? We might never know. Here's what we do know:

Shoshone Mike

Little is known about Shoshone Mike. He was born with the name Ondongarte. He may have been Shoshone or Bannock, or both. The two tribes merged when forced together on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, where he apparently was raised. His white name was Mike Daggett. He also was known by several other names, including Indian Mike, Rock Creek Mike and Salmon Mike. He didn't become known as Shoshone Mike until after the massacre in which he died.

His wife reportedly was a Ute. They lived on an American Indian reservation in Idaho before settlers forced them off their land, claiming they had purchased it. Daggett and his family left the area in about 1890, living the nomadic life of their ancestors. He worked on various ranches around Nevada, Utah and California.

In 1910, in revenge for the slaying of one of his sons, Daggett and his other sons reportedly killed a man named Frank Dopp, though it was never proven.

By January 1911, in the middle of one of the most severe winters on record with temperatures below zero for weeks, Daggett and his band, which included his wife and children, were trying to reach the Duck Valley Reservation near the Nevada-Idaho border north of Elko. In those early days of January, they took shelter on a ridge in the Little High Rock Canyon area.

About that same time, word was received in Surprise Valley that cattle and sheep were missing in that area.

So, Harry Cambron, a cattle ranch foreman, Peter Erramouspe and John Laxague, both Basque sheep men, and Bertrand Indiano, who worked for the two, rode to the area to check on the animals.

At some point, shots rang and the four were killed. Was it the Indians or was it the cowboys from the Miller-Lux Ranch, some of whom were reportedly rustling cattle and maybe a few sheep? According to one of the survivors of the later Indian battle, Daggett's band had heard the shots and went to investigate. They stripped the corpses of their clothes, weapons and horses. The clothes were mainly for the children who had little or no clothing. Then the Indians left the camp and set off once again for the reservation.

A checkbook apparently was also taken, and it was this item that would lead to the Indians' downfall. Posse members reported finding checks at various Indian camps.

Posse sets out

It took almost a month before the cowboys' frozen and stripped bodies were found. The men had been mutilated Indian-style, according to news reports of the day. The remnants of the Indian camp were found nearby.

A posse was formed and set out in search of the Indian band on Feb.16, following a clearly defined trail in the snow.

Meanwhile, Daggett and his band were slowly making their way to the Duck Valley Indian Reservation north of Elko, a trip that would cover some 200 miles. Their animals were slowly starving to death because of the deep snow and lack of food. They had the horses stolen from the dead men, but the going was slow.

Mounted on good horses, the posse moved fast and caught up with the band on Feb. 25, 1911, in an area on Kelley Creek near where the creek joins a tributary, known as Rabbit Creek, about 25 miles northeast of Golconda, which is east of Winnemucca.

Reports indicated that the Indians didn't know they were being pursued and were caught by surprise. The small family band was less than 50 miles from the reservation. Later, some would say that had the Indians truly been in a hurry, they could have easily reached their destination earlier.

As the posse drew closer, Indian tracker "Skinny" Pascal was sent to the camp in an effort to talk the family into surrendering. Instead, the Indians painted their faces and began to do a war dance.

A massacre

Shoshone Mike would be the first to fall but the last to die. Pascal shot the Indian twice after Daggett opened fire on him but missed. Bleeding but alive, Daggett crawled through the brush, then fired on Capt. J.P. Donnelly, superintendent of the Nevada State Police and leader of the posse. Shoshone Mike was shot eight or nine times but survived for more than an hour after the battle was over.

Three of the Indians were killed outright. The battle lasted for three hours and covered more than a mile. The posse fired more than 500 shots, compared with an estimated 150 rounds fired by the Indians.

Women and children, armed with bows and arrows, fought next to the men, sometimes reportedly attempting to draw the fire of the posse to give their men a better chance at killing them. According to posse members, they tried to avoid shooting the children, but in the end, three would die.

It was near the end of the massacre that the last Indian fighter felled posse member Ed Hogel with the last Indian bullet. Mortally wounded, he was able to warn his comrades, who opened fire, killing the Indian. The gun used to kill Hogel had been taken from murder victim Cambron.

Hogel was two days away from his 32nd birthday when he died and was to have been married the next month.

When the massacre was over, four Indians were brought into custody. One posse member and eight Indians lay dead in the sagebrush, among them two boys and two women. They were identified as Shoshone Mike, about 55; an Indian woman known as Jennie, about 40; Buck Disenda, about 18; Buck Kennan about 23; and Cupena, about 25. Also killed were unidentified children that included a young woman about 17, and two Indian boys about 10 and 12. All were buried at the site of the battle.

The fallout

A coroner's inquest was held on March 5, 1911. In that report, it was noted that five arrows, an Indian drum with two bullet holes and a spear made out of an old butcher knife with a willow handle and wrapped in red flannel also were found at the scene.

This does not mean the Indians were guilty of the murders, Shoshone leaders pointed out. Shoshone Mike's band was passing through, they claimed. The Indians did indeed take items from the dead. After the battle, it was found that the children were wearing clothing belonging to the murdered men.

It is the Indians' contention that Miller-Lux cowboys, when caught in the act of rustling cattle, killed then mutilated the bodies to make it appear the crime was committed by Indians. Later investigations tend to agree with this theory.

Captured following the battle were a teenage girl about 17, who, posse members said, fought alongside the men, a 7-year-old boy, a girl about 4 or 5 and a baby who was found strapped to her dead mother's back. First held in the Golconda jail, the four were transferred to the jail at Washoe County.

Newspapers reported in large headlines that the teenager confessed.

However, it must be noted that she spoke only a few words of English and the others spoke no English at all.

A woman who spoke Shoshone talked with the woman, originally identified as Snake. It was she who said the teen confessed. Yet, she said she didn't recognize the language and felt instead they may have been Bannocks instead of Shoshone. Bannocks and Shoshone were rivals.

It was later learned that Snake was the name of one of the dead and the sister of the teenager. The survivor was Heeney. The boy was Cleve and the young girl was Hattie. The baby's name was not known. The young survivors were taken to the Indian school at Stewart south of Carson City, known then as the Carson City Indian School. A short time later, Evan Estep, superintendent of the Indian agency at Fort Hall in Idaho, took the children with him.

Tragedy struck the family again. Within a year, all but the baby would be dead from tuberculosis.

The baby was taken in by a white family and given the name Mary Jo Estep. Those who died in that battle included her parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles. Estep would go on to be a

teacher and lived a long life before dying in 1993 in Washington when she was given the wrong medicine while in a nursing home.

Sources: Effie Mona Mack's four-part series in the Nevada Magazine in 1948; Reno Evening Gazette, Feb. 25, 1911; Feb. 27, 1911; Feb. 28, 1911; March 4, 1911; Nevada State Journal, Feb. 17, 1911; March 2, 1911; July 28, 1911; July 21, 1972; Nevada Place Names; Thompson and West; Humboldt Sun, March 26, 1993; report from Nevada State Police; coroner's inquest report that was donated to the Nevada Historical Society by Frederick Buckingham of Paradise Valley.

THE NEW REPUBLIC

Angry Trump Kills “Woke” Program—and Accidentally Screws MAGA Voters

The other day, during his intensive daily reading of complex policy papers, President Donald Trump noticed that a government initiative created by his predecessor had the word “equity” in its title. Naturally, this caught his attention. As he appeared to conclude, this could only mean the initiative was designed to help undeserving minorities.

Which presented Trump with a ripe opportunity to demagogue about supposed reverse racism against white people. As Trump [just announced](#) on Truth Social, he has canceled the program, raging that it's “RACIST.” He fumed: “No more woke handouts based on race!”

Except there's a problem here. The program in question, the Digital Equity Act, contained huge amounts of money for governments in GOP-run states, as well as Democratic ones, to expand high-speed internet access in underserved communities—very much including red states' rural areas.

What's more, every red state government [had submitted proposals](#) designed to garner their states large amounts of this funding. These proposals were explicitly designed by these GOP governments partly to serve their states' rural areas.

While much of that money has already been approved, large sums still have not, according to the office of Senator Patty Murray, who is monitoring these expenditures as ranking Democrat on the Appropriations Committee. With Trump moving to block these funds, these states now could be denied some or possibly all of that money, Murray's office says.

Murray's office says this cutoff is illegal, and some of these states will likely sue. “Democrats will fight this every step of the way,” Murray said in an emailed statement.

In this saga, we once again see Trump—who is supposed to be remaking the GOP into a “working-class party”—employing precisely the same race-mongering scam that Republicans have used for a very long time to downsize “Big Government” in ways that hurt their own voters.

The Digital Equity Act—which was part of the bipartisan infrastructure law that former president Joe Biden signed in 2021—appropriated over \$2 billion for grants to states to improve internet

access. As *The New York Times* [reports](#), states were already in the process of submitting plans to access that grant money, red ones included.

Here's where the story gets funny—or perhaps sad. Under the law, the federal government recognizes “covered populations” that are underserved by high-speed internet. Each state's plan is supposed to be designed to use federal money to expand access to those populations.

One of these populations is “members of a racial or ethnic minority.” Plainly, that's what constitutes the “woke handouts based on race” that triggered Trump. After all, it *sounds* woke, doesn't it?

But as it happens, some of the other “covered populations” include “veterans” and “people living in rural areas,” as well as “low-income households.” Guess what: Those aren't necessarily minorities, and red states have a lot of people in those categories too!

Indeed, as the *Times* story [details](#), the racial component of the law was actually pretty negligible. “The law barely mentions race at all,” the *Times* observes.

But here's the real rub of the matter. A number of red states' proposals—submitted, again, to access federal money for themselves—explicitly detailed how *they* intend to use that money to expand digital access to *their* veterans and to *their* rural residents. You can see that in proposals submitted by [Arkansas](#), [Indiana](#), [Ohio](#), [Kansas](#), and many others.

“Individuals living in rural areas face the most urgent needs for broadband availability,” [Alabama's proposal](#) reads. And [Iowa's proposal](#) laments the internet “accessibility gap” that persists “particularly in rural communities.”

Here's the other rub of the matter. As of now, under the law, the federal government has approved tens of millions of dollars to [well over a dozen red states](#), along with a lot of blue states. But many of these states don't have full access to that money, pending their completion of further steps in the approval process, Murray's office tells me.

This is where Trump entered the picture. He [tweeted](#):

I have spoken with my wonderful Secretary of Commerce, Howard Lutnick, and we agree that the Biden/Harris so-called “Digital Equity Act” is totally UNCONSTITUTIONAL. No more woke handouts based on race! The Digital Equity Program is a RACIST and ILLEGAL \$2.5 BILLION DOLLAR giveaway. I am ending this IMMEDIATELY, and saving Taxpayers BILLIONS OF DOLLARS!

It's anybody's guess how serious Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick really is about this. But if the Commerce Department, which is implementing this law, follows Trump's command, it will do all it can to halt these payments.

Murray's office estimates that as much as hundreds of millions of dollars has still not been formally approved.

“It’s insane that Trump is blocking resources to help make sure kids in rural school districts can get online all because he doesn’t like the word ‘equity,’” Murray, who originally sponsored this law, said in her statement. “My Republican colleagues will need to explain to their constituents why the rural schools they represent won’t get this funding for hotspots or laptops in the meantime.”

The irony here is that lack of digital access is a good example of a serious inequity (there’s that “woke” word again!) that impacts *both* low-income minorities *and* low-income rural whites in a similar way. This lack of access constitutes an unfairness embedded in the nation’s patchwork infrastructure, something the federal government is well positioned to try to rectify *across* racial lines. So it’s degenerate nonsense for Trump to pluck out the tiny fraction of this effort aimed at minorities and cast it as racism against white people.

“In today’s world, everything is online, and yet folks in rural areas, low-income households, and racial and ethnic minorities all suffer from the same challenge—barriers that keep people offline,” Amy Huffman, policy director at the National Digital Inclusion Alliance, told me. “It’s absurd to say this is reverse racism.”

For decades, Republicans have demagogued about Big Government giving handouts to racial minorities, in order to justify slashing government programs in myriad ways that hurt their own voters. This has often been communicated in couched language: For Ronald Reagan [it was](#) “welfare queens.” For Mitt Romney, [it was](#) the “47 percent” who were “dependent on the government.” For Paul Ryan, [it was](#) the “hammock that lulls able-bodied citizens to lives of dependency.”

We constantly hear that Trumpism is supposed to represent a break with that old form of Reaganesque, drown-government-in-the-bathtub, plutocratic GOP ideology, as part of its supposed project to remake the GOP as “working class.” But the reality is that MAGA often takes that old race-baiting trick and, if anything, supercharges its racist overtones. This latest move is a case in point: Once again, here we see Trump carrying out precisely that same old swindle. And once again, GOP voters may very well get screwed by it.

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**Trump’s 2026 budget cuts: What will they mean for the water industry?**

“On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, a letter to Appropriations Committee Chair Susan Collins revealed that President Donald Trump’s budget proposal for FY2026 calls for a sweeping \$4.2 billion in total funding reduction for the U.S. EPA. \$2.46 billion of this will be taken from the Clean and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds, or SRFs — slashing 89% of the FY2025 funding. The Clean Water SRF (CWSRF) program provides funding for water infrastructure projects such as stormwater runoff mitigation, decentralized wastewater treatment systems, and water reuse. Similarly, the Drinking Water SRF (DWSRF) program is dedicated to supporting and protecting water supply projects. The DWSRF is designed to help communities finance the maintenance of safe drinking water — significantly, replacing aging pipelines. After the Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) issued in October 2024, the importance of distribution system investment has become even more paramount. ... ” [Read more from Water Online.](#)

**.EPA research center shuts lab activities**

“EPA’s political leaders have hedged on reorganization plans for its stand-alone research office, but the office’s managers are already warning staff of halting lab research and reassigning key duties. In an email sent Thursday morning to all staff in the Center for Public Health and Environmental Assessment, one of the Office of Research and Development’s four research centers, center Director Wayne Cascio and deputy Kay Holt wrote, “Lab research will wind down over the next few weeks as we will no longer have the capability to acquire supplies and materials.” “ORD is shutting down their laboratory activities,” the email continues. “We are unsure if these laboratory activities will continue post-reorganization. Time and funding would be needed to reconstitute activities.” ... ” [Read more from E&E News.](#)

**Lawmakers may reset the Congressional Review Act clock to reverse EPA waivers**

“Congressional Republicans are coming to the 60-day deadline Thursday in their rush to roll back Biden administration environmental regulations, but they might be resetting the clock in some cases. The 1996 Congressional Review Act typically gives lawmakers 60 days to enact joint resolutions of disapproval nullifying rules. The law allows the Senate to pass the joint resolutions with simple majorities, avoiding the risk of filibuster. But the clock starts again in a new session of Congress, as it did on Jan. 24 for the 119th Congress, according to the Senate staff, giving lawmakers 60 legislative days to act. That look-back period allows the current Congress to reverse rules going back as far as Aug. 16, 2024. Thursday marks the end of the 60-day look-back period. ... ” [Read more from Roll Call.](#)

**NOAA will stop updating database tracking costliest weather disasters**

“Federal scientists will no longer update a list of weather disasters that cause billions of dollars in damage, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Thursday. The list had been growing dramatically in recent years, a sign of both extreme weather and increasing development across the country. It is on a growing list of scientific datasets that NOAA says scientists will no longer update or that the administration will decommission entirely. The agency said the existing disaster records, stretching from 1980 through 2024, will remain accessible. Without updates to the database, it could become harder for the country to assess the ways climate change, building patterns and population trends are exposing Americans to weather hazards. The numbers of billion-dollar disasters have surged from just a handful per year in the 1980s to an average of 23 per year from 2020 through 2024. ... ” [Read more from the Washington Post.](#)

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Mojave Max sets new record for latest emergence in Southern Nevada. "The renowned desert tortoise and weather prognosticator, emerged from his burrow on May 8, 2025, at 2:09 p.m., setting a new record for his latest emergence. This breaks his previous record of April 24, 2023, at 3:40 p.m. ([Via KSNV](#))

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*‘Heard my first broadcast rendition of Elgar’s “Pomp and Circumstance” this morning. Still makes me tear up. Where are your graduation stories/pics?!*