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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, February 16, 2024, at 3:30 p.m.

## House of Representatives

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Illinois).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 15, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MARY E. MILLER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 9, 2024, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

### HONORING ALLEN POLICE CHIEF BRIAN HARVEY AFTER 44 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SELF) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SELF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Allen Police Chief Brian Harvey as he retires after 44 years of dedicated service and leadership in the field of law enforcement.

Chief Harvey took the oath of office as the Allen Police chief on February 7, 2012. During his tenure, he demonstrated steadfast leadership, strategic guidance, and an unyielding commitment to public safety.

Prior to leading the Allen Police Department, Chief Harvey contributed 32 years of valuable law enforcement experience as the deputy chief of police with the Dallas Police Department.

Chief Harvey's leadership has been characterized by stability, innovation, and a commitment to the growth and efficiency of the police department.

During his tenure, Chief Harvey enhanced community outreach and transparency, and implemented vital police recruitment initiatives, including expanding the school resource officer program and providing imperative mental health training and resources for the department.

Chief Harvey continually spearheaded efforts to keep the department updated on the latest technological advancements, setting a precedent that other departments emulated.

Chief Harvey's leadership during critical moments, including during the May 6, 2023, active-shooter incident at the Allen Premium Outlets and the subsequent weeks, demonstrated exceptional bravery and courage among his responding officers, saving lives and showcasing the resilience of the Allen Police Department.

Chief Harvey's retirement provides an opportunity for reflection on his remarkable achievements and lifetime of service. For that, I extend my gratitude.

### RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JACOB CARTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington (Mr. KILMER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Jacob Carter, a dearly beloved husband, brother, son, and co-owner of Howdy Bagel in Tacoma, Washington.

Jacob was tragically and senselessly killed while vacationing in New Orleans with his husband, Daniel, just after the new year.

Jacob and Daniel opened their bagel shop, Howdy Bagel, in May 2023, a milestone accomplishment that began with at-home experimentation during the pandemic lockdowns. Howdy opened to immediate and sustained success in Tacoma, with lines week after week, stretching far past the front door.

With Howdy, though, Jacob brought so much more than good food to Tacoma. The store, proudly queer-owned and -operated, has provided a warm, inclusive gathering spot to the LGBTQ+ community, yes, but also to anyone willing to make new friends with their neighbors while waiting in line for lox.

Jacob was a light in Tacoma and cultivated this community intentionally. As Howdy's motto goes, "Y'all Means All." The saying is a tip to his Texas

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roots and a reflection of his efforts to always ensure everyone had a seat at the table.

Whether it was his work selling bagels, helping resettle asylees and refugees, or aiding community development in the Middle East, Jacob never faltered in spreading kindness and inclusivity.

He was the kind of Good Samaritan we all strive to be.

Madam Speaker, I join our Pacific Northwest community in grieving the loss of a burgeoning leader.

Like far too many others in our Nation, Jacob was the victim of the epidemic of gun violence, a uniquely American scourge that cannot be accepted as a fact of life.

I join Jacob's husband, Daniel, and the rest of his family in grieving the loss of a uniquely generous and loving soul.

Madam Speaker, I stand here on the House floor to recognize that the city of Tacoma will forever be better because Jacob made it his home.

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#### BRING OMRI MIRAN AND ALL HOSTAGES IN GAZA BACK HOME

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. CISCOMANI) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CISCOMANI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share the story of Omri Miran, a 46-year-old husband and father of two small daughters.

On October 7, Omri was 1 of more than 240 men, women, children, and elderly who were brutally kidnapped by Hamas terrorists.

He and 134 hostages are still held captive in Gaza, enduring unthinkable torture and trauma.

I stand here today to demand that Hamas release Omri immediately, along with all the remaining hostages.

Those who have been released have shared horror stories of abuse, children being forced to take drugs, and inhumane conditions.

We must stand with Israel as it works to destroy Hamas and free its citizens wrongfully held by the terror group.

Israel has proven its willingness to pause the fighting for hostages to be returned home. Despicably, Hamas broke the first hostage deal just as it broke a cease-fire that was in place before October 7.

I call on all nations with ties to Hamas to increase the pressure on the terrorist group to immediately free all of those it is holding captive.

Hostages like Omri Miran have endured horrific abuse, sexual assault, torture, and heavy drugging from their Hamas captors. It is time to bring Omri home. It is time to bring them all home now.

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#### CONGRESS STANDS SILENT IN THIS HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, we leave today a day early. We essentially have 4-day weeks. That is, 25 percent of the work that we were planning to do, we are not going to do. We leave, I think, because we either can't do our work or we won't be allowed to do our work.

Madam Speaker, I rise again, as I have so many times when we were leaving without doing the critical business of America and the world. I rise, again, for our allies in Ukraine and Israel. I rise for the defense of democracy and freedom of people who are fighting for their very survival as a democracy.

The other week, I read a story, Madam Speaker, about the desperate situation on the front lines outside Kharkiv in Ukraine. The Ukrainian Air Defense soldier positioned outside the city spotted a salvo of Russian missiles rising over the horizon. He stood there helplessly. His unit lacked the equipment and ammunition necessary to shoot missiles down.

Within minutes, the missile struck a residential complex, killing numerous civilians. Yet, we stand here ready to walk out of this Chamber, our work undone.

The soldier later told the journalist: "I understood they would fly and hit people and that I couldn't do anything to prevent it from happening."

He was right. There was nothing he could have done because he did not have the weapons that were necessary.

The Congress, of course, cannot say the same. We can do something. We must do something. This Congress stands silent in this House. The Senate has acted late, but it is never too late to do the right thing.

This Congress remains silent. For 413 days, our Congress has failed to secure additional aid for Ukraine. For 131 days, we have failed to do the same for Israel.

This inaction is born not of a lack of consensus because we have over 300 votes on this floor for either one of those bills and, I think, the Senate bill.

Instead, we see Trump's and the far right's astounding sympathy for Putin. Just the other day, Senator TUBERVILLE said to blame America first, that it is our fault, that we made Putin, a war criminal, invade Ukraine.

All seven times supplemental aid for Ukraine came to the House floor in recent months, over 300 Members supported it. So, it is not that we do not have consensus. It is that the Speaker will not allow consensus to be spoken.

The Senate just passed a bill to provide this aid to our allies with 70 votes. Seventy percent of the Senate sent us a bill. The question is not whether this legislation would receive enough votes to pass this House. The question is whether Speaker JOHNSON will give us the opportunity to vote on it at all. The Speaker's refusal to do so is causing Ukrainians to die.

The Speaker is preventing the people's House from working its will as the Senate did. The Speaker should

give the victims of Putin's war crimes a vote and hope. Tell Putin: "Nyet." Every minute that we don't signals retreat instead of a resolve.

Incomprehensibly, Trump amplified that dangerous message over the weekend, explicitly saying he would not only refuse to defend our NATO allies but would encourage the Russians "to do whatever the hell they want."

Is that America? Is that the leadership we want to portray to the world? Is that the leader of the free world? Mute. That, Madam Speaker, is aid and comfort to our enemies.

Those aren't the words of someone who seeks to lead the free world. They are the words of someone who would turn his back on the free world. Every Republican, no matter what office they hold or seek, ought to go on record and condemn those comments.

Governor Christie would agree with that statement. Putin salivates, Madam Speaker, at this inaction and division sown by the isolationist, authoritarian-loving factions of one of our parties that leads this House. That is why he recently sat down with Tucker Carlson.

The Speaker should give us a vote. We have the votes. Ukraine and Israel cry out for America's help and leadership.

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#### BRING RAN GVILI AND ALL HOSTAGES HOME

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BACON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share the story of Ran Gvili. Ran is a 24-year-old who loves playing guitar and, like me, has a passion for motorcycles.

On October 7, Ran was waiting for an operation when he heard what was happening. He left the house to go help and became one of the more than 240 men, women, children, and elderly who were brutally kidnapped by Hamas terrorists.

He and 134 hostages are still held captive in Gaza, enduring unthinkable torture and trauma. I stand here today to demand that Hamas release Ran immediately, along with all the remaining hostages.

Those who have been released have shared horror stories about sexual abuse, children being forced to take drugs, and inhumane conditions.

We must stand with Israel as it works to destroy Hamas and free its citizens wrongfully held by the terror group.

Israel has proven its willingness to pause the fighting for hostages to be returned home. Despicably, Hamas broke the first hostage deal, just as it broke a cease-fire that was in place before October 7.

I call on all nations with ties to Hamas to increase the pressure on this terrorist group to immediately free all

those it is holding captive. It is time to bring Ran and all the hostages home.

CELEBRATING CONTRIBUTIONS OF JOHN AND VIV EWING

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a great couple from Omaha. It is my pleasure to rise during Black History Month to acknowledge the important contributions that African Americans have made and continue to make to American society. Today, I honor two extraordinary citizens, John and Dr. Viv Ewing, from Omaha, who have made long-lasting professional and personal contributions to the Second District of Nebraska.

In September 2024, John and Viv will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. Guided by their faith, their marriage has been a demonstration of faith, service, and civic engagement. They have passed along their strong work ethic and communal leadership to their daughters, Christina and Alexandria, who also have extensive community service experience with the Salvation Army, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, the Girl Scouts of America, and the Open Door Mission.

John Ewing served the citizens of Omaha for 24 years, retiring as the deputy chief of police for the Omaha Police Department. During that time, he served as unit commander of the Special Victims Unit, investigating crimes committed against women and children, the most vulnerable of our society.

With this experience, John hoped to develop legislation to more effectively address crimes committed against women and children. Ten new State statutes have become law as a result of his effort to protect our citizens.

For 17 years, John has held public office as the Douglas County treasurer. In this role, he is responsible for the collection of over \$1.7 billion in taxes for Douglas County, the largest county in my district.

John has continuously volunteered his time serving our community, having been involved in over 60 nonprofit boards.

Dr. Viv Ewing has devoted her professional career to serving communities across the Second District. Viv is currently the president and CEO at Children's Square U.S.A., a child welfare organization that provides programs and services for vulnerable children and families. She has previously served in nonprofit leadership positions at PromiseShip, Alzheimer's Association of Nebraska, Habitat for Humanity, American Red Cross, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and many more notable organizations.

Viv is the founder and president of the Ewing Group, a consulting company that helps women, small business owners, corporations, universities, and organizations rise to success.

Viv understands the value of education and spent many years teaching at major universities and colleges. She is the author of a motivational book, "Yes! You Can Have Your Cake and Eat

It Too," in which she shares her strategies for achieving more success and fulfillment.

John and Viv Ewing are servant leaders and have worked on initiatives and volunteered for organizations that strengthen families, children, and the community, such as United Way, Great Plains Black History Museum, 100 Black Men of Omaha, Salvation Army North Corps, Siena Francis House, Child Saving Institute, Charles Drew Health Center, and more.

They have received many awards and accolades for their actions and recently were awarded the Face on the Barroom Floor by the Omaha Press Club. In addition, they both serve as associate ministers for Salem Baptist Church, which has played an important role in the history of African Americans in Omaha.

I thank John and Viv for their past, current, and future contributions to our city, State, and country.

#### BLACK HISTORY IS AMERICAN HISTORY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. BEATTY) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. BEATTY. Madam Speaker, as we celebrate Black History Month, we must embrace that Black History Month and Black history is American history. When we embrace Black history as American history, we tap into a wellspring of intellect, perspective, and capacity.

Individually, we shine, but collectively, we radiate brilliance and effect change in our Nation and around the world—change as doctors, lawyers, engineers, teachers, artists, sports folks, Members of Congress, moms, and more.

I honor Harriet Tubman, the first woman to lead an armed Civil War expedition, freeing over 700 South Carolinians. Today at noon, I celebrate the Harriet Tubman Commemorative Coin Act in honor of her 200th birthday, authored by Congressman GREG MEEKS. However, Madam Speaker, this is just the first step. I will continue to fight for Tubman on the \$20 bill.

As we strive to make Black history a required part of American history, we must first recognize the trailblazers.

I celebrate Rosa Parks, who resisted on the day of December 1 on that bus and who paved the way for integrated public transportation. Rosa Parks sat down on that bus so I can stand in the Halls of Congress today.

Rosa Parks, the mother of the civil rights movement, was awarded a Congressional Gold Medal for her bravery. I am proud that I authored the first Rosa Parks Day in the Nation in Ohio on December 1.

I celebrate my lifelong friend and mentor, Lieutenant Colonel Charity Adams Earley, the first African-American woman officer in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. The top-ranking Black woman officer, Lieutenant Colonel Charity Adams Earley, battled

segregation in the United States Army, laying the groundwork for today's integrated military. As a member of the Six Triple Eight Battalion, she posthumously received the Congressional Gold Medal.

I honor Dr. Dolly Dessel Adams, a trailblazer, activist, community leader, a dear friend and mentor who passed away 6 days ago, a legend in the Episcopal Church as a supervisor, a 60-year member of The Links, Incorporated, and the eighth national president.

As a young member of The Links, Incorporated, the iconic Dolly Adams held my hand and said: I am paving the way for you to go make a difference.

She was granted the Order of the Palmetto, the State's highest honor. Dolly Adams is Black history.

I celebrate Vice President Kamala Harris, the first woman and the first Black person to be Vice President of these United States of America. She speaks to America and the world with a strong voice of protecting our democracy and fighting for equality and justice to save the soul of this Nation, always putting people over politics.

Madam Speaker, as we stand here today, I am honored to be able to come today to salute so many Black Americans. I celebrate Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, appointed by President Biden, the first Black woman to serve as a Supreme Court Justice. I had the distinct pleasure of testifying as a witness at her confirmation hearing in 2022. Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson is Black history, American history.

Finally, I celebrate Amanda Gorman, the youngest poet at a Presidential inauguration. Her story inspires youth worldwide to choose democracy's brilliance over the hopelessness of autocracy. Amanda Gorman is American history. Let us not have her books banned by this Congress or anyone else but be read by all of our schoolchildren.

These historic roles, Madam Speaker, celebrate our Nation's progress and compel us to leverage talent across race and gender for national prosperity. Celebrating Black history as American history allows us to celebrate our Nation's shared brilliance, strength, wisdom, and power.

Madam Speaker, I close by saying, for this reason, I ask my colleagues to support H.R. 703, the Black History is American History Act.

#### DAM REMOVALS IN CALIFORNIA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, what I am illustrating here today is one of the largest environmental disasters in American history. This was caused by environmental movement actions here.

What you see is the Klamath River up in northern California, which

reaches partly into Oregon. There have been four hydroelectric dams that have been there anywhere from 60 to 100 years, creating clean, renewable, CO<sub>2</sub>-free, green electricity, something that Americans seem to want and certainly the government is pushing hard for as it tries to electrify everything by mandate: our vehicles, leaf blowers, lawnmowers, stoves, what have you. On the other hand, they want to take away the generation capacity to make all this electricity.

Here you see this plume right here on the Klamath River, where one of the stems of the Klamath still has clean water. What you see here is the plume from where they started to knock down one of the dams so far, as well as release from the bottom, unplugging many, many years of silt and sedimentation that had been built up underneath at the bottom of the various lakes in the chain.

Guess what? We warned them about this. They just glossed over it and said: Oh, the silt will be fine. It will be fine. Well, they are finding out there are high levels of chromium and other heavy metals in that silt. We knew this. They ignored it anyway because these four dams for them are trophies for the environmental movement.

It is not about protecting fish. The latest projection by Fish and Game personnel, just said this week in meetings up in the north—again, you see here a normal part of the river, a tributary coming in. It is winter water there, so it isn't perfectly clear, but that is normal water for the winter.

Here is the dirty plume coming down the Klamath, this brown, mucky stuff that is killing the wildlife in that system.

They are actually expecting, and they said it with a straight face, that it might be 10 to 12 years now for the fish population that they ostensibly are trying to protect to return. The life cycle of a salmon is 3 years, so you are going to be wiping out several generations, hoping, I guess, that the salmon that are out in the ocean that return up the river will somehow find their way back after 10 and 12 years of forgetting about their habitat and where their imprint is to their normal breeding grounds.

Would you have bought into this idea that the salmon are going to be wiped out for 10 or 12 years and think that is an environmental win? I don't think any normal person would think that. That is what they are saying since they started this project of tearing down.

This shows an existing dam that makes hydroelectric power, but you can see the plume right here. It may be hard to see on TV, but this is a gray, blackish, brown crud hitting that dam from up above and coming through at the bottom where they have unplugged it and just let it run. Again, if it is supposed to be about wildlife, it isn't.

The final poster I have to show you here, this shows dead deer that have waded out into that muck that came

from the bottom of the dam. This is not the natural condition of the river, by any stretch, with the dams in place. At least three deer in this photo—there are several more in the larger pull-away of the photo—that wandered out and got stuck, as the Fish and Game Commission helplessly stood on the shore and could hear them bellowing and bleating, being unable to get out.

They had, of course, no means to go out and rescue them. Heaven knows if people would have gone out there or some crazy kids out there mud bogging in their four-wheel drives or something, how they would get anybody out of that. They don't have a plan for that. We will have that plan later. They are working on it as they monitor it, says Fish and Game.

This is what you have, an environmental disaster under the guise of preserving fish. They are trying to differentiate, well, there is a bunch of nonnative fish that are dying off, like yellow perch and others. The salmon they are trying to protect, we still think they are up in the tributaries, hiding out right now. What happens as soon as they come down into that, if they move at all or if they come upstream at all? What happens? They are going to get wiped out on that.

As much as farmers and ranchers there have bent over backward in the Scott and Shasta Rivers, as well as the Klamath River up in Tule Lake Basin, not to mention the refuges that don't get water for ducks, geese, and other waterfowl habitat, what is the answer to them? Oh, I guess we messed up.

Likely, they are going to want to take even more water out of Klamath Lake and cut off agriculture even more so because they have to now clean this mess up here.

Who is going to be held liable for this? Who is going to be held liable for the lies about this whole system here? Is it going to be the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, FERC, which signed off on this 5-0 finally, after we tried to give them facts on what was going on here?

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Is it going to be EPA? Is it going to be NOAA fisheries? Is it going to be the California Department of Fish and Game? Excuse me. It is now known as Fish and Wildlife—politically correct. Will it be U.S. Fish and Wildlife?

Are they just going to keep coming back more and more to agriculture and saying: Well, you are going to have to pay more for your water supply because we screwed up?

The people out there have been wronged by this, and the government needs to do much better, and they are going to have to be paying restitution for the damage.

#### RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN JEREMY WATKINS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB) for 5 minutes.

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I take this moment to recognize Captain Jeremy Watkins for his 22 years of extraordinary service with the Dearborn Fire Department in Michigan's 12th District Strong.

Captain Watkins started as a firefighter with the Dearborn Fire Department in 2002. He steadily rose through the ranks, serving as engineer, lieutenant, and was promoted to captain in 2024.

Over the years, Captain Watkins has been recognized for his commitment and outstanding public service, achieving five Meritorious Company Commendations, as well as the Fire Chief's Unit Award, the Fire Chief's Life Saving Award, and the John D. Dingell Medal of Freedom Memorial Commendation.

He has also been recognized multiple times, Madam Speaker, for his safe driving record and for his work at the vaccination center.

Captain Watkins has devoted countless hours and energy to serving the people and the families of the city of Dearborn.

Please join me in recognizing his 22 years of commitment to protecting our communities across Michigan's 12th District as we wish him strength in his fight against brain cancer.

#### ENDING PROFIT FROM WAR

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, ending utility shutoffs, boldly tackling the climate crisis, fully funding Social Security, universal school meals for every child that is hungry in our country, guaranteeing healthcare and clean water is a human right.

Year after year, many colleagues tell me that there is no money for these lifesaving programs, and then they turn around and vote for another record-breaking \$886.3 billion in military budget and massive weapons giveaways for foreign governments, funneling billions of our tax dollars to the very same defense contractors that many of them are invested in and taking campaign donations from.

We should not be voting to send our U.S. dollars to any government that is violating human rights, period. It is disturbing that many of my colleagues in this Chamber are actively profiting financially when they vote to pass more funding for weapons and wars. Literally every bomb dropped makes them money.

The American people deserve Representatives who vote in the best interests of our families. We are all elected to serve the public, not to serve stock portfolios.

I introduced the Stop Politicians Profiting from War Act to put an end to this corruption and ban Members of Congress from owning war and defense stocks. The American people deserve better. We are sick of politicians profiting from death and war.

#### DEMANDING JUSTICE FOR SYRIANS

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, over 600,000 have been killed. It has been over a decade since the start of the

Syrian civil war, and victims of numerous horrific crimes committed during the conflict are still waiting for justice.

In recent months, regional powers and dictators have sought to sweep the war criminal, Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad's heinous, horrific crimes under the rug and welcome him back into the international arena. Shame.

Assad's regime committed some of the worst atrocities of the 21st century, including using chemical weapons literally on his own people and widespread use of horrific torture on his own people.

I introduced the Justice for Syrians resolution, and I urge my colleagues to bring it to the floor for a vote. This bill directs the U.S. through the United Nations to finally hold war criminal Assad accountable for crimes against humanity at an ad hoc international court of law.

This is critical. Please join me in demanding justice for our Syrian people and our families that are directly impacted that live here in the United States and push to hold war criminals like Assad accountable for their crimes against humanity.

#### MAKING MEDICALLY NECESSARY NUTRITION AVAILABLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. RUTHERFORD) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, today hundreds of thousands of children and adults all across America, including over 177,000 just from my State of Florida, live with digestive gastrointestinal liver or pancreatic disease or inherited metabolic disorders, commonly referred to as "IMD," that actually inhibits their bodies from being able to process typical foods.

When left untreated, Madam Speaker, inherited metabolic disease or gastrointestinal conditions actually cause the body to fail to absorb nutrients, and the food can actually become toxic.

Without necessary nutrition, patients can face severe health risks, including unnecessary surgeries, hospitalizations, intellectual disabilities, or death.

Our health system must be structured to support proven treatments so that these patients can continue to live with these diseases.

I recently introduced legislation with Representative MCGOVERN that would make medically necessary nutrition more easily accessible to patients across the Nation.

H.R. 6892, the Medical Nutrition Equity Act, builds on coverage Congress passed for TRICARE and would actually cover medically necessary food, vitamins, and individual amino acids for these Americans with digestive and inherited metabolic disorders and allow them to lead normal, healthy lives.

As co-chair of the Crohn's and Colitis Caucus where I advocate for these di-

gestive disorders, I urge my colleagues to consider supporting this legislation as we work to pass it into law.

#### HOLDING RULE BREAKERS ACCOUNTABLE

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, as a former sheriff, I dedicated my life to holding rule breakers accountable, and I am here to tell you this morning that President Biden and Secretary Mayorkas are rule breakers.

Their inaction on securing the southern border is not a failed policy, Madam Speaker—it is their policy. For over a thousand days now they have refused to secure our southern border.

The House tried to intervene when we jointly passed H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act, the strongest border security bill in history.

While Senator SCHUMER and President Biden refused to act on this bill, we continue to see record numbers of illegal immigrants at our border, increasing rates of fentanyl poisoning, and an uptick in our national security threats.

Senator SCHUMER and President Biden falsely claim that they need additional authority to fix this situation at the southern border. That is blatantly false.

If the President cared about truly securing the border, Madam Speaker, all he has to do is undo the 94 executive actions that he has taken since becoming President that have created this crisis at the southern border and support States like Texas and others in their efforts to secure their own borders, and he can sign H.R. 2 into law.

I am proud to join with Representative HINSON and my other colleagues in demanding that the President enforce our laws on the books today to immediately address this crisis at the border.

I have to say that the President's inaction is costing American lives and billions of dollars. For 3 years, Republicans have been the balefire to America that our southern border was in crisis—3 years.

It takes a Presidential election and the impeachment of the Homeland Security Secretary to actually get Democrats to finally admit that there is a crisis at our southern border. That should not be.

#### HONORING KEN MIYAGISHIMA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. VASQUEZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. VASQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Ken Miyagishima on the occasion of his retirement and to recognize his more than three decades of work as a public servant who has tirelessly represented Las Cruces as the longest serving mayor in the city's history.

In 1992, Mr. Miyagishima was the first American of Japanese-Mexican descent to be elected to public office in New Mexico as a county commissioner for Dona Ana County.

He later served on the Las Cruces City Council before being elected mayor of Las Cruces, becoming the first person of Japanese-Mexican descent in New Mexico to be elected to this position.

Mayor Miyagishima has served with integrity and courage. He has fought to improve the lives of the residents of Las Cruces and elevated our city at the national level.

On behalf of the great people of New Mexico's Second Congressional District, I thank Mayor Ken Miyagishima for his life of service to Las Cruces and to Dona Ana County.

His work has made our community and New Mexico a stronger and more equitable place to live. We wish you well in your next chapter, Mayor.

#### WAR ON AMERICAN ENERGY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, since stepping inside the Oval Office, President Biden has waged war against American energy.

This costly campaign against American energy producers, workers, and consumers has caused prices to skyrocket for almost everything.

Now, signaling his dedication and unwavering support to Green New Deal activists instead of everyday hardworking Americans, President Biden has paused all pending approvals of liquefied natural gas, or LNG, terminals.

His reason for doing so, he claims, is the so-called climate crisis, which he goes on to say is the existential threat of our time.

Madam Speaker, to the hardworking folks of Tennessee, the existential crisis of our time is putting food on the table and keeping the lights on, which have become far more difficult under President Biden and his administration's anti-energy policies.

Thankfully, House Republicans have taken action. Last year, we passed the Lower Energy Costs Act, H.R. 1, which would unleash America's energy dominance and bring back our energy independence by reforming the permitting process and cutting bureaucratic red tape to help drive costs down for all Americans.

Instead of joining Republicans in this commonsense approach to increasing energy production and lowering costs for all Americans, President Biden has instead chosen to raid the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and beg foreign dictators to increase their energy production when we have what we need right here at home under our feet.

The United States of America shouldn't have to rely on foreign dictators for our energy needs, and that is exactly what banning LNG exports will lead to.

That is just one of the many reasons why we are continuing our efforts to fight back against President Biden's war on American energy, this time by

passing the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act, which was introduced by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PFLUGER).

This bill is simple. It reverses President Biden's latest attack on the American energy industry by reversing his decision to ban American LNG exports.

American LNG helps to strengthen our economy, reduces worldwide emissions, and provides security to our Nation and our allies.

According to the American Petroleum Institute, increasing LNG exports could add as much as \$73 billion to the U.S. economy and upwards of 453,000 high-paying American jobs by 2040.

Additionally, more than 87 percent of LNG exports in December 2023 went to the European Union, the United Kingdom, and our allies in Asian markets.

Without a doubt, American LNG helped to reduce natural gas prices in Europe by over 83 percent from the 2022 levels following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join me in voting "yes" on H.R. 7176, the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act, to ensure American energy leadership and security. This bill is a commonsense approach to increasing our energy production and lowering costs for all Americans.

I am proud to support its passage and will always fight against President Biden's war on American energy and American energy independence and the energy needs of the American people.

□ 1045

#### CELEBRATING LGBTQI+ AMERICANS ON VALENTINES DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PORTER) for 5 minutes.

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, Valentine's Day is a time for us to cherish the loved ones in our lives. I rise to celebrate love in all its forms and to stand in solidarity with the LGBTQI+ communities in California and across the Nation.

While we have made progress to protect the rights and safety of queer Americans, there is still more to be done.

Last year, a record number of bills restricting LGBTQI+ rights were introduced in legislatures across the country, an extremist Supreme Court effectively legalized discrimination against the queer community, and House Republicans targeted LGBTQI+ in dozens of hearings.

These attacks are unacceptable. As a member of the Congressional Equality Caucus, I will always seek to champion and protect LGBTQI+ Californians.

May this week serve as a reminder to my colleagues that we must relentlessly celebrate and defend love.

COMMENDING UNITED TO END HOMELESSNESS MILESTONE

Ms. PORTER. I rise today to commend Orange County's United to End

Homelessness initiative for reaching a remarkable milestone. Its WelcomeHomeOC program has housed more than 1,000 people experiencing homelessness, including 103 former foster youth and 242 veterans.

This nationally recognized program pairs property owners with those given a voucher to reduce their housing costs. This public-private partnership helps people avoid homelessness and housing insecurity. Its focus on veterans and former foster youth who may lack adequate support systems helps the most vulnerable in our community.

Let's be clear: This program is a patch on a massive problem. California's housing crisis is the result of decades of inaction in Washington.

I have pushed for expanding the housing choice voucher program. The Federal Government must step up to help local and State governments in preventing homelessness.

I am proud to recognize the United to End Homelessness initiative and look forward to its continued success.

RECOGNIZING 44TH OC BLACK HISTORY PARADE

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Orange County Heritage Council on a wonderfully successful Black History Parade and Unity Festival.

Madam Speaker, 44 years ago, the late Helen Shipp, founder of the Orange County Heritage Council, envisioned an event that would bring the community together in celebration of Black excellence.

Now run by Helen's son, Dwayne, the Orange County Black History Parade and Unity Festival continues to thrive—just as Helen imagined. The event features interactive Black history lessons, college and scholarship information, health screenings, and business connection opportunities.

I applaud how the Unity Festival promotes inclusivity, understanding, and equality. It honors the diverse and resilient history of Black Americans and their historic and ongoing contributions to California.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the Orange County Heritage Council on their successful event.

COMMENDING CALOPTIMA'S STREET MEDICINE PROGRAM

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend CalOptima Health for their new street medicine program, which offers critical mobile health services to unhoused individuals in Orange County.

Logistical barriers make it difficult for people experiencing homelessness to receive the healthcare that they desperately need. CalOptima, which provides health services to low-income Californians, is reducing these barriers by bringing healthcare directly to homeless people, meeting them where they are.

The mobile health program includes a fully equipped medical van and an experienced team to administer healthcare and connect individuals to services, including housing assistance.

CalOptima's Street Medicine program is just one example of how Californians step up to help our neighbors in crisis. Expanding this program would reduce emergency room visits and first responder interventions and keep our communities healthier.

I will continue fighting in Washington to lower housing costs, which is the only way to permanently end homelessness.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 49 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1200

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MEUSER) at noon.

#### PRAYER

Pastor Zach Terry, First Baptist Church, Fernandina Beach, Florida, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, as we gather in this Chamber, recognizing You as the only sovereign over these United States, we acknowledge our dependency upon You alone.

May Your holy spirit awaken within our Representatives those timeless truths of scripture, whispered from the lips of their ancestors and thundered from the sacred desk.

Those principles of liberty and justice transcend both time and culture and serve as a beacon amid the stormy seas of governance.

May this Congress embody the most sacred ideals of their constituents and honor the legacy of their honorable predecessors.

The good citizens of this Nation have elected them, but You, O Lord, have appointed them for such a time as this.

May the decisions that they make this day honor the prayer of our Lord, "Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven."

I ask all these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Oklahoma (Mrs. BICE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. BICE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### WELCOMING PASTOR ZACH TERRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BEAN) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor First Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach, Florida, and our bold spiritual leader, Pastor Zach Terry.

My wife and I have discovered that First Baptist is a place to find strength and hope in times of adversity and to feel God's love. It is an incredibly welcoming place, and I challenge anyone to make it from the parking lot into the sanctuary without getting welcomed at least twice.

First Baptist is a cornerstone of our community, having reached and transformed countless lives, both in northeast Florida and, really, all over the world. Through its outreach programs and compassionate ministries, the church has been a steadfast advocate for the greater community, serving neighbors and sharing God's grace.

On October 7, Hamas had its attack in Israel. There were 54 members of the First Baptist Church of Fernandina Beach who found themselves stuck in Israel. Airports closed. Roads shut down. There was limited travel. It was indeed a scary time for getting these pilgrims out of that country safely.

Every day, we would text or communicate with the group, including Pastor Terry, about options, how we do it, what we could do. There was a lot of hunkering down. After a very, very long bus trip to Jordan over a week later, the team made it out.

During that time of chaos, Pastor Zach made several videos saying: We are calm. We are good.

Being a spiritual, dedicated shepherd, he reminded everyone what Mark 11:22 says: "Have faith in God." By faith and hope in a God who never fails, our congregation did make it safely back home.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to welcome Pastor Zach Terry; his wife, Julie; their children, Cole, Caitlyn, and Carly; and Pastor Zach's mother, Ms. Teresa Terry.

There are dozens of members of the congregation here in our Nation's Capital. It is a big day for everybody from the small town of Fernandina Beach.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

#### ASSAD REGIME CONDEMNED

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last night, with the bipartisan support of the chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, MIKE ROGERS, and Ranking Member GREG MEEKS, the House passed the Assad Regime Anti-Normalization Act.

This legislation holds the regime of dictator Bashar al-Assad accountable for the murder of a million Syrians, with half of its population, 10 million people, losing their homes and businesses. Assad is an ally of war criminal Putin.

The bill passed the House floor with a vote of 389-32. This legislation improves and strengthens the bipartisan commitment to punish offenders while providing additional protection for humanitarian organizations serving the Syrian people.

The bill now awaits a vote in the Senate for final passage.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism continues moving from the safe haven of Afghanistan to America.

We do not need new border laws. We need to enforce existing laws. Biden shamefully opens borders for dictators as more 9/11 attacks across America are imminent, as warned by the FBI.

#### CONGRATULATING JESSE RODRIGUEZ

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate an artist, an advocate, and a creator of community pride, Jesse Rodriguez, better known as Magnolia Grown.

Last month, Jesse achieved something special for our community. His sculpture, "Dale Shine," which you see behind me, was chosen to go to The Cheech, the finest private collection of Chicano art in the world, to become a part of their permanent collection.

This is a first for Houston. It is a first for Texas.

Jesse's work draws from deep cultural roots established while growing up in my district in Magnolia Park. His art is the art of our community, of growing up poor while living in full color, of a shared history "de nuestra gente" "of the people."

Jesse has become a community advocate in the East End portion of our district. He founded Magnolia Park Arts and Community to inspire the next generation to use art for action and to never forget where they came from.

He puts people over politics. He puts arts over darkness. We are so proud of him and everything that he has done, and I congratulate Jesse.

#### REVERSE COURSE ON LNG EXPORT BAN

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of H.R. 7176, the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act.

The bill is simple. It would repeal President Biden's ban on liquefied natural gas, or LNG, exports. By passing H.R. 7176, we would strengthen our struggling economy, further U.S. leadership in reducing emissions, and increase the energy security of the United States and our allies.

Green New Deal activists shouldn't be driving America's energy policy, especially at the White House. Restricting LNG exports will mean higher prices at home for Americans as it reduces the amount of worldwide output, putting upward pressure on prices for energy and all related goods. It also decreases investment in infrastructure and good-paying American jobs.

Mr. Speaker, we must reverse course on this disastrous decision. Americans are already paying too much at the pump, the grocery store, and everywhere else. We must restore America's energy independence from foreign energy producers.

#### HONORING MATTHEW JEFFERSON ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. AUCHINCLOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my constituent, Matthew Jefferson, in honor of his 100th birthday.

Matt Jefferson and his late wife, Lillie, worked to eliminate racial, educational, and economic barriers in Newton. As Black residents in an overwhelmingly White city, they devoted themselves to their religious community, the Myrtle Baptist Church; their neighborhood, the village in West Newton, built around Myrtle; and the civil rights of people of color.

Matt and Lillie helped found the Newton Interracial Fellowship to bring racial equity to Newton and helped form Newton's Fair Housing Committee, established to eliminate racial bias in housing.

In 1968, Matt was appointed to the board of aldermen, becoming Newton's first Black city alderman. The board instituted the fair housing requirement that at least 10 percent of any large housing development filing for a special permit be affordable.

Furthermore, he served on many boards and committees, including the Newton-Wellesley Hospital, Andover Newton Theological School, Middlesex Community College, Newton Housing Authority, and as president of the South Middlesex branch of the NAACP.

Above all else, Matt is known for his kindness and generosity. He is a mentor, leader, family man, and fierce advocate for social justice.



I am proud to recognize Mr. Jefferson's accomplishments this Black History Month. Happy 100th birthday.

#### KLAMATH RIVER DAM REMOVAL DISASTER

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, the Klamath River Hydroelectric Project in the northern California and southern Oregon area, including my district, had produced annually enough reliable, cheap, renewable, CO<sub>2</sub>-free electricity for 70,000 households. They provided good-paying jobs and were the largest single private taxpayer in Siskiyou County, California, by having these dams.

Now, the Klamath removal project is an assault on the people and livelihoods of the people in the Klamath Basin. It is an attack on American agriculture, a misguided attempt to help a fish population that this Klamath dam removal will likely end up destroying, as evidenced by the dirty plume of water you see entering into the stream there. Unbelievable.

People are now finding their wells are going dry because they are not being supported by having the lakes there anymore. They are finding that the wells they do have are starting to feel the effects of this toxic plume hitting them. The water supply that the fish, wildlife, and livestock would normally get out of the river is tainted. You are seeing massive fish kills and wildlife kill.

One lady sent an example to my office of the water that came out that she used to bathe her child in. It was the same color as this stuff right here. I wouldn't wash my snow tires in that, I don't think, let alone my child.

#### HONORING CLIFFORD DEBAPTISTE

(Ms. HOULAHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a resident of my community, Clifford DeBaptiste, who will be celebrating his 100th birthday this May.

Clifford has served our community for over 70 years, first in the Army, where he reached the rank of sergeant major, and then as a business and civic leader in our community.

After serving in uniform, Clifford moved to West Chester with his wife, Inez, and his daughters, Lillian, Inez, and Celeste, where he attended our West Chester University and the first degree-granting HBCU, our Lincoln University.

He and Inez opened several funeral homes, becoming active members of the local business community. During this time, he also served 13 terms as the chairman of the Pennsylvania State Board of Funeral Directors.

In 1994, he made history as the very first Black mayor of our West Chester. His work revitalized West Chester's downtown and led to incredible growth for local businesses, with the number of restaurants in the borough rising from 15 to 57 during his term.

Since his retirement, he has remained very active in our local community. We are so grateful for his contributions and for those of his daughter, Lillian, who followed in his footsteps and is now the current mayor of West Chester. I wish a happy early birthday to Clifford.

□ 1215

#### REMEMBERING CAPTAIN LARRY TAYLOR

(Mr. FLEISCHMANN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Chattanooga native and our Nation's most recent Medal of Honor recipient, Captain Larry Taylor. Captain Taylor passed away earlier this year on January 28.

I have had many honors and privileges as the Representative for Tennessee's Third Congressional District.

One of the highest honors of my career was getting to know Captain Taylor and his family while working with them and east Tennessee's steadfast and determined veterans to have the Medal of Honor awarded to Larry Taylor for his heroic, valiant, and selfless service during the Vietnam war.

Captain Taylor's heroic actions on June 18, 1968, near the village of Ap Go Cong not only saved the lives of his fellow brothers in arms but also revolutionized the way our military evacuates troops under fire.

Larry Taylor truly embodied the Tennessee volunteer spirit and the best of America and what our military stands for.

We thank God for Captain Larry Taylor's life and service to America and the cause of freedom. Our Nation honors and remembers this great man, Tennessean, and patriot.

#### REMEMBERING THE CITY OF WRANGELL, ALASKA

(Mrs. PELTOLA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. PELTOLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn with the city of Wrangell, Alaska. At 9 p.m. on November 20, 2023, 37 acres of land descended on three houses at mile 11 of the Zimovia Highway in Wrangell. The landslide scattered everything, cutting off 55 homes and 71 people from their community.

Navigating wind, rain, and snapping trees, first responders went straight into the debris to find their neighbors.

With no cell service, firefighters went door to door. Local fishing boats transported survivors back to the city.

In the days following, the Coast Guard, State geologists, State troopers, and other public servants joined the search and rescue teams.

Like Alaskans always do, the Wrangell community pulled together in the face of adversity. Christina Florschutz was rescued from the debris and, for that, Alaskans are grateful.

Tragically, her husband, Otto, and the neighboring Heller family with three children aged 16, 12, and 11 did not survive.

Their loss will forever change this small community, and it should remind us of our duty. From better monitoring systems to faster FEMA responses, Americans expect the Federal Government to be ready when disaster strikes.

I hope that my colleagues will join me in making that a reality and remembering the story of Wrangell.

#### HONORING JIM BLACK

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Third District banker, community servant, and World War II veteran, Jim Black.

As the oldest World War II veteran living at the Norfolk, Nebraska, veterans home, Jim turned 100 years of age in January and has lived a life full of service to his community and his country.

A native of Fullerton, Nebraska, Jim's undeterable desire to serve led him to enlist in the Navy after he was initially denied enlistment by the Army and the Army Air Corps for supposed medical issues.

During the war, he served on three different submarines, including the USS *Silversides*, which is credited with the sinking of 23 enemy submarines.

After the war, Jim returned to Nebraska to work at Fullerton's First National Bank and Cones State Bank in Pierce.

For his remarkable dedication to bettering the world around him, he was honored with the title of 2008 Citizen of the Year for his championing of the Discovery Bridge project linking Cedar County, Nebraska, and Yankton, South Dakota.

Jim exemplifies Nebraska values of determination, patriotism, and civic engagement. Today, he lives in Norfolk, Nebraska, and is a model for giving back to the community.

His enduring willingness to serve and can-do attitude represents the best of Third District Nebraskans.

#### CELEBRATING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

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

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and acknowledge Career and Technical Education Month.



Throughout February, we take the opportunity to recognize the pivotal role that career and technical education plays in shaping our Nation's workforce and helping great American companies prosper.

Career and technical education empowers students to explore various career options, discover their passions, and develop real-world skills that are in high demand.

Collaboration between educators and industry professionals ensures that our students graduate not only with academic knowledge but also with the practical expertise needed to excel in their chosen fields.

As we celebrate Career and Technical Education Month, let us commit to supporting programs that provide students with the opportunities to build a strong foundation for their future careers.

Together, we can create a workforce that is not only highly skilled but also adaptable to the ever-changing demands of our economy.

#### EXPORTING LNG

(Mrs. BICE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BICE. Mr. Speaker, since the breakthroughs of the shale revolution, the United States has become a growing producer of natural gas and a significant exporter of liquefied natural gas.

This past year, LNG exports hit record highs, and we became the world's leading exporter. These exports are critical for our European allies who are still dealing with the fallout of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

This is why Biden's decision to stop issuing new LNG permits is deeply concerning. Sadly, this is just the latest attack on domestic energy production.

The President's decision will create tremendous regulatory uncertainty and eliminate American jobs. He has weaponized the permitting process and caved to environmental groups that seek to end fossil fuels.

We have seen what can happen when there is an insufficient supply of LNG globally. Energy prices rise, and the coal-fired power plants turn back on. I urge the President to reverse this reckless decision.

#### NEW INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RULES

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

Mr. KILEY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, Wage and Hour Division Administrator Jessica Looman testified before the House Subcommittee on Workforce Protections and could not answer the most basic questions about how the administration's new independent contractor rule will apply to millions of Americans.

Will Realtors be considered employees or independent contractors? She could not say. Will truckers be considered employees or independent contractors? She could not say. Will writers be considered independent contractors or employees? She could not say.

She could not say who will be allowed to work and who will have their careers taken away from them. The reason for her evasiveness is that we already know the answer.

We have seen the devastating consequences of the law in California, AB5, that was the model for the Biden administration's rule.

Take the story of Barbara. Barbara says:

I am a proofreader. Nearly all proofreading is done online on a freelance basis.

Competition is fierce, and it is hard to get clients, but I did it. I was thrilled at being able to choose what editing jobs I was best suited for and to work as much or as little as I wanted.

Californians need not apply for any of these jobs, thanks to AB5. Not only can I not work in my chosen career, but all the time and money I spent is wasted.

In order to prevent millions of Americans from suffering Barbara's fate, I am encouraging this House to pass my resolution under the Congressional Review Act to reverse the Biden administration's new rule.

#### UNLOCKING OUR DOMESTIC LNG POTENTIAL ACT OF 2024

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1009, I call up the bill (H.R. 7176) to repeal restrictions on the export and import of natural gas, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1009, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 7176

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

##### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2024".

##### SEC. 2. ADVANCING UNITED STATES GLOBAL LEADERSHIP.

Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b) is amended—

(1) by striking subsections (a) through (c);

(2) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as subsections (a) and (b), respectively;

(3) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (c), and moving such subsection after subsection (b), as so redesignated;

(4) in subsection (a), as so redesignated, by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

"(1) The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (in this subsection referred to as the 'Commission') shall have the exclusive authority to approve or deny an application for authorization for the siting, construction, expansion, or operation of a facility to export natural gas from the United States to a foreign country or import natural gas from a foreign country, including an LNG terminal. In determining whether to approve or deny an application under this paragraph, the Commission shall deem the exportation or

importation of natural gas to be consistent with the public interest. Except as specifically provided in this Act, nothing in this Act is intended to affect otherwise applicable law related to any Federal agency's authorities or responsibilities related to facilities to import or export natural gas, including LNG terminals."; and

(5) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(d)(1) Nothing in this Act limits the authority of the President under the Constitution, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), part B of title II of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6271 et seq.), the Trading With the Enemy Act (50 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.), or any other provision of law that imposes sanctions on a foreign person or foreign government (including any provision of law that prohibits or restricts United States persons from engaging in a transaction with a sanctioned person or government), including a country that is designated as a state sponsor of terrorism, to prohibit imports or exports.

"(2) In this subsection, the term 'state sponsor of terrorism' means a country the government of which the Secretary of State determines has repeatedly provided support for international terrorism pursuant to—

"(A) section 1754(c)(1)(A) of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4318(c)(1)(A));

"(B) section 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371);

"(C) section 40 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780); or

"(D) any other provision of law."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees.

The gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DUNCAN) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DUNCAN).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 7176.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from South Carolina?

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 7176, the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2024. I am a proud cosponsor of this legislation, which my friend and colleague from Texas (Mr. PFLUGER), has introduced.

Since day one, President Biden has issued executive orders and given direction to the Federal agencies across the government to shut down American energy production, even at the expense of jobs, economic development, national security, and the climate. President Biden's decision to ban LNG exports in an election year is putting politics over people.

Let's be clear. The Biden administration does not appear to be against all

oil and gas production—just American energy.

They begged OPEC to increase production, and they are turning a blind eye to Russia. Russia is exporting 40 percent more LNG to Europe today than it was before the invasion of Ukraine. Russia's energy exports are funding its war against Ukraine, padding the pockets of Vladimir Putin.

The reality is that global demand for natural gas is expected to increase 46 percent by 2050, and our European and Asian allies who want to do business with the United States of America now have to look to Qatar or to Russia or even to Iran to meet their growing energy needs.

LNG exports strengthen America's energy security, create jobs, and decrease energy prices here at home through American production.

U.S. LNG exports could support up to 452,000 additional American jobs and add up to \$73 billion in the U.S. economy by 2040.

This bill will help deliver affordable, reliable, and cleaner burning American energy to Americans, create jobs, and strengthen our global leadership.

Let's vote to unlock our domestic LNG potential.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 7176. This bill is nothing more than a handout to Big Oil and Gas that will enrich our adversaries, including China, and force American families to pay the price with higher energy bills.

It removes a requirement that the Department of Energy first determine liquefied natural gas exports should be in the public interest before approving export applications.

This defies logic. The Republican bill assumes that all LNG exports are automatically in the public interest. This is utterly absurd considering there is widespread consensus among researchers and economists that increasing LNG exports directly leads to higher natural gas prices here at home.

Americans know this reality all too well because they have felt it firsthand. Our LNG exports quadrupled over the last 5 years. During that same time, in 2022, natural gas prices more than tripled.

Make no mistake: If this bill ever becomes law, Americans will pay more for the gas that heats their homes and keeps their lights on.

It is an affront to middle-class families who can't afford to deal with more fossil fuel price volatility. They are tired of our energy prices being manipulated by our adversaries simply because Republicans are in a mad rush to send it all abroad.

Now Republicans also claim to be tough on China. I hear this every day in the Energy and Commerce Committee. We have to be tough on China.

This bill is a gift to China. In 2021, China was the second-largest recipient of American LNG, and Chinese LNG purchasers have continued to snap up any long-term deal they can from American exporters.

By removing the requirement that our exports be in America's best interests, this bill would allow China and other adversaries to purchase even more of our energy to use against us.

Thankfully, the Biden administration is taking a different approach, one that prioritizes the needs of the American people rather than Big Oil and Gas.

Last month, the administration announced a temporary pause on new LNG export authorizations while the Department of Energy confirms that they are in Americans' interests.

This is just common sense. Before we send our energy resources abroad, it is only right that we first confirm that doing so will benefit Americans.

Anyone who says this pause is a ban on LNG exports is also peddling in blatant disinformation. The temporary pause does not affect current exports and does not affect exports from facilities that are under construction. It doesn't even affect exports from facilities that haven't begun construction but are fully permitted.

If the Department of Energy never approved another permit, our LNG exports are still on track to triple from now until the end of the decade, more than enough to ensure Europe gets all the gas that it needs.

I note how ridiculous it is to have the same Republicans who refuse to support aid for Ukraine lecture us on being good allies.

House Democrats are demanding that the House vote on legislation that has now passed the Senate that would provide funding to ensure Ukraine can continue to protect its democracy from Russia's unprovoked war of aggression.

In stark contrast, House Speaker JOHNSON is shamefully blocking this urgent national security funding, siding with pro-Putin extreme Republicans.

If House Republicans want to be good allies, they should join us in demanding a vote on that critical national security funding.

Mr. Speaker, ensuring that LNG exports are in the American people's best interest is something we should all want. Instead, we are here considering a bill that does the opposite for a third time because Republicans are fresh out of ideas and resorting to bringing up old, tired bills that stand no chance of ever becoming law.

□ 1230

Time and again they have proven completely dysfunctional and incapable of governing, and, in fact, they are making us vote on this same bill for a third time. Certainly, that is a testament to their inability to get things done. With nothing else to bring to the floor, they want to distract from re-

ality that they have achieved nothing to improve the lives of the American people.

This is just another Republican bill that puts polluters over people, and I, therefore, encourage my colleagues to oppose it.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, the third time is the charm. Let's get it done.

House Republicans on the Energy and Commerce Committee have focused on four main components: produce, deliver, utilize, and export.

Produce the abundant resources we have in this country.

Deliver those resources through pipelines, the need for pipeline permitting reform and buildout infrastructure.

Utilize resources to provide reliable, affordable, and clean energy for Americans.

Export to help our friends and allies around the globe to lower their carbon emissions and meet their energy needs, especially in Europe where they faced the invasion from Vladimir Putin into Ukraine.

They had a reality check on energy. They looked west to the United States to export more. We can do it, and we need to do it through LNG exports.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Washington (Mrs. RODGERS), the chairwoman of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support today of H.R. 7176, the Unlocking Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2024, introduced by my friend Representative AUGUST PFLUGER.

President Biden's decision to impose a ban on issuing permits to export natural gas is just the latest example of his administration caving to environmental activists and putting politics over the American people.

This ban will harm the American economy, jeopardize good-paying jobs, weaken our energy security, and it threatens the security of our friends and allies.

America has become the number one producer and exporter of liquefied natural gas in the world. It has strengthened our economy, reduced costs for the American people, and enabled the United States to lead in reducing emissions more than any other nation, both here at home and abroad.

American LNG has been a lifeline, especially to our friends and European allies since Russia invaded Ukraine.

Since the invasion, American LNG has helped them reduce their natural gas prices by over 83 percent and reduce their dependence on Russia.

President Biden's ban sends a signal to our allies that we are no longer a dependable energy partner. This is unacceptable.

H.R. 7176 will immediately reverse the President's decision allowing the U.S. to export more and encouraging domestic production here at home, which will then reduce American energy supply vulnerabilities.

This will reduce American energy supply vulnerabilities and encourage investments in other industries, like manufacturing.

Some estimate that LNG exports could add as much as \$73 billion to our economy and more than 450,000 American jobs by 2040.

LNG is vital to America's energy leadership, our security, and our future. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. HUFFMAN).

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding. If we had truth in labeling, this bill would be called the methane pollution and higher energy prices act.

I am simply amazed that this MAGA Republican majority in this Congress, which really makes the 1948 do-nothing Congress look like a paragon of productivity. This Congress can't find time to bring critical national security funding bills to the floor for a vote. They won't even bring a bipartisan border solution bill to the floor for a vote. But there is always time for another sop to the fossil fuel industry.

So here we are with a bill that is transparently dishonest. It is an effort to fast-track dirty energy projects, throw environmental justice communities under the bus, completely ignore the climate crisis, and expedite permitting for LNG facilities so that Big Oil can ramp up unnecessary exports of this harmful fossil gas.

Let's do some fact-checking. The United States is already the world's largest LNG exporter. We are on track to double that with existing projects that have already been permitted. So we do not need more of these methane bombs.

Second, experts have crunched the numbers, and new LNG export facilities are going to increase the cost of energy prices here at home. That is a fact.

Third, our allies are not asking for this. They are on record asking for clean energy, not more LNG. So let's stop putting words in their mouths. They don't want to go from being dependent on Vladimir Putin to being dependent on the United States fossil fuel industry. They want clean energy.

LNG is a climate bomb. This is well documented. I sent a letter several weeks ago to the Biden administration asking them to develop meaningful tests to ensure that they are truly protecting the public interest here, not the interests of greedy corporations when they approve these projects.

I am thankful that they have just announced that they will do exactly that with new LNG permitting decisions.

This pause is the first step in overhauling how we permit these projects, but it is an important one, and we shouldn't be wasting time sacrificing communities at the altar of Big Oil in this attempt by Republicans to reverse a sensible, smart decision that puts people over politics.

I urge my colleagues to oppose this bill.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to gentleman from Texas (Mr. PFLUGER), the author of this bill.

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, on January 26, President Biden imposed an immediate and indefinite ban on the issuance of LNG export permits to non-FTA countries while DOE conducts a review to consider the climate impacts of natural gas.

Well, the DOE has already commissioned five studies to examine the effects of U.S. LNG exports, and the results unanimously demonstrate the benefits to the U.S. economy and to domestic prices. In fact, the two prior Presidential administrations conducted these studies without blocking export permits.

President Biden's ban on LNG is radically shortsighted when it comes to the environmental risks. Clean natural gas is a major reason why the U.S. has reduced emissions more than any other Nation. According to DOE, U.S. LNG exports are also 41 percent cleaner than Russian natural gas delivered to Europe.

Current law requires that natural gas exports to countries with non-FTA countries are deemed in the public interest, unless DOE finds exports will not be consistent with public interest. There is a very clear statutory presumption already that exports are in the public interest, and each administration has held opposition to a very high bar. I think what the administration is saying right now is the political interest, that the statutory presumption has been held to a very high bar up until now.

This is the same President who promised Europe that we would meet their needs in the wake of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Who stepped up to the plate? It was American energy producers who sent more than 87 percent of LNG exports to the EU, U.K., and Asia in December—all markets which will now be forced to turn to nefarious actors for their needs.

I am proud of this bipartisan bill, and one of the reasons is because of the steps that the industry has taken to help the climate, to help emissions, to reduce emissions.

Let's consider that two-thirds of the world's recoverable natural gas is in four countries: Iran, Qatar, Russia, and the United States. Mr. Speaker, I would ask my colleagues who they recommend they turn to? If not the U.S., then who?

Not only is President Biden cutting off our allies at the knees, but this move will also raise global and domestic prices. Domestic natural gas prices are lower and more stable with free, fair, and open markets, and U.S. LNG is the price ballast in a global market. The decision to ban exports creates uncertainty and discourages investments that would otherwise create jobs and expand the supply of natural gas.

Out of all of President Biden's poor energy policies, the ban on LNG ex-

ports is the most egregious, short-sighted, and impactful on the credit of U.S. commitments around the world. I am proud to lead H.R. 7176 to immediately reverse the ban and to take politics out of LNG exports by giving FERC sole authority for LNG exports and repealing all restrictions.

I would say to the President that the world needs U.S. LNG. This catastrophic, politically based, and legally dubious ban must be reversed immediately. I appreciate the bipartisan support that we are receiving, but I urge all of my colleagues to vote "yes" on H.R. 7176.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from New Jersey (Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN), my wonderful colleague.

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to this handout for Big Oil and Gas producers.

This bill removes a requirement that DOE first determine LNG exports are to be in the public interest before approving export applications to non-free trade agreement countries. It is basically saying all LNG exports are in the public interest. This is simply not true.

Study after study has found that increased LNG exports directly lead to higher natural gas prices here at home.

According to the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis, LNG exports cost American consumers more than \$100 billion over a 16-month period. After doubling our LNG exports in the last 5 years, natural gas prices in 2022 more than tripled.

If enacted, this bill will only compound those burdens on middle-class families trying to make ends meet while enriching big corporations. This doesn't sound like legislating in the public interest.

For this reason, at the appropriate time, I will offer a motion to recommit this bill back to committee.

If the House rules permitted, I would have offered the motion with an important amendment to this bill. My amendment would prevent the bill from taking effect until the Secretary of Energy can certify that the bill will not increase domestic natural gas prices.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to insert the text of my amendment in the RECORD immediately prior to the vote on the motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. YAKYM). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for the motion to recommit.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE), who chairs the Health Subcommittee on Energy and Commerce.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate my friend from South Carolina

for yielding me time. I rise in support of the Unlocking Our Domestic LNG Potential Act.

Last month, the Biden administration doubled down on its war against American energy production by effectively banning American LNG exports. This decision disincentivizes American LNG production, eliminates American jobs, and undermines our national security.

Mr. Speaker, 2 years ago, in the aftermath of Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine, we instituted an embargo on Russian oil and gas, defunding Russia's war machine. Our European allies joined us in this effort. However, with few domestic alternatives, they rely on our LNG exports. In fact, 87 percent of U.S. LNG exports went to the European Union, the United Kingdom, or Asian markets.

I often hear from our NATO allies about the importance of American energy production to global security. Without American energy independence, we and our allies become reliant on our adversaries for our energy needs and economic security. It is paramount to our national security at home and around the world that we continue to make energy in America.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. CASTOR), the ranking member of our Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. PALLONE for yielding me time.

I rise today to oppose the GOP's latest love letter to Big Oil and Gas here the day after Valentine's Day.

This Republican bill is a giant hand-out to Big Oil and Gas that will enrich our adversaries, including the Chinese Communist Party, and force middle-class families to pay more on their home electric bills.

Gas companies and CEOs want the unfettered ability to send American gas to China and other countries, so I thank the Biden administration for stepping in to analyze the cost to American consumers of doing so.

Folks back home in Florida are paying exorbitant electric bills because we are tied to gas.

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The Biden administration is right to study how unfettered gas and methane pollution costs my neighbors more. They are right to understand how that threatens our way of life as the atmosphere is overheating and is causing extreme heat waves, droughts, drying up our lakes and rivers and water supply, wildfires, and deadly hurricanes that are so costly. They are right to consider the national security concerns, as well.

While we are talking about national security, there is a larger context that brought me to the floor today. That is the complete failure of Republicans to

govern and accomplish anything for the American people.

They announced last night that we are leaving early for the rest of the month.

Are we going to do a tough, bipartisan border security bill? No.

Are we going to do anything to address mass shootings? No. They just ignore the fact that the leading cause of death among American children and teens is death by gun. I am angry like the Kansas City police chief said she is angry.

How about working on national security? No. The GOP has checked out. They can't govern. It is outrageous that extreme MAGA Republicans are siding with Putin and blocking a national security bill.

How about the basic responsibility of passing appropriations bills? The fiscal year started on October 1, but Republicans have cowed down to the MAGA extremists in their party, who thought a costly shutdown was the way to go.

This is the least productive Congress in modern times, and it shows. If the GOP cannot govern and they want to leave, I have an idea: Let Democrats tackle these problems. We are good at finding solutions. We are good at lowering costs for American families. We put people over politics, while the GOP put politics over the people. They put Putin over the people. They side with polluters every day that we are here.

Vote "no" on this bill, and tell the folks here in Washington, especially the GOP, to get to work.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUCSHON).

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I remind my colleagues that the Democrats control the White House and the Senate.

I rise today to discuss once again the Biden administration's foolish rush-to-green agenda over U.S. energy dominance. I support an all-of-the-above energy strategy.

Actually, our allies are requesting U.S. LNG. I was just in Japan and Europe, so my colleague's previous statement otherwise is false.

The decision to freeze the approval process for new plants to export liquefied natural gas will stifle the U.S. economy, signal weakness to our key allies, embolden our adversaries, and likely increase worldwide CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

This ban sends a clear message that the Biden administration would rather appease radical environmental groups than unleash American energy. This is about election-year politics, not pragmatism.

I join my colleagues today in calling for the House to pass H.R. 7176, the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2024, reversing the Biden administration's de facto ban.

The bill is also paramount to global energy security, including, as I previously mentioned, the Asia-Pacific and European areas of the world. Stud-

ies show also that LNG exports could add upward of \$73 billion to the U.S. economy.

Mr. Speaker, to ensure American energy leadership and security, Congress must pass H.R. 7176.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. CASTEN).

Mr. CASTEN. Mr. Speaker, there is a really simple question before us today: Is it in the U.S. national interest to look out for U.S. energy consumers or for U.S. energy producers?

Let's look at the facts. According to the most recent DOE data over the last decade, U.S. gas consumption is up by about 26 percent; U.S. gas production is up by about 50 percent; and U.S. gas exports are up 326 percent.

Ten years ago, just 6 percent of all gas produced in the U.S. was for export. Today, more than 20 percent is for export. That is not because the industry is succeeding. They can't compete against cheaper renewable energy, so they are trying to export overseas, and y'all are helping them out.

Those export volumes are going to triple again just based on the stuff that is already permitted in the pipeline—nothing to do with what is going on today.

I remind my Republican colleagues, because sometimes we need to remind on this, even in this body where we write the laws, you cannot change the laws of supply and demand. When U.S. natural gas is exported overseas, it reduces domestic supply and increases the price. We know this from recent experience because when the Freeport LNG terminal had that explosion, according to the Department of Energy, domestic prices for natural gas fell by nearly a third. Exporters were very sad that they lost money. Do you know who had more money in their pocket? American consumers. Gas was cheaper.

Y'all hate inflation, right? That was wonderful. Thank you for doing that. Who are you rooting for, though?

Mr. Speaker, there was a reason why the Natural Gas Act does not require us to determine whether domestic production of energy for domestic use is in the national interest, because we rightly assume that domestic energy security is in our national interest. That is not the question posed by this bill. This bill would insist that exports are always in the national interest, and that is, as a technical term, total poppycock.

Should we drill on public lands? Should we use eminent domain to seize private property? Should we increase the price of energy in the United States? Should we increase global warming?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. CASTEN. Mr. Speaker, should we increase global warming? Should we do all of that just so that the natural gas

industry can make more money selling U.S. resources to Asia—not to Europe, because that is where the margin is going. Or should we maintain the current law that simply asks us to determine whether that is in the public interest before permitting a new facility?

To paraphrase a great political scientist by the name of Jeff Foxworthy: If you think that is a hard question, you might be a Republican.

It is not a hard question. This is a bad bill for the climate. It is a bad bill for the economy. It is a bad bill for the U.S. consumer. Vote “no.” If you can’t, at least be honest about who you are working for.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, thank goodness for the policies of the last administration. This administration seems to be touting that it has increased production. That came about because of policies of the Trump administration, when, on day one, the Biden administration shut down oil and gas leases, stopped American energy production, shut down pipeline projects, and thwarted the American energy sector.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. WALBERG).

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I thank my subcommittee chairman for his truth-talking.

I rise today in support of Representative PFLUGER’s bipartisan H.R. 7176, the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act.

Last month, President Biden announced an indefinite ban on new exports of good, clean, American LNG. Our national security and that of our allies demand that the United States continue to export LNG to Europe and other nations that have been dependent on dirty gas from Russia and Iran.

Our communities and families along the Gulf Coast that depend on these jobs demand that we continue to export LNG.

We have long accepted that President Biden would relinquish our energy leadership in favor of environmental activists and special interests. Today, it was reported that one of the plan’s main architects, soon-to-be-climate envoy John Podesta, might have other reasons to damper America’s LNG future. His brother is a longtime lobbyist for foreign LNG companies, including one founded by a Russian energy oligarch.

This important legislation would immediately reverse the President’s de facto ban and take the power to approve LNG exports away from the political whims of the White House and the DOE, placing it with the bipartisan Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

LNG exports help us to reduce global emissions, lower prices through more supply, and grow our economy and industrial base.

President Biden and his cabal are putting foreign adversaries and clean climate protesters ahead of the Amer-

ican people. That has to stop. Support this legislation.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Colorado (Ms. DEGETTE), the ranking member of the Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security.

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I am so confused. President Biden took action to ensure that future LNG exports are actually in the interest of Americans. His action had no impact on current production of LNG.

Let me say that again. The projects that President Biden’s order impacts are future projects. We are going to see if, in the future, those projects are in America’s best interest.

What this bill does is not just overturns this pause on future actions; it goes so much further. It says all LNG exports must be in the public interest, and it prohibits the Department of Energy from finding otherwise.

Let’s say, for example, these increased exports lead to higher rates for ratepayers, which may happen. The Republican bill says to forget about any kind of public interest review. It must be approved even if ratepayers’ rates are higher.

If the increased exports all went to China, that would be in the public interest, too. If the exports lead to an exorbitant release of pollution, that would be in the public interest, too.

That simply defies logic and sense. It is a fundamentally unserious policy proposal. In fact, I would call it not really a policy proposal at all but a campaign-year idea to try to somehow make people think we are trying to stop LNG exports. Nothing could be further from the truth.

We have already permitted enough LNG exports to triple our export capacity by the 2030s. That is under current law. That is not something that President Biden’s order is going to impact. That is more than enough LNG to assist our European and Asian allies.

The U.S. is already the world’s top LNG exporter and will be for years to come, not to mention that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle know the Senate is never even going to take up this bill. Even if the Senate somehow did pass this, they know the President would never sign this bill into law. Also, this bill has already come up on two other occasions.

Like I said, we need to be clear about why the Republicans are bringing this bill to the floor. They think this will be some good campaign ads or something else. Like so much of what else we have done on the floor, this is not going anywhere.

I came here on behalf of my constituents to legislate. I came here to make the lives of the American people better. This bill doesn’t do that.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote “no.”

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, the fear-mongering from the Democrats is ludicrous. Spot prices for natural gas in December 2023 were only 53 cents high-

er than they were in 2016. We can export American natural gas, produce more natural gas in this country, and help Americans and help our allies and friends around the world with their energy security, with their quality of life, and with their standard of living.

Dr. JOYCE from Pennsylvania knows it well because he represents the Marcellus shale.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE).

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

It is deeply troubling to see the Biden administration put party ahead of the country, to put radical views ahead of the common good, to put left-wing fear-mongering ahead of the American people.

Sadly, that is exactly what happened when President Biden halted the permitting of additional liquefied natural gas export facilities.

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Let’s be clear. This is not a pause. It is the first step of a process to ban outright any future export of LNG—LNG—a form of energy that is under the feet of my constituents.

This was a political decision to pander to the far left that will lead to increased energy prices for American households. It will abandon our allies in their time of need. It will harm family sustaining jobs and relinquish American global energy leadership.

It is time to put a stop to the Biden administration’s policies that increase prices for the sake of pandering to the President’s political base.

It is critical that we pass the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act and ensure that liquefied natural gas can continue to support American energy dominance.

Why are we turning our back on American energy?

How can we turn away from American family sustaining jobs?

For what reasons are we turning our allies into the hands of Putin?

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to join me in passing this legislation.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. BARRAGAN), who is a member of our committee.

Ms. BARRAGAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank Ranking Member PALLONE for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, do we want to talk about gifts to Putin?

Which party is preventing any aid going to Ukraine to fight Putin and Russia?

Mr. Speaker, don’t come up here and talk about the hypocrisy of who is giving a gift to Putin because it is your party, the Republican Party, that is doing that.

Today, I rise in opposition to H.R. 7176 which would strip away the Department of Energy’s ability to examine the full impacts of liquefied natural

gas export projects on our climate, consumer energy costs, and communities.

LNG exports are an environmental injustice and a climate disaster. They pollute minority and low-income communities along the Gulf Coast.

We have heard directly from communities in these regions that they do not want any LNG facilities to be built in their backyards.

Roishetta Ozane, a mother of six in Sulphur, Louisiana, is surrounded by oil and gas infrastructure, including three LNG export facilities. She has said: "Our air smells like rotten eggs. There is constant flaring. . . . It sounds like trains are coming back and forth. I have two children who suffer with asthma. I have children who suffer with other respiratory and skin conditions. . . . There are several families dealing with the same thing."

For far too long, her community's voice has been ignored as these LNG export facilities were built.

I commend the Biden administration for taking an important step to pause the consideration of new permits for LNG export terminals. It gives us a chance to make sure that people like Roishetta have a voice.

The Republican bill in front of us is an attempt to silence communities overwhelmed by pollution. It forces the Federal Government to ignore what is in the public interest and instead blindly approve LNG export projects to create profits for the fossil fuel industry.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my Democratic colleagues to oppose this bill and stand up for our consumers, our climate, and the health of our communities.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, Vladimir Putin is selling 40 percent more natural gas to Europe now than he did before the Ukraine war. By not selling Europe American LNG, the administration is putting money in Vladimir Putin's pockets for him to fund the war.

Mr. Speaker, the gentleman from Texas knows about energy.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. WEBER).

Mr. WEBER of Texas. I thank the chairman for his leadership on this important issue along with Representative PFLUGER's.

This is extremely important in my district on Texas' Gulf Coast. Every time American energy is on the upswing, this administration seems dead set on knocking it down, all in the name of climate change, and now they are banning LNG export permits.

In my district, Freeport LNG, the second largest LNG exporter in the United States, has seen this impact on our community. They had been creating jobs, investing back into the local economy, and improving U.S. foreign trade.

This reckless decision by the Biden administration doesn't just impact Freeport LNG, it also directly impacts

the two other LNG plants in my district, Golden Pass LNG and Port Arthur LNG. They have followed the rigorous and, might I add, burdensome permitting process and were close to turning their lights on and producing and exporting LNG, and now those projects are in limbo killing thousands of jobs and hurting local, State, and our Nation's economy.

The U.S. produces energy cleaner and more reliable than any other Nation.

As TED CRUZ said: What the President did is a giant middle finger to the State of Texas. I would add it is a giant middle finger to my district in southeast Texas.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to passing the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act to reverse this heinous ban and block this crazy administration from playing politics with our energy security and our district.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FROST).

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my frustration with the Republican obsession with LNG and fossil fuels. I commend the Biden administration on this decisive and very important step to fighting the climate crisis.

Republicans have been making the same argument since the nineties even as the realities of the argument have been changing. Green energies like wind, solar, and hydro are no longer the future. They are the present, and they are now cost competitive with fossil fuels and continue to become even cheaper, not to mention that they don't leave lasting damage and impact to our planet that we will have to clean up later.

LNG is dangerous, it is dirty, and it leaves lasting environmental and health damage to the community where it is produced.

I want to be even clearer. According to the Department of Energy, the more LNG that we export, the more expensive prices will be for gas at the pump, and our electricity bills will be even higher.

Additionally, LNG, which is 90 percent methane, heats the atmosphere at 80 times the rate of carbon dioxide, and for my fellow Floridians, we are having hotter and hotter summers and record heat. This means even hotter summers, even deadlier summers and faster sea levels rising.

LNG is a loser for our pockets. It is a loser for humanity. It is a loser for our communities, and it is killing us.

To hear my colleagues say that: Oh, the President is pandering to the climate movement. Two things: Number one, I can only hope, pray, and fight to make sure that we build off of this victory to get to a green, clean future. Number two, the climate activists, advocates, and organizers are heroes for fighting to protect all of us, even your constituents.

So Republicans have been fighting on behalf of their friends in Big Oil for longer than I have been alive, and I am

asking for the sake of humanity, for God's sake, please find better friends.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER), who is the new chair of the Energy and Commerce Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials Subcommittee.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this bill to unleash American energy. There is little doubt that President Biden's LNG export pause is a blatant political decision to appease his radical base at the expense of American energy security and the security of our allies.

What is being called a pause now will last indefinitely, and it is a de facto ban.

This will cede our energy independence to countries like Iran and Russia and also force manufacturing and business abroad, as well. Sadly, the Biden administration is bowing to its radical Green New Deal factions by imposing a policy that will, in fact, not reduce emissions.

If we are concerned about emissions, then the Iranian and Russian gas that will replace us in the market is much dirtier and will lead to more emissions. The world will no longer look to the U.S. as an energy leader, which is especially worrisome for our European allies whom we promised reliable energy.

This decision doesn't take a single step towards competing with our adversaries, reducing emissions, or bringing jobs to America. It just doesn't make sense. That is why I am very excited to vote in support of the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act.

Mr. Speaker, I support this bill, and I encourage my colleagues to support it.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to the amount of time that remains.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New Jersey has 9½ minutes remaining. The gentleman from South Carolina has 12½ minutes remaining.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE). We are glad the majority leader of the House is back in Congress.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from South Carolina for yielding. I know my friend is not leaving any time soon, but we have appreciated both our friendship and leadership along the way, and we will miss him when he is gone. There is a lot of work left to be done in these next few months.

Mr. Speaker, there is a lot of work left to be done today if you think about the importance of this bill.

It really focuses on the importance of smart energy policy, something that has been lacking—devastatingly lacking—in this country for the last 3



years, and it is a costly, costly consequence that American families are paying. Having bad energy policy has resulted in higher energy costs for families.

Mr. Speaker, especially low-income families are hit the hardest. When you see gas prices go higher, it hits lower-income families the hardest. When you see the home heating costs because of that LNG policy, it affects everybody. It affects prices and commodities, things that you buy at the grocery store, because all of that is built in when you have higher energy costs. It especially affects low-income families when they have to decide can they even pay their home heating costs in a cold winter.

All these decisions are being made because Joe Biden has gone after American energy. Joe Biden is not against all forms of energy.

Let's be clear about this.

What has this President done in his entire Presidency over the last 3 years?

Time and time again, Joe Biden goes after American energy. When he says it is harder to drill for oil in America, it is because he attacks the fossil fuel industry. He doesn't ban all oil. He just makes it harder to get permits in America. So what that does is it emboldens countries like Russia, Venezuela, and Iran, who are selling their oil on world markets and making billions and billions of dollars doing it. In fact, it helps them fund terrorist activities.

When you think of Iran having more power because the President lifts sanctions on them, and then the President goes after domestic American oil and gas, then he emboldens countries like Iran which then makes billions of dollars that they use to fund terrorism; there is a direct link. We all know that.

Yet, here the other side goes with the President, once again, going after not all forms of energy and not all forms of LNG, just American-made LNG by banning LNG exports in America.

So think about this, Mr. Speaker, there used to be a day when we encouraged companies to make their products in America. We heard a lot of people making speeches about buy American and make it in America. Nevertheless, if you say make it in America, but you can make it anywhere in the world—these are global commodities we are talking about—but if you make it in America, we are going to ban you from selling it anywhere in the world.

So, Mr. Speaker, if you make it somewhere else, if you make it in Iran, you can sell it anywhere on world markets. If you make it in America, then they are going to ban you from selling your product.

So what it does is it has a stifling effect on production and exploration of energy in America—not anywhere else in the world—just in America.

For all my friends who love talking about the climate, nobody in the world makes energy cleaner and more effi-

cient than the United States of America.

I am sick and tired of these people who wake up every day and love bashing America, bashing American companies, and bashing American products or American fossil fuels, as if we got rid of them then they just don't exist.

All that happens is that if we get rid of American energy, then we have to get it from other countries and we have to bring it here on tankers, which, by the way, have a much higher rate of failure than if we put it in a pipeline, which is much safer, or other means.

The policies that we are seeing out of this administration to go after American energy is lunacy, and it is costing families who are sick and tired of paying higher energy costs when they know they don't have to.

This is not the 1970s anymore where we had lines at the pump, and we could only get gasoline every other day based on the license plate number because we didn't have the technology to know where more energy was in America.

We have got all that today. We know what that technology is, and we know where the energy reserves of this country are. We could provide all the energy for our country and all of our allies around the world.

By the way, we lowered emissions when we did that.

Interestingly, they don't have any of this apply to countries like China that are building a coal plant every week with emissions through the roof. We do it cleaner and better than anywhere else in the world, and we should have policies that allow us to do even more production of American energy.

That is what this bill does. That is not what the President does. President Biden over and over again has attacked and gone after American energy, and people are sick and tired of it because they know nobody does it better.

They are sick and tired of having to see countries like Russia benefit, Iran's economy benefit, and other countries benefit when it should be our economy that benefits.

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Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of this legislation. Let's pass it on. I commend Representative PFLUGER for bringing this to the floor, and I hope that we actually get the policy right. This bill helps us do that.

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

Mr. Speaker, I have to correct the record, not only about my colleague, Mr. SCALISE, who I very much respect, but also some of the other comments that have been made.

There was a reference to President Joe Biden. The bottom line is that President Biden, like myself, believes in an all-of-the-above energy policy. In fact, there has been record production of oil during President Biden's administration. More oil has been produced domestically here in the United States during his administration than any other President that we have had.

The point is that we would like to move toward clean energy. Yes, we would like to have cleaner oil production, as well, but it doesn't mean that we are not in favor of more production. In fact, there is more production.

Now, many of my Republican colleagues have referred to President Biden's recent action to pause LNG exports as a ban, and that is simply not true. The Natural Gas Act requires the President to determine whether or not new LNG exports are in the public interest. If the President and his administration feel like they do not have sufficient information to make that determination, then it is their responsibility and duty under the law to take time and gather that information.

Even Politico highlighted the Republican misinformation machine in an article this week. They said:

Other Republicans have settled on a more blunt strategy, falsely portraying the pause on new permits as a ban on exports. Thanks to already issued permits, exports are expected to increase rapidly in the coming years.

Once again, the Republicans are peddling in misinformation to prop up their polluters-over-people agenda.

The Biden administration pause makes sense. It is common sense. The last time the economic impacts of LNG exports were examined was in 2018, when LNG export volumes were one-quarter of what they currently are.

The last time the greenhouse gas impacts of LNG exports were examined was in 2019. We know so much more now about emissions from gas leakage in the transportation, liquefaction, and regasification process.

It would be foolish to review 2024 LNG exports now without looking at 2024 analysis and data, which we do not have. Therefore, frankly, it would have been massively irresponsible for President Biden to approve further exports without reexamining how the Department of Energy was making its determination. I thank the President for taking the action he did, and I look forward to the results of this review.

I want to correct one more thing. Many of my colleagues have referred to radical environmentalists. I don't think it is radical to ask what is going on in people's ability to breathe.

When the Clean Air Act was passed, it basically was passed because we wanted to make sure that people would be able to breathe clean air. It is not radical for me to try to correct air quality and, if there is pollution out there, to try to correct it so people can breathe when the list of all the health impacts of not being able to breathe clean air is so long.

Again, all we are asking—all that this administration has asked and all the Democrats have asked—is that we continue to clean up our air so that we can breathe. That is it. That is all we are asking for here today.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I love to hear the Democrats talk about increased production and the levels of



production now. These projects don't happen overnight. They started during the Trump administration with their policies.

Go back to the Obama administration, where oil and gas production increased on State and private land, not Federal land, because the Obama administration was against that. Then, President Trump opened up more Federal land.

However, on day one, President Biden signed executive orders to stop oil and gas leasing on Federal land. He shut down the Keystone pipeline.

My Democratic colleagues have thwarted energy projects over and over. This is another attempt to stop LNG export, and it hurts our friends and allies across the globe.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BALDERSON).

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding.

Now more than ever, there is an urgent need for American energy leadership. Yet, with the President's most recent announcement banning new American LNG exports, he will singlehandedly undermine our energy sector and endanger our allies overseas. Rather than holding countries like China and Russia accountable, President Biden would rather play politics and appease the radical climate activists.

Here are the facts. Increasing LNG exports would add over \$70 billion to the U.S. economy and create over 400,000 American jobs by 2040. American LNG is more than 40 percent cleaner than Russian LNG. Also, since we have increased our LNG exports, domestic natural gas prices have remained affordable and stable despite record inflation.

I thank AUGUST PFLUGER for his work here, and I also thank our former colleague and my good friend, Bill Johnson, for leading on this legislation and the LNG export issues for many years.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CAMMACK).

Mrs. CAMMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 7176, the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2024. This bill is a pivotal piece of legislation that would bolster United States energy security, foster economic growth, and promote environmental sustainability.

At its core, this bill would streamline the regulatory process for LNG exports and unleash the full potential of America's abundant natural gas resources. This bill reverses the disastrous Biden administration's extreme liquefied gas export permit ban.

I know how much the left loves that word, "extreme." They are the very definition of it.

This bill also presents a strategic opportunity for the United States to fortify its energy independence. By facilitating the exportation of LNG, we re-

duce our reliance on foreign energy sources, mitigate geopolitical risks, and improve U.S. national security.

The bill creates new jobs, stimulates investment in energy infrastructure, and fosters innovation across related industries. Increasing LNG exports will expand markets, bolster domestic production, and increase economic growth.

This bill would also provide cleaner, more environmentally friendly energy options for our partners and our allies, and it is important that they know where we stand and that they can depend on and trust us during these times.

This bill also supports global efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while increasing global energy security.

My home State of Florida plays a pivotal role in the broader landscape of U.S. LNG exports, with JAXPORT serving as a hub for LNG expansion and development. JAXPORT is the only port on the East Coast to offer on-dock and near-dock LNG fueling capabilities.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues who care about national security to get on board with this bill.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ALLEN).

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from South Carolina, our chairman of the subcommittee, for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 7176, the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act. In fact, it is shocking to me that this bill is even necessary.

Everyone in this Chamber today knows that U.S. liquefied natural gas, or LNG, exports are more than 40 percent cleaner than the Russian natural gas delivered to Europe. Everyone in this Chamber knows that U.S. natural gas has helped us reduce emissions more than any other nation, both domestically and abroad.

As we have heard, everyone in this Chamber also knows that increasing LNG exports could add as much as \$73 billion to the U.S. economy and upward of 453,000 jobs by 2024, yet President Biden and this administration are seeking to destroy all of this potential by indefinitely banning LNG exports simply to appease radical environmentalists.

H.R. 7176 would immediately reverse the President's de facto ban on American LNG exports to restore U.S. leadership, reduce emissions, and increase the energy security of our Nation and our allies.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge a "yes" vote.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER).

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 7176, the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act.

America's domestic energy revolution has not just benefited Americans

with affordable and reliable access to energy or with countless good-paying jobs. It has also benefited our allies around the world. Thanks to exports of American LNG, we are helping our allies in Europe keep the lights and heat on this winter. Without American LNG, our allies would have to depend on Vladimir Putin and others for their natural gas.

Here in the United States, we produce energy, including natural gas, with the strictest environmental and labor standards anywhere in the world. In fact, global greenhouse gas emissions have dropped in recent years not because of government regulations but because of increased use of ever-cleaner natural gas.

When we export American LNG, we are exporting the cleanest natural gas found anywhere in the world. We are exporting the incredible environmental progress the United States has made.

Rather than supporting Ukraine and other allies, the Biden administration is focused on making campaign promises to their extreme radical left. Cutting off American LNG exports will only threaten our allies' security and line the pockets of Vladimir Putin.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to record my reading and understanding of H.R. 7176, the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act.

This bill removes the jurisdiction of the Department of Energy (DOE) to issue export licenses for facilities, including offshore facilities, exporting LNG to countries the U.S. does not have a free trade agreement with, while confirming that these projects are in the public interest. Since the public interest determination is in the bill, we do not anticipate the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) will add new terms to their public interest review, including extensions or expansions of projects that have been already approved.

I also wish to confirm that applications from LNG export project sponsors, for extensions in the export commencement date for previously issued DOE export licenses, are not covered by the Biden Administration ban on exports, and that upon enactment of this bill, existing authorized projects for export to non-FTA countries will no longer be within DOE's jurisdiction but will reside with FERC. Furthermore, export commencement extensions for previously authorized DOE exports are presumed to be granted by FERC.

Finally, should a project need an export commencement extension before this bill is enacted, DOE, as stated by Deputy Secretary Turk on the record, must accept applications for such an extension and process it in a timely manner.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE).

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding.

I thank Congressman PFLUGER for introducing this important legislation that I am proud to cosponsor.

I rise in support of H.R. 7176, which will streamline LNG export authorizations and put our Nation back on track toward energy dominance.

This bill would put downward pressure on global natural gas markets and expand economic opportunities across the country. We are blessed with abundant natural resources that create jobs, lower costs for Americans, and advance our national security interests abroad.

Unfortunately, since day one, the Biden administration has led our Nation into an energy crisis of their own making. President Biden's latest LNG export ban is nothing more than a political stunt to appease far-left activists.

Hoosiers watching at home won't be fooled by false claims of environmental stewardship. American LNG is the cleanest form of natural gas available and has allowed the U.S. to lead the world in emissions reductions.

Mr. Speaker, it is way past time this administration paid attention to the experts and not the radical environmentalists.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. CASTEN).

Mr. CASTEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, this debate makes me sad. Energy policy is really important. Energy consumers are really important. The environment is really important. So much of this debate is completely untethered from truth.

There isn't enough time to rebut everything, but I want to clarify two points. One is where LNG exports are going right now, and the second is about the environmental impact.

It is true today that the majority of U.S. LNG exports, the largest volume, is going to Europe. It is also true that that really did help our European allies wean themselves off of Russian gas. Now, that is not because the U.S. gas industry was suddenly imbued with patriotism. It is because they were paying more, which is fine.

However, all the additional exports we are talking about are contracted out. Right now, they are going to Asia. Therefore, this is not a question right now about helping Europe. This is a question of whether they will make more money going to Asia.

Now, why are they going to go to Asia? Well, that brings me to the second point. There is an assertion that LNG is inherently clean because it displaces coal. Let's be clear. No one buys natural gas so that it will be more expensive for them to make energy. It will displace coal if it is cheaper than coal.

My colleagues are to have us believe that the United States is going to export gas to Asia so that countries like China can have cheaper energy and make their businesses more competitive on the global stage and that they are doing that because they are so committed to environmental protection.

Look, natural gas is methane, for the most part. Methane is 80 times as potent a greenhouse gas as CO<sub>2</sub>, which

means that if you have more than 2 percent leakage from the wellhead to the burner tip, it is worse than coal.

In the United States, that means that the wellheads, the collection facilities, the distribution pipelines, the combustion facilities, which we all in this body regulate, maybe we can get it down below that level, and maybe in the United States, it is less. However, we are not talking about that. We are talking about exports.

What is the leak rate on the ships? What are the leak rates on the regasification facilities overseas? What are the leak rates on the distribution facilities in those countries? Do we trust Chinese economic data so much that if they say it is not leaking, we will say: That is awesome. I am glad you are so competitive. I am glad you are outcompeting U.S. businesses.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MORAN). The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman from Illinois.

Mr. CASTEN. I am glad we made you more competitive. I trust your data, and we are just going to tell folks at home that because we were so patriotic and environmentally minded.

Like I said in my last remarks, this is a really good bill if you want to make money exporting natural gas. It is not a good bill for anybody else. Let's just be honest with the American people about this.

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Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, after we lifted the crude oil export ban, Americans know what they were paying at the pump before the Biden administration. They were paying lower gas prices. They are paying much higher gas prices, commodity prices. Everything has gone up due to the Biden inflation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN), who understands natural resources. He chairs the Natural Resources Committee.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 7176. Of all their incoherent energy policies, the Biden administration's de facto ban on all pending approvals for LNG exports is among the very worst ideas in their ongoing attack on American energy.

I challenge anyone in the Biden administration to string together and communicate a cognitive and defensible argument for how the ban benefits the environment, the geopolitical landscape, the U.S. economy, our allies, or our national security.

This ban damages all those things while lining the pockets and strengthening Vladimir Putin and OPEC.

To paraphrase "Billy Madison," at no point has this administration in their rambling, incoherent energy policies been even close to anything that could

be considered a rational thought. Everyone is now dumber for having listened to it.

American natural gas is the cleanest, safest, and most ethically sourced on Earth. American energy, and certainly American natural gas, is not our enemy. If the administration would simply read and comprehend our government's own data, they would realize American energy, and especially American natural gas, is the solution, not the problem.

We should be producing and exporting more while we develop a sound all-of-the-above energy policy that focuses on reliable, affordable, and clean energy.

U.S. Government data shows that since 1990, our economy has grown 791 percent, our vehicle miles traveled have increased 113 percent, our population has grown 47 percent, and our energy consumption has grown 29 percent. Mr. Speaker, thanks in large part to American natural gas, during this time of huge growth, our emissions have decreased 60 percent. A large part of that is due to our innovations in fracking and producing natural gas.

I am proud to support this legislation to repeal the Biden administration's shortsighted restrictions on the export of U.S. natural gas and further U.S. leadership and emissions reduction, strengthen our economy, and bolster energy security for the U.S. and our allies.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to the time remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from South Carolina has 2 minutes remaining. The gentleman from New Jersey has 3½ minutes remaining.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, again, this bill is a massive valentine to the Communist Party of China. It would send untold amounts of American LNG to China to help continue to fuel its industrial rise, without ever allowing for a review as to whether these exports are actually in the public interest.

Now, what is going on here? Why on Earth are Republicans eager to sell LNG to China when they know that LNG exports increase domestic natural gas prices for Americans? I will tell you why: Because the cost to American families means nothing as long as oil and gas companies profit.

Numerous studies show that LNG exports result in increased costs to Americans. If we pass this bill, already volatile natural gas prices will be shaped by forces completely out of our control.

It doesn't make any sense to me. Republicans are acting against American interests here. I wish my colleagues across the aisle would focus on what is important and not just on stalling tactics that pad the pockets of polluters.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans claim that this bill helps our European allies.

What a joke that is. The reality is that they don't care about our European allies who are currently going to the mat for democracy and facing down Vladimir Putin in Ukraine.

On Tuesday evening in the Rules Committee, we heard over and over again from our Republican colleagues that LNG is crucial for our allies in Europe. Unfortunately, these same Republicans have made it clear they have no interest in actually providing aid to Ukraine. They use the war on Ukraine to argue for LNG exports and push the arguments of their oil and gas friends. But when it comes down to actually helping allies, they are at best silent, and at worst vocally against it.

Last year, 21 radical House Republicans signed on to a letter opposing all supplemental funding requests for Ukraine in its struggle against Russian oppression.

Weeks later, a majority of House Republicans voted against a bill offering a paltry amount of aid to Ukraine. Now, after the Senate has done its part, they totally refuse to bring a bill to the floor that would easily command a majority in the House.

The behavior is unbelievable. I want to be clear: It will lead to the unnecessary deaths of Ukrainian soldiers and civilians.

Mr. Speaker, I would simply ask my Republican colleagues: Which is it? Do they actually care about assisting Europe? Do they think current LNG volumes in Europe are insufficient? Do they think tripling LNG volumes to Europe without issuing another permit is insufficient, or do they really just want to protect the ability of Big Oil and Gas to price gouge Americans here at home?

If they were serious about supporting our European allies, they would be supporting a bill on the floor that would spend money to do just that, not wasting time on this bill for the third time this Congress.

If Republicans were serious about supporting our European allies, they would push back on Donald Trump's dangerous invitation to Russia to "do whatever the hell they want" if Europe doesn't spend more on its own defense.

Is this what helping our democratic allies looks like? Are Republicans unable to see what is wrong here? How their inaction threatens European peace and security, and our own national security?

House Republicans are unwilling to spend a single dollar to defend democracy in Europe but are happy to sit here and argue again and again about a bill that will drive up costs for everyday Americans while lining the pockets of their Big Oil and Gas friends. It is just unbelievable to me, Mr. Speaker, even for Washington.

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

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, the United States of America is blessed with abundant nat-

ural resources. Unfortunately, we are cursed with liberal politicians who don't want American companies and American investors and entrepreneurs to go after the resources to help Americans.

When we had a spike in energy prices during the Biden administration, President Biden didn't fly to Midland, Texas; he didn't fly to North Dakota; he didn't fly to Louisiana and beg those producers to produce more. Where did he fly? He flew to Saudi Arabia to beg the OPEC cartel to produce more so that we could import it—political stunt there—to help lower prices for Americans versus using American resources and American companies and American jobs.

This indefinite pause on LNG exports is misguided, but Americans need to know this wasn't an executive order that had no input from the public. It wasn't a piece of legislation that passed. He did it by a press release, directing an agency to pause LNG exports.

Let's talk about Ukraine today. We have heard a lot of that. Vladimir Putin and his energy oligarchs are exporting to Europe 40 percent more than they did before the war in Ukraine. That is more money flowing right into the pocket of Vladimir Putin to fund his war effort in Ukraine.

I would rather that money flow into the pockets of American energy producers and tax bases and to communities all around this country that produce energy by exporting more to help our friends and allies. America has never used the spigot of energy exported to influence policy in any country, but Vladimir Putin has turned the spigot on and off many times to influence policy in Europe.

Let's pass this legislation. Let's continue to export cleaner burning, American-produced natural gas. Let's produce more, deliver more, utilize more, and export more to help our friends and allies around the world improve their quality of life and improve their energy security.

Mr. Speaker, this is right for America. I urge my colleagues to vote "yes," and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 7176, the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2024. This bill would open the floodgates for gas exports that enrich our adversaries, raise consumer energy costs, and accelerate the climate crisis.

Mr. Speaker, why would Republicans want to export our natural resources to foreign adversaries without even considering if those exports will harm everyday Americans? This bill does just that. H.R. 7176 removes the requirement that the Department of Energy (DOE) first determine if liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports are in the public interest before approving export applications to countries with whom the U.S. does not have a free trade agreement. By removing essential safeguards, this bill will allow our adversaries, like China, to purchase even more of our natural resources to use against us.

This bill is nothing more than a giant handout to Republicans' big oil and gas friends, and hardworking Americans will pay the price with higher home energy costs. H.R. 7176 is detrimental to my constituents who already have to deal with volatile fossil fuel costs and gas prices being manipulated by the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Big oil and gas corporations don't need another handout from Congressional Republicans. They already enjoy billions in taxpayer-funded subsidies and continue to rake in record-breaking profits.

The U.S. is the number one exporter of LNG worldwide, and U.S. exports are expected to double by the end of this decade. Last November, I joined my colleagues in the House and Senate in sending a letter to DOE urging the agency to update how it determines if new licenses for LNG exports are in the public interest. I was pleased to see the Biden administration's announcement in January that DOE would pause approvals for pending and future applications to export LNG from new projects until the agency can update the public interest analyses for authorizations. President Biden's decision will ensure that impacts on costs to American families and businesses, climate impacts, and environmental justice are factored in when approving LNG exports. I commend President Biden for his commitment to leading the way in ambitious climate action.

This is the third time that I have voted on this bill on the House Floor in the 118th Congress. For the third time, I urge my colleagues to reject H.R. 7176 and the Republicans' radical agenda that puts polluters over people.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in opposition to H.R. 7176—the "Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act."

This bill, H.R. 7176, would substantially weaken the federal review and authorization process for natural gas exports.

Specifically, it removes the requirement under section 3(a) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) that the Department of Energy first determine liquefied natural gas (LNG) exports be in the public interest before approving export applications to non-free trade agreement countries.

These determinations currently involve a review of the economic impacts, including potential changes to domestic natural gas and electricity prices on consumers and manufacturers.

They also consider the environmental impacts of the exports.

Finally, they consider potential effects on the security of the U.S. natural gas supply.

Instead of maintaining this time-tested and reliable process, this bill assumes that all LNG exports are automatically in the public interest. This is reckless and irresponsible.

By removing a crucial safeguard for American consumers, this bill allows our adversaries, like China, to purchase even more of our energy to use against us.

Multiple analyses have found that increased LNG exports directly lead to higher natural gas prices here at home.

According to the Institute for Energy Economics and Financial Analysis, LNG exports cost American consumers over \$100 billion over a 16-month period.

Over the last five years, doubling our LNG exports has led to natural gas prices more than tripling in 2022.

Expert testimony supports this conclusion as well.

On February 7, 2023, the Subcommittees on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security and Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials held a joint legislative hearing entitled “Unleashing American Energy, Lowering Energy Costs, and Strengthening Supply Chains.” At this hearing, the Subcommittees heard testimony from Mr. Tyson Slocum.

In his written testimony, Mr. Slocum detailed how increased LNG exports have raised costs for American consumers, and that loosening the approval process for LNG exports would likely further increase the already-high prices Americans pay for heating and electricity.

Mr. Slocum also testified that increased LNG exports would further tie American natural gas prices to international natural gas prices, decreasing our economic independence and exposing Americans to increased gas price volatility.

Supporting documents entered into the record further underscored the point that a sudden decrease in U.S. LNG export capacity has historically resulted in a plunge in natural gas prices.

That is not the only problem with this negligent and short-sighted bill.

H.R. 1130 also eradicates existing protections that ensure American LNG is not being exported to rival nations against the public interest.

According to the Energy Information Administration, 13 percent of U.S. LNG exports went to China in 2021—that is over 450 billion cubic feet.

As it stands, this bill is far too overinclusive to be in the best interest of the people.

During both the Subcommittee and Full Committee markups, Democrats introduced reasonable amendments designed to address their concerns.

Democrats have tried and tried again to meet Republicans in the middle on this.

Instead of working with us, however, our colleagues across the aisle have remained entrenched.

Instead of focusing on the welfare of our American people, they are attempting to pass out a giant handout to Big Oil and Gas that will simultaneously enrich many of our economic adversaries.

Many of these companies already enjoy billions in taxpayer-funded subsidies and are taking in record-breaking profits since Putin’s invasion of Ukraine.

Republicans may point out that last month, President Biden announced a temporary pause in the Department of Energy’s (DOE) approval of LNG exports while DOE completes a public interest analysis.

Importantly, however, this pause only applies to new export applications.

It does not impact currently-operating export capacity or impact capacity that is under construction, and it does not impact capacity that is permitted but has not yet started construction.

DOE’s updated public interest determination is an opportunity to take long-overdue action to make sure additional exports are benefiting Americans.

This extreme bill would kill all efforts to ensure that our LNG exports are in Americans’ best interests.

I will always stand behind the hardworking middle-class individuals that are the backbone of our society.

As such, I urge my colleagues to do the same and vote no on this reckless and overbroad bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1009, the previous question is ordered on the bill.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

MOTION TO RECOMMIT

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have a motion to recommit at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion to recommit.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mrs. Watson Coleman of New Jersey moves to recommit the bill H.R. 7176 to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

The material previously referred to by Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN is as follows:

Mrs. Watson Coleman moves to recommit the bill H.R. 7176 to the Committee on Energy and Commerce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith, with the following amendment:

Add at the end the following:

SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Act, and the amendments made by this Act, shall not take effect unless and until the Secretary of Energy certifies that increased exports of liquified natural gas from the United States will not increase domestic natural gas prices.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XIX, the previous question is ordered on the motion to recommit.

The question is on the motion to recommit.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question are postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 2766;

Motion to recommit H.R. 7176;

Passage of H.R. 7176, if ordered;

Motions to suspend the rules and pass:

H.R. 533; and

H.R. 5375.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

UYGHUR POLICY ACT OF 2023

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfin-

ished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 2766) to support the human rights of Uyghurs and members of other minority groups residing primarily in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region and safeguard their distinct identity, and for other purposes, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. KIM) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 414, nays 6, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 5]

YEAS—414

Adams	Clyde	Golden (ME)
Aderholt	Cohen	Goldman (NY)
Aguilar	Cole	Gomez
Alford	Collins	Gonzales, Tony
Allen	Comer	Gonzalez,
Allred	Connolly	Vicente
Amo	Correa	Good (VA)
Amodei	Costa	Gooden (TX)
Armstrong	Courtney	Gosar
Arrington	Craig	Gottheimer
Auchincloss	Crane	Granger
Babin	Crawford	Graves (LA)
Bacon	Crenshaw	Graves (MO)
Baird	Crockett	Green (TN)
Balderson	Crow	Green, Al (TX)
Balint	Cuellar	Griffith
Banks	Curtis	Grijalva
Barr	D’Esposito	Grothman
Barragan	Davids (KS)	Guest
Bean (FL)	Davis (IL)	Guthrie
Beatty	Davis (NC)	Hageman
Bentz	De La Cruz	Harder (CA)
Bera	Dean (PA)	Harris
Bergman	DeGette	Harshbarger
Bice	DeLauro	Hayes
Biggs	DelBene	Hern
Bilirakis	Deluzio	Higgins (LA)
Bishop (GA)	DeSaulnier	Hill
Bishop (NC)	DesJarlais	Himes
Blumenauer	Diaz-Balart	Hinson
Blunt Rochester	Dingell	Horsford
Boebert	Doggett	Houchin
Bonamici	Donalds	Houlahan
Bost	Duarte	Hoyer
Bowman	Duncan	Hoyle (OR)
Boyle (PA)	Dunn (FL)	Hudson
Brecheen	Edwards	Huffman
Brown	Ellzey	Huizenga
Brownley	Emmer	Hunt
Buchanan	Escobar	Issa
Buck	Eshoo	Ivey
Bucshon	Espallat	Jackson (IL)
Budzinski	Estes	Jackson (NC)
Burchett	Evans	Jackson (TX)
Burgess	Ezell	Jackson Lee
Burlison	Fallon	Jacobs
Bush	Feenstra	James
Calvert	Ferguson	Jayapal
Cammack	Finstad	Jeffries
Caraveo	Fischbach	Johnson (GA)
Carbajal	Fitzgerald	Johnson (SD)
Cárdenas	Fitzpatrick	Jordan
Carey	Fleischmann	Joyce (PA)
Carl	Fletcher	Kamlager-Dove
Carson	Flood	Kaptur
Carter (GA)	Foster	Kean (NJ)
Carter (LA)	Foushee	Keating
Carter (TX)	Fox	Kelly (IL)
Cartwright	Frankel, Lois	Kelly (MS)
Casar	Franklin, Scott	Kelly (PA)
Casten	Frost	Khanna
Castor (FL)	Fry	Kiggans (VA)
Castro (TX)	Fulcher	Kildee
Chavez-DeRemer	Gaetz	Kiley
Cherfilus-	Galleo	Kilmer
McCormick	Garamendi	Kim (CA)
Ciscomani	Garbarino	Kim (NJ)
Clark (MA)	Garcia (IL)	Krishnamoorthi
Clarke (NY)	Garcia (TX)	Kuster
Cleaver	Garcia, Mike	Kustoff
Cline	Garcia, Robert	LaHood
Clyburn	Gimenez	LaLota

LaMalfa Napolitano Smith (NE)  
Lamborn Neal Smith (NJ)  
Landsman Neguse Smith (WA)  
Langworthy Nehls Smucker  
Larsen (WA) Newhouse Sorensen  
Larson (CT) Nickel Soto  
Latta Norcross Spanberger  
LaTurner Nunn (IA) Spartz  
Lawler Obernolte Stansbury  
Lee (CA) Ocasio-Cortez Stanton  
Lee (FL) Ogles Stauber  
Lee (NV) Omar Steel  
Lee (PA) Owens Stefanik  
Leger Fernandez Pallone Steil  
Lesko Palmer Steube  
Letlow Panetta Stevens  
Levin Pappas Strickland  
Lieu Pascrell Strong  
Lofgren Payne Swalwell  
Loudermilk Pelosi Sykes  
Lucas Peltola Takano  
Luetkemeyer Pence Tenney  
Luna Perez Thanedar  
Luttrell Perry Thompson (CA)  
Lynch Peters Thompson (MS)  
Mace Petterson Thompson (PA)  
Magaziner Pluger Tiffany  
Malliotakis Pingree Timmons  
Maloy Pocan Titus  
Mann Porter Tlaib  
Manning Posey Tokuda  
Mast Pressley Tonko  
Matsui Quigley Torres (CA)  
McBath Ramirez Torres (NY)  
McCaul Raskin Trahan  
McClain Reschenthaler Trone  
McClellan Rodgers (WA) Turner  
McClintock Underwood  
McCollum Rose Valadao  
McCormick Rosendale Van Drew  
McGarvey Ross Van Dwyne  
McGovern Rouzer Van Orden  
McHenry Ruiz Vargas  
Meeks Ruppertsberger Vasquez  
Menendez Rutherford Veasey  
Meng Ryan Velázquez  
Meuser Salinas Wagner  
Mfume Sánchez Walberg  
Miller (IL) Sarbanes Waltz  
Miller (OH) Scalise Wasserman  
Miller (WV) Scanlon Schultz  
Miller-Meeks Schakowsky Waters  
Mills Schiff Watson Coleman  
Molinaro Schneider Weber (TX)  
Moolenaar Scholten Webster (FL)  
Mooney Schrier Wenstrup  
Moore (AL) Schweikert Westerman  
Moore (UT) Scott (VA) Wexton  
Moore (WI) Scott, David Wild  
Moran Self Williams (GA)  
Morelle Sessions Williams (NY)  
Moskowitz Sewell Wilson (FL)  
Moulton Sherman Wilson (SC)  
Mrvan Sherrill Wittman  
Mullin Simpson Womack  
Murphy Slotkin Yakym  
Nadler Smith (MO) Zinke

NAYS—6

Cloud Greene (GA) Norman  
Davidson Massie Roy

NOT VOTING—10

Beyer Joyce (OH) Scott, Austin  
Case Phillips Williams (TX)  
Chu Rogers (KY)  
Gallagher Salazar

□ 1405

Messrs. COURTNEY, BRECHEEN, BIGGS, ROSENDALE, PERRY, Ms. HAGEMAN, and Mr. CRANE changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 50.

UNLOCKING OUR DOMESTIC LNG POTENTIAL ACT OF 2024

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to recommit on the bill (H.R. 7176) to repeal restrictions on the export and import of natural gas, offered by the gentlewoman from New Jersey (Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN), on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk will redesignate the motion.

The Clerk redesignated the motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to recommit.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 209, nays 213, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 51]

YEAS—209

Adams Garcia, Robert Norcross  
Aguilar Golden (ME) Ocasio-Cortez  
Allred Goldman (NY) Omar  
Amo Gomez Pallone  
Auchincloss Gonzalez, Panetta  
Balint Vicente Pappas  
Barragán Gotthaimer Pascrell  
Beatty Green, Al (TX) Payne  
Bera Grijalva Pelosi  
Bishop (GA) Harder (CA) Peltola  
Blumenauer Hayes Perez  
Blunt Rochester Himes Peters  
Bonamici Horsford Pettersen  
Bowman Houlihan Pingree  
Boyle (PA) Hoyer Pocan  
Brown Hoyle (OR) Porter  
Brownley Huffman Pressley  
Budzinski Ivey Quigley  
Bush Jackson (IL) Ramirez  
Caraveo Jackson (NC) Raskin  
Carbajal Jackson Lee Ross  
Cárdenas Jacobs Ruiz  
Carson Jayapal Ruppertsberger  
Carter (LA) Jeffries Ryan  
Cartwright Johnson (GA) Salinas  
Casar Kamlager-Dove Sánchez  
Case Kaptur Sarbanes  
Casten Keating Scanlon  
Castor (FL) Kelly (IL) Schakowsky  
Castro (TX) Khanna Schiff  
Cherfilus-Kilmer Schneider  
McCormick Kim (NJ) Scholten  
Clark (MA) Krishnamoorthi Schrier  
Clarke (NY) Kuster Scott (VA)  
Cleaver Kuster Scott, David  
Clyburn Landsman Sewell  
Cohen Larsen (WA) Sherman  
Connolly Larson (CT) Sherrill  
Correa Lee (CA) Slotkin  
Costa Lee (NV) Smith (WA)  
Courtney Lee (PA) Sorensen  
Craig Leger Fernandez Soto  
Crockett Levin Spanberger  
Crow Lieu Stansbury  
Cuellar Lofgren Stanton  
Davids (KS) Lynch Stevens  
Davis (IL) Magaziner Strickland  
Davis (NC) Manning Swalwell  
Dean (PA) Matsui Sykes  
DeGette McBath Sykes  
DeLauro McClellan Takano  
DeBene McCollum Thanedar  
Deluzio McGarvey Thompson (CA)  
DeSaulnier McGovern Thompson (MS)  
Dingell Meeks Titus  
Doggett Menendez Tlaib  
Escobar Meng Tokuda  
Eshoo Mfume Tonko  
Españillat Moore (WI) Torres (CA)  
Evans Morelle Torres (NY)  
Fletcher Moskowit Trahan  
Foster Moulton Trone  
Foushee Mrvan Underwood  
Frankel, Lois Mullin Vargas  
Frost Nadler Vasquez  
Gallego Napolitano Veasey  
Garamendi Neal Velázquez  
García (IL) Neguse Wasserman  
García (TX) Nickel Schultz

Waters Wexton Williams (GA)  
Watson Coleman Wild Wilson (FL)

NAYS—213

Aderholt Gaetz Miller (IL)  
Alford Garbarino Miller (OH)  
Allen Garcia, Mike Miller (WV)  
Amodei Gimenez Miller-Meeks  
Armstrong Gonzales, Tony Mills  
Arrington Good (VA) Molinaro  
Babin Gooden (TX) Moolenaar  
Bacon Gosar Mooney  
Baird Granger Moore (AL)  
Balderson Graves (LA) Moore (UT)  
Banks Graves (MO) Moran  
Bean (FL) Green (TN) Murphy  
Bentz Greene (GA) Nehls  
Bergman Griffith Newhouse  
Bice Grothman Norman  
Biggs Guest Nunn (IA)  
Bilirakis Guthrie Obernolte  
Bishop (NC) Hageman Ogles  
Boebert Harris Owens  
Bost Harshbarger Palmer  
Brecheen Hern Pence  
Buchanan Higgins (LA) Perry  
Buck Hill Pfluger  
Bucshon Hinson Posey  
Burchett Houchin Reschenthaler  
Burgess Hudson Rodgers (WA)  
Burlison Huizenga Rogers (AL)  
Calvert Hunt Rose  
Cammack Issa Rosendale  
Carey Jackson (TX) Rouzer  
Carl James Roy  
Carter (TX) Johnson (LA) Rutherford  
Chavez-DeRemer Johnson (SD) Scallise  
Ciscomani Jordan Schweikert  
Cline Joyce (OH) Scott, Austin  
Cloud Joyce (PA) Self  
Clyde Kean (NJ) Sessions  
Cole Kelly (MS) Simpson  
Collins Kelly (PA) Smith (MO)  
Comer Kiggans (VA) Smith (NE)  
Crane Kiley Smith (NJ)  
Crawford Kim (CA) Smucker  
Crenshaw Kustoff Spartz  
Curtis LaHood Stauber  
D'Esposito LaLota Steel  
Davidson LaMalfa Stefanik  
De La Cruz Lamborn Steil  
DesJarlais Langworthy Steube  
Diaz-Balart Latta Strong  
Donalds LaTurner Tenney  
Duarte Lawler Thompson (PA)  
Duncan Lee (FL) Tiffany  
Dunn (FL) Lesko Timmons  
Edwards Letlow Turner  
Ellzey Loudermilk Valadao  
Emmer Lucas Van Drew  
Estes Luetkemeyer Van Dwyne  
Ezell Luna Van Orden  
Fallon Luttrell Wagner  
Feenstra Mace Walberg  
Ferguson Scott (VA) Waltz  
Finstad Maloy Weber (TX)  
Fischbach Mann Webster (FL)  
Fitzgerald Massie Wenstrup  
Fitzpatrick Mast Westerman  
Fleischmann McCaul Williams (NY)  
Flood McClain Wilson (SC)  
Foxy McClintock Wittman  
Franklin, Scott McCormick Womack  
Fry McHenry Yakym  
Fulcher Meuser Zinke

NOT VOTING—9

Barr Chu Rogers (KY)  
Beyer Gallagher Salazar  
Carter (GA) Phillips Williams (TX)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1412

Mr. DOGGETT changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to recommit was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted “nay” on rollcall No. 51.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 224, nays 200, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 52]

YEAS—224

Aderholt	Fulcher	Meuser
Alford	Gaetz	Miller (IL)
Allen	Garbarino	Miller (OH)
Amodei	Garcia, Mike	Miller (WV)
Armstrong	Gimenez	Miller-Meeeks
Arrington	Golden (ME)	Mills
Babin	Gonzales, Tony	Molinaro
Bacon	Gonzalez,	Mooleenaar
Baird	Vicente	Mooney
Balderson	Good (VA)	Moore (AL)
Banks	Gooden (TX)	Moore (UT)
Barr	Gosar	Moran
Bean (FL)	Granger	Murphy
Bentz	Graves (LA)	Nehls
Bergman	Graves (MO)	Newhouse
Bice	Green (TN)	Norman
Biggs	Greene (GA)	Nunn (IA)
Bilirakis	Griffith	Obernolte
Bishop (NC)	Grothman	Ogles
Boebert	Guest	Owens
Bost	Guthrie	Palmer
Brecheen	Hageman	Peltola
Buchanan	Harris	Pence
Buck	Harshbarger	Perez
Bucshon	Hern	Perry
Burchett	Higgins (LA)	Pfluger
Burgess	Hill	Posey
Burlison	Hinson	Reschenthaler
Calvert	Houchin	Rodgers (WA)
Cammack	Hudson	Rogers (AL)
Caraveo	Huizenga	Rose
Carey	Hunt	Rosendale
Carl	Issa	Rouzer
Carter (GA)	Jackson (TX)	Roy
Carter (TX)	James	Rutherford
Chavez-DeRemer	Johnson (LA)	Scalise
Ciscomani	Johnson (SD)	Schweikert
Cline	Jordan	Scott, Austin
Cloud	Joyce (OH)	Self
Clyde	Joyce (PA)	Sessions
Cole	Kean (NJ)	Simpson
Collins	Kelly (MS)	Smith (MO)
Comer	Kelly (PA)	Smith (NE)
Costa	Kiggans (VA)	Smith (NJ)
Crane	Kiley	Smucker
Crawford	Kim (CA)	Spartz
Crenshaw	Kustoff	Stauber
Cuellar	LaHood	Steel
Curtis	LaLota	Stefanik
D’Esposito	LaMalfa	Steil
Davidson	Lamborn	Steube
De La Cruz	Langworthy	Strong
DesJarlais	Larsen (WA)	Tenney
Diaz-Balart	Latta	Thompson (PA)
Donalds	LaTurner	Tiffany
Duarte	Lawler	Timmons
Duncan	Lee (FL)	Turner
Dunn (FL)	Lesko	Valadao
Edwards	Letlow	Van Drew
Ellzey	Loudermilk	Van Dуйne
Emmer	Lucas	Van Orden
Estes	Luetkemeyer	Veasey
Ezell	Luna	Wagner
Fallon	Luttrell	Walberg
Feenstra	Mace	Waltz
Ferguson	Malliotakis	Weber (TX)
Finstad	Maloy	Webster (FL)
Fischbach	Mann	Wenstrup
Fitzgerald	Massie	Westerman
Fitzpatrick	Mast	Williams (NY)
Fleischmann	McCauley	Wilson (SC)
Flood	McClain	Wittman
Foxx	McClintock	Womack
Franklin, Scott	McCormick	Yakym
Fry	McHenry	Zinke

NAYS—200

Adams	Gomez	Pappas
Aguilar	Gottheimer	Pascarell
Allred	Green, Al (TX)	Payne
Amo	Grijalva	Pelosi
Auchincloss	Harder (CA)	Peters
Balint	Hayes	Petersen
Barragan	Himes	Pingree
Beatty	Horsford	Pocan
Bera	Houlihan	Porter
Bishop (GA)	Hoyer	Pressley
Blumenauer	Hoyle (OR)	Quigley
Blunt Rochester	Huffman	Ramirez
Bonamici	Ivey	Raskin
Bowman	Jackson (IL)	Ross
Boyle (PA)	Jackson (NC)	Ruiz
Brown	Jackson Lee	Ruppersberger
Brownley	Jacobs	Ryan
Budzinski	Jayapal	Salinas
Bush	Jeffries	Sánchez
Carbajal	Johnson (GA)	Sarbanes
Cárdenas	Kamlager-Dove	Scanlon
Carson	Kaptur	Schakowsky
Carter (LA)	Keating	Schiff
Cartwright	Kelly (IL)	Schneider
Casar	Khanna	Scholten
Case	Kildee	Schrier
Casten	Kilmer	Scott (VA)
Castor (FL)	Kim (NJ)	Scott, David
Castro (TX)	Krishnamoorthi	Sewell
Cherfilus-	Kuster	Sherman
McCormick	Landsman	Sherrill
Clark (MA)	Larson (CT)	Slotkin
Clarke (NY)	Lee (CA)	Smith (WA)
Cleaver	Lee (NV)	Sorensen
Clyburn	Lee (PA)	Soto
Cohen	Leger Fernandez	Spanberger
Connolly	Levin	Stansbury
Correa	Lieu	Stanton
Courtney	Lofgren	Stevens
Craig	Lynch	Strickland
Crockett	Magaziner	Swalwell
Crow	Manning	Sykes
Davids (KS)	Matsui	Takano
Davis (IL)	McBath	Thanedar
Davis (NC)	McClellan	Thompson (CA)
Dean (PA)	McCollum	Thompson (MS)
DeGette	McGarvey	Titus
DeLauro	McGovern	Tlaib
DelBene	Meeks	Tokuda
Deluzio	Menendez	Tonko
DeSaulnier	Meng	Torres (CA)
Dingell	Mfume	Torres (NY)
Doggett	Moore (WI)	Trahan
Escobar	Morelle	Trone
Eshoo	Moskowitz	Underwood
Espallat	Moulton	Vargas
Evans	Mrvan	Vasquez
Fletcher	Mullin	Velázquez
Foster	Nadler	Wasserman
Foushee	Napolitano	Schultz
Frankel, Lois	Neal	Waters
Frost	Neguse	Watson Coleman
Gallego	Nickel	Wexton
Garamendi	Norcross	Wild
Garcia (IL)	Ocasio-Cortez	Williams (GA)
Garcia (TX)	Omar	Wilson (FL)
Garcia, Robert	Pallone	
Goldman (NY)	Panetta	

NOT VOTING—7

Beyer	Phillips	Williams (TX)
Chu	Rogers (KY)	
Gallagher	Salazar	

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1419

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to a personal family matter, I was unable to be in D.C. to vote today. Had I been present, I would have voted “yea” on rollcall No. 52.

PROMOTING A RESOLUTION TO THE TIBET-CHINA DISPUTE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 533) to amend the Tibetan Policy Act of 2002 to modify certain provisions of that Act, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. KIM) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 392, nays 28, not voting 11, as follows:

[Roll No. 53]

YEAS—392

Adams	Comer	Gonzalez,
Aderholt	Connolly	Vicente
Aguilar	Correa	Gooden (TX)
Alford	Costa	Gottheimer
Allen	Courtney	Granger
Allred	Craig	Graves (LA)
Amo	Crawford	Graves (MO)
Amodei	Crenshaw	Green (TN)
Armstrong	Crockett	Green, Al (TX)
Arrington	Crow	Griffith
Auchincloss	Cuellar	Grijalva
Babin	Curtis	Grothman
Bacon	D’Esposito	Guest
Baird	Davids (KS)	Guthrie
Balderson	Davis (IL)	Harder (CA)
Balint	Davis (NC)	Harshbarger
Banks	De La Cruz	Hayes
Barr	Dean (PA)	Hern
Barragan	DeGette	Hill
Bean (FL)	DeLauro	Himes
Beatty	DelBene	Hinson
Bentz	Deluzio	Horsford
Bera	DeSaulnier	Houchin
Bergman	DesJarlais	Houlihan
Bice	Diaz-Balart	Hoyer
Bilirakis	Dingell	Hoyle (OR)
Bishop (GA)	Doggett	Hudson
Blumenauer	Donalds	Huffman
Blunt Rochester	Duarte	Huizenga
Bonamici	Duncan	Hunt
Bost	Dunn (FL)	Issa
Bowman	Ellzey	Ivey
Boyle (PA)	Emmer	Jackson (IL)
Brown	Escobar	Jackson (NC)
Brownley	Eshoo	Jackson (TX)
Buchanan	Espallat	Jackson Lee
Buck	Estes	Jacobs
Bucshon	Evans	James
Budzinski	Ezell	Jayapal
Bush	Fallon	Jeffries
Calvert	Feenstra	Johnson (GA)
Cammack	Finstad	Johnson (LA)
Caraveo	Fischbach	Johnson (SD)
Carbajal	Fitzgerald	Jordan
Cárdenas	Fitzpatrick	Joyce (OH)
Carey	Fleischmann	Kamlager-Dove
Carl	Fletcher	Kaptur
Carson	Flood	Kean (NJ)
Carter (GA)	Foster	Keating
Carter (LA)	Foushee	Kelly (IL)
Carter (TX)	Foxx	Kelly (MS)
Cartwright	Frankel, Lois	Kelly (PA)
Casar	Franklin, Scott	Khanna
Case	Frost	Kiggans (VA)
Casten	Fry	Kildee
Castor (FL)	Fulcher	Kilmer
Castro (TX)	Gaetz	Kim (CA)
Chavez-DeRemer	Galleo	Kim (NJ)
Cherfilus-	Garamendi	Krishnamoorthi
McCormick	Garbarino	Kuster
Ciscomani	Garcia (IL)	Kustoff
Clark (MA)	Garcia (TX)	LaHood
Clarke (NY)	Garcia, Mike	LaLota
Cleaver	Garcia, Robert	LaMalfa
Cline	Gimenez	Lamborn
Clyburn	Golden (ME)	Landsman
Clyde	Goldman (NY)	Langworthy
Cohen	Gomez	Larsen (WA)
Cole	Gonzales, Tony	Larson (CT)
Collins		

Latta  
LaTurner  
Lawler  
Lee (CA)  
Lee (FL)  
Lee (PA)  
Leger Fernandez  
Lesko  
Letlow  
Levin  
Lieu  
Lofgren  
Loudermilk  
Lucas  
Luetkemeyer  
Luttrell  
Lynch  
Mace  
Magaziner  
Malliotakis  
Maloy  
Mann  
Manning  
Mast  
Matsui  
McBath  
McCaul  
McClain  
McClellan  
McClintock  
McCollum  
McCormick  
McGarvey  
McGovern  
McHenry  
Meeks  
Menendez  
Meng  
Meuser  
Mfume  
Miller (IL)  
Miller (OH)  
Miller (WV)  
Miller-Meeks  
Mills  
Molinaro  
Moolenaar  
Moore (UT)  
Moore (WI)  
Moran  
Morelle  
Moskowitz  
Moulton  
Mrvan  
Mullin  
Murphy  
Nadler  
Napolitano  
Neal  
Neguse  
Newhouse  
Nickel

Norcross  
Nunn (IA)  
Oberholte  
Ocasio-Cortez  
Omar  
Owens  
Pallone  
Palmer  
Panetta  
Pappas  
Pascrell  
Payne  
Pelosi  
Peltola  
Pence  
Perez  
Peters  
Pettersen  
Pfluger  
Pingree  
Pocan  
Porter  
Posey  
Pressley  
Quigley  
Ramirez  
Raskin  
Reschenthaler  
Rodgers (WA)  
Rogers (AL)  
Rose  
Ross  
Rouzer  
Ruiz  
Ruppersberger  
Rutherford  
Ryan  
Salinas  
Sánchez  
Sarbanes  
Scalise  
Scanlon  
Schakowsky  
Schiff  
Schneider  
Scholten  
Schrier  
Schweikert  
Scott (VA)  
Scott, Austin  
Scott, David  
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Torres (CA)  
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Turner  
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Van Drew  
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Van Orden  
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Stated for:  
Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, during the rollcall vote on H.R. 533, my vote was not successfully recorded. Had my vote been recorded, it would have been a “yea” on rollcall No. 53.

STRENGTHENING THE QUAD ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5375) to require a strategy for bolstering engagement and cooperation between the United States, Australia, India, and Japan and to seek to establish a Quad Intra-Parliamentary Working Group to facilitate closer cooperation on shared interests and values, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SELF) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 5-minute vote. The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 379, nays 39, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 54]  
YEAS—379

Adams  
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Barragán  
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Bentz  
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Bergman  
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Blunt Rochester  
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Boyle (PA)  
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Budzinski  
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Carter (TX)  
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Johnson (SD)  
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Kelly (IL)  
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McCormick  
McGarvey  
McGovern  
Meeks  
Menendez

Biggs  
Bishop (NC)  
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Brecheen  
Burchett  
Burlison  
Cloud  
Crane  
Davidson  
Edwards

NAYS—28

NOT VOTING—11

Beyer  
Burgess  
Chu  
Ferguson

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE  
The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1426

Mr. WEBER of Texas changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.” So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NAYS—39

Bean (FL)  
Biggs  
Bishop (NC)  
Brecheen  
Burchett  
Burlison  
Cloud  
Clyde  
Collins  
Crane  
Davidson  
Dowdy  
Edwards

NOT VOTING—13

Beyer  
Burgess  
Chu  
Ferguson  
Gallagher

Castor (FL)  
Castro (TX)  
Chavez-DeRemer  
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McCormick  
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Clyburn  
Cohen  
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Courtney  
Craig  
Crawford  
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Crockett  
Crow  
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Davids (KS)  
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DeSaulnier  
DesJarlais  
Diaz-Balart  
Dingell  
Doggett  
Duarte  
Duncan  
Dunn (FL)  
Ellzey  
Emmer  
Escobar  
Eshoo  
Españat  
Estes  
Evans  
Ezell  
Fallon  
Feenstra  
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Miller (OH)  
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Napolitano  
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Newhouse  
Nickel  
Norcross  
Nunn (IA)  
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Ocasio-Cortez  
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Ramirez  
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Reschenthaler  
Rodgers (WA)  
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Scott (VA)  
Scott, Austin

Fry  
Good (VA)  
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Greene (GA)  
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Harshbarger  
Higgins (LA)  
Luna  
Luttrell  
Massie  
Mast  
Miller (IL)

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McClintock  
McHenry  
Phillips  
Rogers (KY)

Scott, David  
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Smith (MO)  
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Underwood  
Valadao  
Van Drew  
Van Dwyne  
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Webster (FL)  
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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1433

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote No. 54 on H.R. 5375, I was not recorded because of an unexpected flight change forcing me to leave Washington, D.C. early. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 54.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KEAN of New Jersey) laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
February 15, 2024.

I hereby designate the period from Thursday, February 15, 2024, through Tuesday, February 27, 2024, as a "district work period" under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

#### GREAT LAKES TOO IMPORTANT TO NEGLECT

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

Mr. JAMES. Mr. Speaker, as a proud native Michigander, I am keenly aware of the importance of our Great Lakes. I grew up enjoying the national treasure of the Great Lakes, and I want the same opportunity for my three young boys and for generations and centuries beyond.

Michigan was blessed with a bountiful abundance of natural resources, holding the second-most coastline of any State in the Union because of our Great Lakes.

Our Great Lakes are too important to neglect. They are too important for our economy, national security, and Michigan's way of life.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I joined a bipartisan, bicameral delegation to introduce legislation that would extend the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. With the Great Lakes contributing over 90 percent of our Nation's fresh surface water and being the world's largest store of freshwater, it is critical that we continue to allocate resources to the GLRI.

The Great Lakes generate \$62 billion in wages annually, and every dollar invested in the GLRI yields \$3.35 of economic activity. It is literally a good investment and good for our environment, too.

Mr. Speaker, I implore all of my colleagues to support the GLRI extension to bolster the prosperity of our communities while simultaneously affirming our commitment to preserving the health and vitality of the Great Lakes for generations to come.

#### PRESIDENT BIDEN'S WORK TO BETTER AMERICA

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss President Biden's work to better America.

It is tax time again, and under Republican leadership, America's richest 1 percent do not mind tax time because they save billions in unpaid taxes. Instead, Republicans like to force middle- and lower-class Americans to pay more. They rob the poor to pay the rich.

President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act is forcing the richest, tax-cheating Americans and American corporations to pay their fair share. It has helped recover more than \$500 million from 1,600 delinquent millionaires already.

Forcing millionaires and billionaires to pay their fair share will raise \$500 billion during the next decade. These funds will cut the deficit and provide more resources for hardworking American families.

I am proud to support President Biden's efforts to help Americans, and I am proud to be a Democrat because we put people over politics.

#### HONORING JOSEPH CHARLES MARTIN

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor Joseph Charles Martin, a man whose dedication and service left an incredible legacy in Haverstraw, Stony Point, and beyond.

Joe's service began as Navy corpsman and continued with his decades-long career at Lederle Laboratories in Pearl River.

In his own community, in Thiells, he helped found both the St. Gregory Barbarigo Parish and the David B. Roche Fire Company, which have had a lasting impact on North Rockland.

Joe's impact extended beyond this, though. His coaching with the Haverstraw Little League and volunteering at St. Peter's People to People showcased his commitment to improving the lives of the residents of North Rockland.

His legacy of service and compassion will forever inspire us.

As we mourn Joe's passing, let us honor his memory by carrying forward his spirit of generosity and commitment to others, as his family has.

To Joe, I say:

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
the rains fall soft upon your fields  
and, until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

□ 1445

#### RECOGNIZING SHERRI BEVAN WALSH

(Mrs. SYKES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh who is retiring from the Summit County Prosecutor's Office as the longest serving prosecutor in the history of the county.

She was first elected 24 years ago and has served our community with diligence, professionalism, and dedication. Her final day is tomorrow, Friday, February 16.

Throughout her time as prosecutor, she has always advocated for victims and our community safety, ensuring that everyone was treated with dignity and proper care in our justice system.

In line with her championing of the most vulnerable in our community, Prosecutor Walsh led the State as the first prosecutor's office in Ohio to have a service dog named Avery as a companion to assist children who are victims and witnesses of crime.

She also created the Take Me Home Program to assist those with mental health conditions if they may wander from their home, Safety Kids Calendar, self-defense classes, and the Start By Believing, a program to support victims of sexual violence.

Her incredible and distinguished career also serves as an example to young women in Ohio's 13th Congressional District and beyond by inspiring our next generation of young women leaders.

Among her many career accolades include 59 State, national, and local awards including the Ohio Crime Victims Justice Center Models of Justice, Prosecutor of the Year, Elected Official of the Year, as a community leader who constantly and consistently champions causes for people with developmental disabilities, and Prosecutor of the Year from the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association.

On behalf of Ohio's 13th Congressional District, I thank Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh for her years of service, and I wish her all the best in the future.

#### RECOGNIZING DR. JASPER LEWIS

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

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of Pitt County's

finest, my good friend, Dr. Jasper Lewis.

Dr. Lewis, an eastern North Carolina native, earned his dental degree at UNC Chapel Hill and then served 2 years in the U.S. Air Force. He received his post-doctoral degree from UNC in 1973 and then moved to Greenville, North Carolina, to open his practice in pediatric dentistry.

He held numerous offices in regional and national dental organizations, including as president of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

Through tireless efforts, Dr. Lewis was instrumental in bringing a dental school to East Carolina University which has become the national model in rural dental care.

Dr. Lewis brought the American Dental Association's Give Kids a Smile campaign, providing oral healthcare to underprivileged children in eastern North Carolina.

Recently, Dr. Lewis was named recipient of the prestigious Legacy Award for 2023 by the Greenville-Pitt Chamber of Commerce, an accolade that attests to his unwavering commitment to improving the lives of those in our community.

Dr. Lewis has impacted countless lives in eastern North Carolina, and today we thank him for his selfless service.

#### AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

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

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my thoughtful colleagues on the other side of the aisle to join Democrats to continue funding for the Affordable Connectivity Program.

Affordable internet is essential to participating in our modern economy and ensuring a high quality of life for workers, students, seniors, and families.

That is why our Democratic majority first launched the Affordable Connectivity Program in 2021. Since then, it has helped lower internet costs for millions of Americans and nearly 700,000 households in Illinois, including 17,000 in my district.

Nonetheless, unless Republicans join Democrats at the table, the ACP will expire in just 2 months, which would increase broadband costs and put internet access at risk for millions of Americans. We cannot let that happen.

So I will continue fighting to ensure this critical program remains funded, and I hope my Republican colleagues will join me in this effort to keep all of our communities connected.

#### HONORING RANDALL PIFER

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of U.S. Army veteran Randall Pifer.

Randall was recently recognized with the Veteran of the Year Award by the Brunswick Exchange Club.

He grew up in coastal Georgia's Golden Isles where he played high school football. Randall then attended the prestigious United States Military Academy at West Point and entered Active Duty service in 1975. He served at Fort Benning, Fort Rucker, Hunter Army Airfield, and in West Germany as a combat helicopter pilot.

Randall joined the National Guard in 1989 where he continued to fly missions in the Middle East.

He retired in 2014 with over 41 years of military experience where he earned the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, and numerous Army medals.

Randall Pifer's record speaks for itself. He is a patriot, a hero, and a model we should all look up to.

#### HONORING NICK AIKEN, JR., DURING NATIONAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP WEEK

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to honor the rich history and unwavering resilience of Black small business owners during National Entrepreneurship Week.

Mr. Speaker, 17 percent of Black-owned firms are family run, providing jobs for over 160,000 Americans. In my district, my constituent Nick Aiken, Jr., owns and operates Nikki's Place with his family in the vibrant community of Parramore in Orlando.

For 25 years, Nikki's Place has been a hub for warm service and authentic and delicious soul food. Nonetheless, like so many small and minority-owned businesses, they have faced countless hurdles, specifically in securing affordable financing.

All Nick, his family, and their 12 employees want to do is to continue to contribute to the vibrant culture of Orlando and what makes Orlando beautiful.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to work with me and ensure that we invest in small businesses like Nikki's Place to ensure they receive the investment and support they need to continue making amazing and beautiful communities like mine thrive.

#### HONORING LISA FORADORI'S SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lisa

Foradori's service to the United States House of Representatives.

This month, Lisa will be retiring from the Office of Official Reporters, which is within the Office of the Clerk of the House.

Lisa has been one of the House's elite court reporters providing expert stenographic support to committees and the House floor.

Lisa was born in DuBois, Pennsylvania. That is in the 15th Congressional District, and I am very proud of that. She grew up in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania, which also was in my Congressional District for a while.

In 1982, she obtained her court reporting degree from Central Pennsylvania Business School in Summerdale, Pennsylvania.

Following graduation, Lisa worked as an official court reporter in Clearfield, Pennsylvania, and Pasco and Hernando Counties in Florida. In 1992, Lisa started her own court reporting firm in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.

During this time, Lisa also worked as a contract reporter for the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

In 2007, Lisa moved to Washington, D.C., to serve as a court reporter for the United States District Court for the District of Columbia, where she worked until joining the House.

Lisa enjoys spending time with family and friends, and two beautiful granddaughters, Vivian and Chloe. Once retired, Lisa plans to travel, play golf and tennis, and go kayaking.

Mr. Speaker, the court reporters who support the House floor are the best in their profession, and Lisa is no exception.

On behalf of the whole House, I wish to express my gratitude for Lisa's dedicated service to the House and her country.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Lisa and wish her all the best in her next chapter.

#### EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066 AND JAPANESE INTERNMENT

(Ms. TOKUDA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, on February 19, 1942, President Roosevelt signed Executive Order No. 9066, which led to the forced removal and incarceration of over 120,000 individuals of Japanese ancestry.

My great-grandfather, Seiki Takasato, was one such "issei," "first generation," taken from his home in Puunene, Maui, and sent to Honouliuli on Oahu, Sharp Park in California, and finally ending up at the internment camp in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

It was there that he painted this picture. Guilty of nothing else but being of Japanese descent, internees like my "jiji," "great-grandfather" were stripped of everything they owned—

homes, property, and life savings—and denied the most basic human and civil rights.

Mr. Speaker, I stand before you as one of millions of descendants who will never forget. We bear the familial scars from a time filled with xenophobia, hate, and fear. Be that as it may, we also embody the “gaman,” “enduring the seemingly unbearable with patience and dignity” of those who came before us, committed to making sure we learn from the mistakes of our past lest we are doomed to repeat them.

With everything happening in our country and our world, let us stand up and recommit to ensuring that such atrocities never stain our collective conscience again.

#### RECOGNIZING ALFRED TURNER

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and achievements of Alfred Turner from Gamaliel, Kentucky.

Alfred, along with his late brother-in-law Burr Boyles, co-founded Stitches, a small manufacturing company in my home county of Monroe. Stitches was one of the last surviving garment manufacturers in Kentucky and Tennessee after the passage of NAFTA.

Alfred Turner was a tremendous leader, and he was a tremendous corporate citizen in the tiny town of Gamaliel where my family originated.

Alfred did a lot for many people keeping those jobs going after just about everyone else in the garment industry went to Mexico or some other country after the passage of NAFTA. Stitches is still in business today because of the great work that Alfred Turner did for his community and his employees.

So, again, Mr. Speaker, I recognize the life and legacy of my friend, Alfred Turner, who passed away a few weeks ago in Gamaliel, Kentucky.

#### APPRECIATING OUR BRAVE FIRST RESPONDERS

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

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to say thank you to the first responders on the central coast for whom it has been a busy and challenging few weeks.

Our hardworking emergency service workers in Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura Counties have shown incredible bravery, commitment, and resilience during multiple heavy storms that have torn through the central coast.

Up and down our region, local fire crews and emergency management departments worked quickly and diligently to remove downed trees and

power lines that fell on apartment buildings, homes, cars, and roadways.

In San Luis Obispo, the fire department fielded over 400 emergency calls during the storm’s peak and helped rescue someone stranded in their car amid rising floodwaters in Nipomo.

In Santa Barbara, law enforcement officials knocked on more than 500 doors to alert households of a flooding evacuation order, and in Ventura, a man was rescued without injury from the Ventura River by the Ventura City Fire Department.

I thank our brave law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other first responders who, in the face of danger, run toward it. I also thank our emergency dispatchers who fielded so many calls and everyone at the National Weather Service who helped keep the central coast updated on the storms.

Our entire region is grateful to have them watching over our back.

□ 1500

#### A FOCUS ON REAL CHANGE

(Ms. BARRAGÁN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, extreme MAGA Republicans are focused on chaos and dysfunction. Their agenda does nothing for everyday Americans.

Republicans continue to push sham impeachments and political stunts to distract from their radical agenda. They have made this Congress the least productive since the Great Depression. We have seen that on full display this week, where Republicans have canceled another workday in D.C. because they cannot get anything done.

House Democrats are fighting to cut through the chaos. We are focused on lower cost, a stronger middle class, and safer communities.

Under President Biden and House Democrats in Congress, we have focused on real change. Democrats have capped the price of insulin at \$35 a month for seniors on Medicare and provided student debt relief to 3.7 million Americans. Month after month, our economy has seen strong job growth.

President Biden’s economic policies are working. House Democrats know that we have more work to do, and we stand united to put people over politics and do the work of the American people.

#### BENNETT COLLEGE

(Ms. MANNING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, this Black History Month, I am highlighting the long and rich history of Bennett College, an all-woman HBCU in my hometown, Greensboro, North Carolina.

For over 150 years, Bennett College has been a beacon of social justice in the South.

In the 1930s, the Bennett Belles protested racism in the film industry with protests at our local Carolina Theatre. In the 1950s and 1960s, the Bennett Belles played a key role in the civil rights movement.

In 1958, when Martin Luther King, Jr., visited Greensboro and struggled to find a place to speak, Bennett College president, Willa B. Player, gave him a stage. She said: “Bennett College is a liberal arts college where ‘freedom rings,’ so King can speak here.”

Two years after Dr. King spoke on campus, the Bennett Belles staged a sit-in at the segregated Woolworth’s lunch counter with The Greensboro Four. Their actions sparked a nationwide sit-in movement that forever changed the course of history.

Today, Bennett College students and alumni continue to be changemakers. I am proud to recognize the immense contributions of the Bennett Belles this Black History Month.

#### HONORING DEAN WEBER

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

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dean Weber.

In 1973, Dean Weber started as head athletics trainer for the University of Arkansas, where he provided care for thousands of Razorback student athletes. He never missed a football game as an athletic trainer, working over 415 games with the team under eight head coaches.

A Hall of Famer, Dean served the university for over 50 years and has the third longest tenure of anyone in Razorback athletics history, behind Frank Broyles and Norm DeBriyn.

Dean’s love for the Natural State and Razorback athletics was immeasurable. Still, his legacy will always be in the relationships he built with the athletes, coaches, colleagues, and friends.

When I think about what made Dean special, I can say from personal experience that I was just a walk-on, but Dean treated me like an all-American.

We can all learn from that, and the world could use some more Dean Webers. We will miss our friend, but we are better having known him. Dean Weber made a difference.

Woo Pig Soobie. Go Hogs.

#### KANSAS CITY SHOOTING

(Ms. BUSH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, St. Louis and I rise to send our love and condolences to Kansas City, Missouri, in the wake of yesterday’s mass shooting.

This preventable and despicable epidemic of gun violence affects us all. It

impacts my district in St. Louis. It impacts your districts. It impacts our entire country, and it does not need to be this way.

Missouri has some of the weakest gun laws in the country. Instead of addressing this epidemic, Missouri Republicans continue to eviscerate and obstruct gun safety laws.

Therefore, to the Missouri Republicans who are pointing their finger at the people of Kansas City, Missouri, and calling them thugs—Missouri Republicans need to get a better vocabulary—this blood is on your hands.

My colleagues don't get to scapegoat the victims of this shooting when they are actively blocking gun violence prevention legislation. Their allegiance to the NRA over the needs of the people of our communities is absolutely shameful.

Missouri needs action. Join Democrats in passing meaningful, common-sense gun safety legislation so that we can put an end to this crisis and save lives.

#### REMEMBERING LEONARD TIBBS, JR.

(Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of Leonard Clifford Tibbs, Jr., born on March 3, 1934, in Los Angeles.

Mr. Tibbs was the son of Aluia Lee Tibbs, a beautician, and Leonard Clifford Tibbs, one of the few Black pharmacists in Los Angeles at the time.

In 1952, Mr. Tibbs graduated from Manual Arts High School, in my district, where he played football. After obtaining a business degree from UCLA, Leonard pursued many successful entrepreneurial endeavors, establishing a real estate business, Tibbs Tacos restaurant, a catering business, and World of Curls.

He was a man of few words, yet he was always charming and friendly. He loved to golf, captain his boat, fish, and travel.

In 1999, Leonard met the Honorable Gloria Gray, and they shared 25 loving years together. They were partners in every aspect of life, with Leonard staunchly supporting Councilwoman Gray's journey through public service.

Leonard peacefully passed away on November 22, 2023, and is lovingly remembered by Gloria, his daughter Allison, and the many loving bonus children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

I join them in honoring his life and legacy.

#### WARREN COUNTY TOWN HALL

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, listening to constituents is the most important thing we can do.

On a recent visit to Warren County, North Carolina, constituents discussed the essential role of agriculture and education. Congresswoman Eva Clayton emphasized the vital link between agriculture and STEM funding. Afterwards, we visited the Green Blue Marketplace, which is now using hydroponics.

We must inspire the next generation to engage in agriculture. We must also showcase farming as a viable career, demonstrating its potential for a good living, family support, and community benefits.

#### IF TEXAS WAS INTERCONNECTED

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

Mr. CASAR. Mr. Speaker, I am GREG CASAR, and I represent the heart of Texas. I represent hundreds of thousands of Texans who faced mass blackouts, medical emergencies, and even death 3 years ago during the Texas grid's failure under Winter Storm Uri. Over 10 million people needlessly lost power, and hundreds died, cold, alone, and in the dark.

Texas officials like Greg Abbott have not just failed to fix the grid and to respond to constituents' needs, but they have repeatedly abandoned us in favor of large corporations and the donations that they provide, those corporations that profit off of the misery of Texans.

That is why, yesterday, I announced new legislation, the Connect the Grid Act, to connect Texas to the national electric grids and make a real difference and bring forward real solutions.

If our State were interconnected, we could prevent mass blackouts, save tens of billions of dollars, and help our country meet its climate goals. It is not radical to say that, in the middle of a heat wave or a winter storm, Texans should be able to keep the lights on.

Too many people have already died because of our inaction. With the Connect the Grid Act, we can keep the lights on, and Congress can give power back to the people.

#### ACCESS TO RELIABLE ENERGY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I first recognize and commend someone who has been working in my office most recently as director of operations, Corinne Schillizzi, who is unfortunately going to be leaving us after tomorrow, her last day here in the office, but she has been a wonderful part of our office. She is heading over to work

with the former Vice President and do some work with his organization.

We will all miss her. I know the scheduling operation is always complex. I know the floor staff will miss working with her because she has been fantastic.

She will be joining another staffer of mine, Jonah Wendt, who was with me from the time I first ran for office in the summer of 2018, all the way until December. Jonah also left to work with the Vice President's organization. It means I need to have a word with the Vice President about taking my staff.

I am very delighted that they have this opportunity, and I thank them for their service.

I have the benefit of Corinne for the next 24 hours. I thank her, Jonah, and all of my staff, all of the great staff on the Hill—maybe almost all of the staff; it depends on the day.

I joke as a former staffer, but we can't do this without our staff. We can't do it without the floor staff, all the great employees here that keep this place operating. They tolerate us when we are holding the floor open late, forcing votes, and—I don't know—maybe giving a long speech on the floor of the House, which occasionally I might shorten just to make sure they can get home in time to have a reasonable night. I am ever thankful for their support and work.

I would note that my colleague from Texas was just complaining about the alleged weakness of the Texas grid.

Well, the only reason that there is any weakness to the grid is because we have had radical leftists embracing power schemes that have been funding our enemies in China and trying to promote a radical leftist agenda with unreliable energy—that is the truth; promoting windmill power in Texas, which on a windless day, oddly enough—hard to predict this, I know—doesn't produce a whole lot of power; or solar power, which, on a cloudy day—I know, again, hard to predict—doesn't produce a whole lot of power.

Therefore, if you have a deep freeze in the State of Texas that shuts down the windmill capacity and you have some other events going on, like some frozen gas lines, you end up having some difficulties. When you have had a war on reliable power, as my radical leftist colleagues have been doing for as long as I can remember, you end up with problems with the grid.

It is not just in Texas, it is nationwide. We have had rolling blackouts in California. Texas has been able to stave off those kinds of blackouts because we are trying to fight through the Federal mandates and the laws that come out of this body and the regulations that come out of the Federal Government that prevent us from being able to provide the power we need for the people of Texas.

Just last year, my colleague from Texas joined with my radical leftist colleagues on the other side of the aisle to advance the so-called Inflation Reduction Act, which has done none of

that, and which, by the way, is empowering China.

By the way, my colleague talked about enriching corporations. Well, guess what the Inflation Reduction Act does by subsidizing massive companies? Ninety percent of the subsidies go to billion-dollar corporations. That is the truth.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle like to pretend they are doing something green when what they are doing is enriching fat cats and big corporations, sending money to China to build solar panels rather than burning clean-burning natural gas.

We voted today to advance a bill so that we could have liquefied natural gas being exported out of Texas. My colleagues on the other side of the aisle don't want to do that. They want to make us weaker. They want to hurt our economy. They want to make Russia more powerful.

They want to undermine Ukraine, even as they complain that we are not taking more borrowed money or more taxpayer money to give it to Ukraine to fund a war that doesn't have a mission. They want to undermine our ability to help Ukraine with liquefied natural gas. That is the truth.

Those are the actual facts of what is going on right now because my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are trying to advance a radical notion of unicorn energy, where we can have endless unreliable energy and then wonder why the grid might have a problem.

Why aren't we building nuclear power?

Why aren't we building more natural gas, of which we have an abundance in this country?

Why aren't we exporting more liquefied natural gas?

Around the world, half the world doesn't have access to reliable energy. Three billion people live in what we would call energy poverty. Why don't we export our energy so we can lift people out of poverty?

The fact is that China has 1,100 coal-fired plants, probably more than that now; they are building two a week. They are producing the vast majority of the CO<sub>2</sub> going into the atmosphere. Meanwhile, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle want to declare war on the internal combustion engine here in the United States. If you get rid of every car in America and replaced it with an electric vehicle, you would impact CO<sub>2</sub> by about, I don't know, 2 percent, maybe, worldwide, if you got rid of every single car in America.

Meanwhile, the average EV costs \$16,000 more than an internal combustion engine automobile. The price of used cars is going up. We now have a mandate by this administration that the EVs are going to need to be two-thirds of the fleet by 2032, which means every American out there watching this, you are going to spend more for automobiles.

If you live in the cold, your battery is going to take longer to charge. If

you plug it in at your house, your electricity bill is going to double or triple, because it uses as much electricity as your air conditioner.

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Yet my leftist colleagues think that is okay. They have said so sitting in the Rules Committee. They have said so here on the floor. That is just the price of fighting climate change, they say. Except it is not going to actually fight what they claim they want to stop.

Why? Because around the world, other countries are producing CO<sub>2</sub> in mass quantities. We are producing CO<sub>2</sub> at our 1990 levels because of innovation, because of clean-burning natural gas—yes, from Texas. I have no problem with that. However, when my colleagues come down and say, oh, you are enriching corporations, they leave out that dirty little secret that we just passed a trillion-dollar bill that the American people have to pay for to subsidize our enemies, to subsidize billion-dollar corporations.

They undermine the very hard-working American family who wants to buy a car. The plumber who wants to have a truck. The family who wants to be able to have two vehicles to get around in; however, they can't afford them anymore because we are regulating them out of existence.

We are making it to where you can't even afford it, and then we are adding all sorts of requirements like kill switches.

Can you believe this? If your eyes dart because you are allegedly under the influence of something, your car is going to shut down. What if it is wrong? What if it is 10 below zero? What if you are across a railroad track? You are going to have cars that just shut down because of a kill switch. You are going to have the government telling you, you cannot get a car that doesn't have the expensive technology built into it to determine whether or not you might be under the influence. That is what we are doing to people.

We are going to make that car twice as expensive, and we are going to make it to where they might be unable to move their vehicle. This is unconscionable what we are doing.

I had a friend who went to replace a windshield the other day. It was \$1,500 because it has some technology in it so you can see the speedometer in the glass and some other stuff.

I mean, who cares? What if I just want to have a windshield? It used to be 200 bucks. We have made everything more expensive. We are making everything so regulated that you can't possibly afford it.

You want to know why families are struggling, it is because of that. My colleagues live in unicorn land and pretend there are no consequences to regulation; there are no consequences to writing checks that we can't afford, funding and subsidizing big corporations all the time to advance their radical agenda.

They act like there are no consequences to open borders. The fact of the matter is, we have a problem in this town. I think I saw the Capitol Hill reporter Jake Sherman report today that somehow Republicans are in disarray and it has been the least effective Congress in history.

Let me just tell you something about the people I represent. They don't want this body to keep passing more laws and spending more money for the sake of it. They want us to actually stand up and fight for them. Standing up and fighting for them means doing something different.

I promise you that reporter and every other Capitol Hill reporter would judge success as continuing the status quo that has delivered us \$34 trillion in debt, has delivered us stacks of laws that nobody can even count, literally.

I looked up the Department of Justice to count all the criminal statutes. They tried to do a study in the eighties, but they ran out and just gave up because they couldn't find all the laws. Yet we keep passing more laws. Just today, we passed more programs. We passed more stuff on the floor.

They say, CHIP, why are you always voting no? Because we are \$34 trillion in debt, and we have reams of regulations and reams of laws. What are those things doing to make the average American family's life better? That is the truth.

I will say something else. I am prone to being critical on a bipartisan basis or nonpartisan basis. The defense complex, the people that want to scare you to death that we are all going to die—yes, there are bad enemies in the world and we need to prepare to defend them. I will talk more about that in a minute, but we have a problem in this town that we will always spend more money because under the fear that people are going to say that we are going to be blown up, somebody is going to attack us.

Let me quote our former General Dwight Eisenhower, former President Dwight Eisenhower in his farewell address in 1961. He said: "In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex."

I will remind you that this is 1961. This is 63 years ago almost to the day.

"The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists, and will persist. We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes. We should take nothing for granted. Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals, so that security and liberty may prosper together."

That is not happening today, Mr. Speaker. We saw it on full display this week right here in this body. We saw it in full display, because we were trying, on a bipartisan basis, to pass reform of

the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, or FISA.

The fact is that FISA has been abused. Section 702 of FISA is a particular provision designed for us to collect information abroad to look outward in order to try to stop a future 9/11. That is its general purpose.

And it plays an important role in doing that. We have been gathering intelligence and have been able to use it to prevent bad actors, but the fact is there has been enormous abuses.

The ODNI reported that the FBI conducted an estimated 204,090 United States person queries. That is 559 per day in 2022. An NSA analyst searched for the communications of two individuals the analyst had met on an online dating service. The government conducted a batch query for over 19,000 donors to a congressional campaign.

Mr. Speaker, that is your intelligence community and your FBI that is abusing laws designed to look abroad, to stop foreign enemies, and they are looking at you. They are using the power of government to surveil you, the American people.

That is wrong. It is why we have a Fourth Amendment. It is why we have rules about warrants.

When I was a former Federal prosecutor, I would have loved to have unfettered access to information. I had a bad guy who was sitting there, and I had a phone. The cop had the phone—and I had him on other stuff, but that guy had a phone, and he pulled the information off the phone and it had guns and drugs and pictures that were incriminating. He didn't get a warrant.

Well, the fact that we had had him for something else didn't mean that he still didn't need a warrant to look at his phone.

It matters. I couldn't use any of it. I couldn't give it to law enforcement to go look at the house or go try to track down what was on the phone. You know what? We are a better country for it because there were other tools to go after bad guys. I was able to put that bad guy in jail for a considerable number of years, but we weren't going to violate the Fourth Amendment to go further.

Yet, we violate the Fourth Amendment every single dadgum day against the American people in the name of foreign intelligence. Why would we do that? We do it because it is easy.

This week we had the opportunity to bring forward bipartisan legislation. When do you ever see JIM JORDAN and JERRY NADLER hugging each other in agreement in the Rules Committee or in the Judiciary Committee, but they were.

We had bipartisan agreement, 35-2 I think was the vote out of the Judiciary Committee to say we are going to continue to allow the 702 tools to be able to go after bad guys abroad, but we are going to protect people here at home. We are going to use the Constitution. We are going to require that you have warrants to be able to get information, search databases on American people.

We haven't been able to bring it to the floor. You know why? Because the intelligence world, including some in our own Intelligence Committee, both sides of the aisle, the intelligence world that have worked over in the executive branch and the CIA, DNI, DOD, FBI, they all said, whoa, whoa, you can't do that or bad things will happen.

It is always behind this cloak, this veil. They say, oh, trust us. We see all the classified information. We know all the truth. You will be in danger. We will be in danger if you pass something like a demand—that you have a warrant to get information on an American citizen.

Imagine that? If I walked around Washington, D.C., with a dog sniffer from every house going up and down the streets of Capitol Hill or through Georgetown or up through northwest or northeast or any part of this city, how many times do you think I would run across narcotics?

I can't do that, and we are not supposed to do that. Of course, law enforcement wants every tool it can have to go after bad guys, it makes their job easier; however, the Constitution says for a reason that you can't do that.

Every single one of us are mortified about September 11 and every other terrorist attack on our soil, but we should not give power to the Federal Government and the tyranny that can then be deployed upon the American people because we are afraid of what might happen. Freedom matters.

It is why we exist. Yet here we are with an opportunity with this bill that is expiring to make reforms that can protect the American people, and we are not going to do it. We only do token fixes that will make modest improvements but without the full protection of the Constitution wrapped around the American citizens. This body, the people's House, should do better.

I believe there is a full, strong majority of this body that would want to do that. We should bring that bill to the floor, and if my colleagues want to vote against it or take down the rule, make them go explain it to the American people. That is what we ought to do.

I don't mind defending my votes. Just last week, I was forced to vote on a suspension of the rules, a vote to give clean funding to Israel. Well, God bless America, I support Israel and I want to stand shoulder to shoulder with Israel, but I cannot go back to the people of Texas and say I am going to send a \$17.6 billion check, even to our best friends, when we have not secured the border of the United States.

By the way, we are not paying for it. We cannot continue to write checks with borrowed money. We will not have a United States of America remaining to stand next to Israel. It won't exist. We won't have a dollar that is strong enough.

It is not just FISA. It is what we saw unfold in the Senate when they passed,

cynically, taking out border security, sending \$60 billion over to Ukraine, additional funding for Israel, a total package of almost \$90 billion.

By the way, that is \$60 billion for Ukraine. Do you know how much our entire budget is for the United States Marine Corps? \$53 billion. Was one penny of that \$60 billion paid for? No. It is just printed money.

We are printing money every year to the tune of \$2 trillion just to keep the lights on, and we are going to write another \$60 billion check to Ukraine?

God bless the people of Ukraine. I want them to push back. I want them to win. I want them to hold the line and preserve their country, but coming to us to write them blank checks is not a strategy. The Senate sent us over a \$90 billion bill with \$60 billion for Ukraine, billions for Taiwan, billions for Israel, and they do so without any mission defined.

We have gotten multiple different missions told to us by the administration. They have no clarity of what we are trying to achieve there.

Are we funding something that might result in victory for NATO, for Ukraine, for the United States or are we funding, yet again, a never-ending conflict in a proxy war that none of the people voting for this are going to go put themselves in danger for after we have already spent \$113 billion, by the way, unpaid for?

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Are you noticing a common theme here? Almost everything we do around here is unpaid for. Hell, if you look at our annual tax revenues—which in 2022, by the way, were as high as they have ever been—those tax revenues only pay for mandatory spending. That is D.C. swamp-speak for Social Security, Medicare, increasing amounts of veteran spending, all of the things that are on autopilot. All of that basically adds up to the revenues we bring into the Treasury, which I think is somewhere around \$4 trillion.

All the other stuff—the Department of Defense, the Department of Education, the Department of Justice, HHS, this building, Congress, Senate, the White House, the FAA—is borrowed money. Every penny of it is borrowed money.

How can we look our kids and grandkids straight in the face and say: We are not killing the country that was given to us? Because we are.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle always blame it on tax policy. As I said in the Budget Committee, I will absolutely have any conversation about tax policy my friends on the other side of the aisle want to have, but what I will not allow my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to do is blame deficits on tax policy.

In 2022, 19.6 percent of the American GDP was sent back to Washington, D.C. That is the highest level in history. It ain't a revenue problem. It is not. We have always, since we have had

tax policy, been somewhere around 17½ percent of American GDP—that is everything we earn—comes back here to Washington. Last year, I think it was about 17½ percent. It peaked in 2022, and then came back down. You have all that money, yet we can't fund all the stuff we have promised or that we decide to do.

I had friends, people back home, constituents, say: Why did you vote "no" on a bill for ALS? Why did you vote "no" on a bill for cancer?

I am a cancer survivor. I have friends with ALS. I voted "no" because we don't have any money. I voted "no" because we are lying to the American people—both sides of the aisle, but, with all due respect, particularly my colleagues on the other side of the aisle who just blame it on tax policy and then ignore spending like drunken sailors.

It is all on our watch. The footnote in history for my tenure in the House of Representatives is going to be that I destroyed the country. I mean, I am proud that I voted "no" for most of this garbage, but for this moment in time, the legacy of every Member of this body, their tombstone, is going to be that they destroyed the United States of America, the greatest country in the history of the world. That is going to be the legacy of this House of Representatives, of the next House of Representatives, of last Congress' House of Representatives because we utterly refuse to responsibly do our job.

We are \$34 trillion in debt. When I ran for office in 2018, it was \$21 trillion. I have been here for 5 years, and it has gone up \$13 trillion. I voted against virtually every penny of it, but that doesn't make me feel any good because we are still up \$13 trillion.

I will say to my colleagues on both sides of the aisle: What are we going to do about it? Will we have another study? Are we going to put together another working group? Or what if, maybe, we actually did our damn job, set a cap, and spent under that? Novel concept, I know, that every business, every nonprofit, every family in America largely has to contemplate.

We are going to have legislation that is going to come before us in 2 weeks. Do you know why? Because the government funding is going to expire in 2 weeks.

Again, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have been driving an agenda through the administration, the Senate, and my colleagues here in this Chamber that spends more money, regulates the heck out of the entire country, shutting down the internal combustion engine, leaving us with wide open borders, letting immigrants out without bail, making our streets unsafe, perpetuating endless wars, driving up inflation.

My Senate Republican colleagues, unfortunately, too often want to join with them. On the Ukraine, Taiwan, and Israel funding bill, there is no bor-

der security. It is unpaid for, has no mission, but 22 Republicans decided that would be a good bill to join. With friends like these, as they say.

We will get a bill in 2 weeks to keep the lights on and keep funding government, something most of my constituents question. Most of my constituents come up to me and say: Shut down the border or shut down the government. They are sick of open borders. They are sick of fentanyl deaths. They are sick of their livestock getting out. They are sick of having people break into their homes. They are sick of their schools getting filled, their hospitals getting filled, their jails getting filled. They are sick of what is happening to their country.

However, here is the thing: My Republican colleagues rightly, properly, impeached Alejandro Mayorkas for a total failure to carry out his duty, a total failure to faithfully execute the laws of the United States, lying to me under oath at a House Judiciary Committee hearing, lying to the American people about whipping Haitian migrants. The House of Representatives, led by Republicans, impeached, for the second time in history, a sitting Cabinet Secretary.

That is not a bright moment for our country, but it was the right thing to do. It will go over to the Senate. They will hold a trial. He almost certainly will not be convicted. I don't know if it will be a party-line vote. It takes 67 votes to do it.

However, here is the thing. That is not enough. It is not enough for Republicans to send over an impeachment and then walk away, say we did what we could. It is not enough to pass H.R. 2, the strongest border security bill I have ever seen move off of this floor or any Chamber in Capitol Hill. It is not enough to do that. The American people want results.

Here is the question: When we have a funding bill that comes before us in 2 weeks, there will be two versions of it, probably—a big omnibus spending bill, multiple minibus bills, a continuing resolution. Are my Republican colleagues going to agree to continue to fund the government that is at war with them? Are they going to fund the salary of Alejandro Mayorkas when Alejandro Mayorkas was just impeached, has been lying to them, and is endangering the American people with wide open borders?

That is the power of the purse that James Madison eloquently stated in Federalist No. 58 is our power to check the executive branch. That is why we have it. Are we going to defund any of that? Are we going to withhold that funding for a Secretary run rogue? Are we going to keep allowing funding to be used for the education of illegal aliens flooding our country, for the \$53 million that was funded in New York?

I don't know if it is all State money, local money, Federal money, whatever. All I know is \$53 million, with cards going out to illegal aliens—illegal

aliens in schools, illegal aliens in hospitals, illegal aliens in emergency rooms. We are the ones left holding the bag, in Texas, in particular, but also New York, also Chicago.

Are we going to keep funding it? Every Republican should have to answer that question if you are going to go campaign on saying that you are trying to secure the border. Why are you funding this?

We know our Democratic colleagues don't give a rip, and they want borders to be wide open to flood the zone with people from all over the world. There is no other reason for it. There is no other defense for it. It is a total abuse of asylum laws, a total abuse of parole laws, a total abuse of exceptions to the rule that you are supposed to have operational control of the border. We all know that. Anyone who can read knows that.

However, our Democratic colleagues are totally fine with wide open borders, endangering the American people, endangering migrants, empowering cartels, empowering China.

What will Republicans do about it? Pass an impeachment bill? Good. Pass H.R. 2? Good. Funding the very mechanisms that are at war with the people of Texas and the American people? Bad.

Stop doing it. Stop allowing those funds to be abused. Stop funding the NGOs that are working in consort with the cartels and the people in Mexico to move people up all the way from the Darien Gap, all the way up through the Northern Triangle, through Mexico, into the United States. Stop funding them.

It is a fact. We see it. Reporters have embedded with them. We know it is true, and we are funding the United Nations \$12.5 billion a year. \$12.5 billion to the United Nations, this body, including Republicans, is voting to fund.

Why? That same United Nations is working with NGOs to move people up from the Darien Gap all the way through Mexico to here. That same United Nations is funding Hamas.

Everybody says, CHIP, you must give \$17 billion to Israel. Well, why would I vote for \$17 billion for Israel while we are funding our enemies, their enemies? That is what we are doing. Stop doing that. Stop funding our own enemies.

We are funding the mechanisms of the Inflation Reduction Act. We are funding billions going to China. We are funding billions going to China through Iran and the sale of oil. We are funding all of those operations. We are empowering all of those operations that are acting in direct opposition to our well-being.

We are funding the implementation of the liquefied natural gas ban on exports. We are funding the implementation of the rule that is going to require that EVs be two-thirds of our fleet by 2032, which will kill the American family with higher priced cars, cars that



are less functional. We are funding that.

We are funding the FBI, which is out of control. We are funding all of the intelligence bureaucracy that is using the FISA laws designed to target our enemies to spy on the American people. We are funding that.

We are funding the EPA's natural gas tax and methane rule, destroying access to reliable energy. We are funding the EPA's power plant rules aimed at knocking off coal and natural gas power plants, making us wholly dependent on wind and sun for energy when you don't always have wind and sun.

We are funding the Internal Revenue Service, doling out billions in those IRA tax credits to the corporations I described before.

We are funding the World Health Organization, which is continuing to advance policies in direct conflict to our own well-being.

We are funding the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees, which I described before as funding Hamas and funding our enemies. Totally fine. Don't worry about it. We will go campaign against Hamas and go campaign that Israel is great, but we are going to fund them.

That might be the one we don't fund because now everybody's head is exploding because even though some of us introduced legislation 3 years ago to stop it, and everybody ignored it, now they find out, lo and behold, those people were actually there. They are actually employed by the United Nations. They were actually working with Hamas to attack Israel.

October 7 exposed what we already knew but were too stupid, lazy, and unprincipled to actually do something about it instead of funding it.

We are funding a pro-China, anti-Israel United Nations Human Rights Council. Why? We are \$34 trillion in debt, yet we are going to write that check. I literally don't understand it. It just makes no sense.

Oh, CHIP, bipartisanship. You have to understand. You don't have the Senate. You don't have the White House. Just say no and go explain it to the American people. Hi, America. Do you think that we should borrow money that we don't have, indebting your children in the future, weakening the dollar, increasing inflation so we can fund our enemies and Israel's enemies while also wanting you to borrow more money to fund Israel to fight the enemies that you are funding?

That is what we do. That is what Republicans do. That is what Democrats do. Republicans at least try. That is the difference.

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We are going to fund an ATF rule banning up to 40 million pistol braces. We complain about it, we talk about how bad it is, but we are going to fund it. We are going to fund the ATF rule massively expanding background checks.

We are going to fund the Department of Education's student loan cancellation scheme. Despite the Supreme Court ruling against them, we are going to keep funding it. We will keep writing the check.

We are going to fund the public health agencies like the CDC and the NIH and the FDA, all still unaccountable for shutting down the greatest economy in the history of the world, foisting \$8 trillion of debt on us, sticking our kids in the corner of the classrooms, undermining our economic prosperity, destroying healthcare freedom. We are going to keep funding them. Hold a couple of hearings, walk away.

We are going to keep funding the Department of Veterans Affairs' vaccine mandate. I have a bill, but who cares if I have a bill? So what? Pass a bill. What, so I can go campaign that I had a bill? Who cares?

We should ban the ability to introduce legislation until we actually stop funding all this stuff, so people can't hide behind passing a bill, saying I did something when you didn't.

I passed a bill to fund a new position at the State Department that will go after and stop bad things from happening. No, you didn't. You funded another bureaucrat who hates you. You funded another bureaucrat who wants to undermine your way of life. That is what you just funded, and it costs more money.

When we vote in 2 weeks to fund the government—because people will say you have got to fund the government, can't shut the government down, all the usual stuff.

We are going to fund chief diversity officers at the Department of Defense and throughout government. We are going to fund abortion tourism. We are going to fund transgender surgeries.

Yeah. Your tax dollars. I am sorry. We have already established your borrowed dollars are going to go to fund all those things that you don't even want.

The vast majority of Americans don't want that stuff. We are going to do it. We are going to fund endless arrays of bureaucrats who are at odds with your way of life.

The Democratic Party wants to end as much as humanly possible western civilization as we know it. They want to undermine our way of life.

They are totally good with wide-open borders. They are totally good with endangering the American people, totally good with indebting our children and grandchildren with trillions of dollars of debt, totally good with advancing radical energy policies that will result in energy poverty and the destruction of human life as we know it, totally fine with unreliable power, totally fine empowering China and our enemies in the name of unicorn energy. They are totally fine with an empowered government being used against the American people, all of that stuff.

I will say this in response to the chattering class here on the Hill that

are attacking Speaker JOHNSON, or for that matter, were attacking Speaker McCarthy for the dysfunction of the House.

This Republican-led House is the only institution in the world right now standing up and yelling stop, to quote William F. Buckley. We are the only institution in the world right now standing against a radical leftist agenda.

Yes, I gave a speech saying name one thing because I want to get victories. I want to stand up and stop the radical left.

Well, we did something. We impeached Alejandro Mayorkas, and that is good. We did something last year in passing H.R. 2, but we ought to hold the Senate accountable and make them come to the table with us and stop what this administration is doing with tyrannical executive overreach, endangering the American people with wide-open borders.

We ought to use the power of the purse to stop funding 1, 2, 10, 50 of the things that I just described. We should use that power of the purse in 2 weeks. We shouldn't run scared.

We should embrace the caps that were passed last year in the so-called Fiscal Responsibility Act. It wasn't as good as I wanted, but there are caps.

Why are we running away from the caps?

Why would we honor side deals that were done behind closed doors, which even the Democrat appropriations chairwoman acknowledged in the Rules Committee were literally not in the text of the FRA. In fact, she voted against the FRA because those side deals were not in the text.

Why would we walk away from that?

We have the ability to constrain spending by about \$100 billion less than what the powers that be want to try to negotiate over in the Senate.

If we passed a continuing resolution for the rest of this year funding government, it would be at \$1.564 trillion.

If we advance the minibus using the side deals that the Senate wants us to do, it will be \$1.66 trillion. That is \$100 billion we could save; \$100 billion you take away from the bureaucracy that is at war with your way of life.

That is what Republicans should do, but the reason we won't, most likely—we will keep trying. The reason we won't is because of what I started this conversation with: the defense industrial complex.

Everybody in this town says we are going to die if we don't fund defense and if we don't have FISA out there or an abused FISA because the intel community is out there wanting to collect all the information under the Sun, including against American citizens.

It will be as Dwight Eisenhower said: "In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex." That was 1961. That was 63 years ago. He was correct.

The general that helped us defeat Nazi Germany, that led us to D-day who became President of the United States foretold 63 years ago what we are seeing right now—that we will hide behind defense, we will hide behind the intelligence community, and we will do that to indebt our children and our grandchildren

In the name of security, we will undermine our security. We will not have the money to defend ourselves, much less the world.

We will not be able to stand side by side with Israel because we are not going to have a country left to stand next to them.

We have the opportunity as Republicans to stand and thwart a radical left that wants to kill our country. We should do it. We should do it proudly. We should run on it. We should stop dancing.

We have caps in place. Use them.

We have policies we know we need to achieve. Fight for them. We won't get them all. We may only get a few.

For the love of everything holy, fight for them because the other side wants to take away your way of life and is destroying this country. That is what is happening.

We have a duty to stand up for the people who sent us here. I embrace what Jake Sherman is saying. I embrace what the Capitol Hill reporters are saying. When we stand up and yell stop, to stand athwart the massive power and scope of government that is strangling the prosperity and the well-being of the American people, I am proud of it.

On that point, I am proud of what we have been doing under both Speakers this Congress because we have been having the debate that needs to be had on this side of the aisle. We have been having the debate the American people want us to have.

Unfortunately, we get no help from our colleagues on the other side of the aisle who are beholden to a radical left vision while they just allow America to slip through their fingers like sand—or our fingers—while we watch it unfold.

I hope that when we come back from this recess, we will take up the mantle, stand athwart the tyranny of the radical left, band together, stop spending money we don't have, stop funding the tyranny against our way of life, stop allowing open borders, stop allowing our streets to be dangerous, stop funding wars without a mission with endless borrowing, stop doing everything we campaigned against.

Every single person that campaigned on this side of the aisle campaigned against those things. Stop continuing them. That is our duty. That is our calling. If we do that, we might be able to pass down this country to our kids and our grandkids.

When our country turns 250 years old in just over 2 years, are we going to be able to look at them and say that they have inherited a free country?

When those 56 men walked out of Independence Hall, signing their death

warrant, we praise that every July Fourth. Are we going to honor it, or are we just going to use it as a parade symbol on July Fourth?

Are we going to honor the lives of the men that stormed the beaches at Normandy that were led by Dwight Eisenhower who foretold what we are now doing with the defense industrial complex?

Are we going to stand up and stop spending money we don't have and preserve liberty?

Are we going to do that, or are we just going to talk about them every June 6; about how great it was that they stormed the beach and walked into a wall of bullets?

We can't go around and help the world if this country isn't strong.

I keep hearing Ronald Reagan being raised up. Oh, look. He went over and stood in front of the Berlin Wall. You bet he did.

Yes, we had funded activities around the world in Afghanistan and otherwise.

First of all, we didn't have a hundred percent debt-to-GDP which we do now. We weren't \$34 trillion in debt.

Second of all, and importantly, peace through strength meant peace through strength. Peace through strength. Not peace through endless wars, not peace through spying on Americans in the name of intelligence gathering against your enemies, not peace through unlimited borrowing, making our country financially insolvent. That is not what that meant.

Too many people in this town are totally fine hiding behind defense and hiding behind intelligence in order to undermine our well-being as a country in the false name of security. We should stop that. We should make this country secure by actually doing our job.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time and give the floor to my colleague from Texas (Mr. GREEN).

#### WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise.

I am grateful to my colleague for yielding the floor, but I am very grateful for the opportunity to stand here in the Congress of the United States of America. It means something to me every time I have this opportunity to speak.

I love my country. I love what it stands for. Yes, it is not perfect. Yes, my ancestors were treated in a horrific way, but still we have some ideals that can help us to make a difference.

I believe in liberty and justice for all. I believe in the words of the Declaration of Independence: All persons created equal, endowed by the creator

with certain inalienable Rights, among them life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

I believe that notwithstanding our imperfections, we still have an opportunity to have that more perfect union.

I rise today, Mr. Speaker. I rise today in the name of mercy. Justice, yes. Always justice, but also mercy because justice has to do with the law and fairness, but mercy has to do with compassion and grace.

And still I rise. And still I rise, a proud son of the segregated South. I know what it is like to be discriminated against.

I know what it is like to drink from colored water fountains. I know what it is like to sit in the back of the bus because you are required to. I know what it is like to sit in the balcony of the movie theater because you are required to.

I know what segregation is all about, and I know what apartheid is all about. For those of us who lived segregation, the difference between apartheid and segregation is just the spelling of the words. I understand it.

A lot of what I say here on the floor has much to do with the history that I have lived. I care about those who are downtrodden, perhaps because I have walked in their shoes.

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I care about those who are being denied their human rights—their rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. For many years, I lived in the segregated South where those rights were not afforded me. The rights that the Constitution of the United States of America codified for me, my friends, and neighbors—took them away.

Mr. Speaker, I want you to know a little bit more about me because today I rise with an appeal for innocent victims. Just before coming to the floor, I saw a preview, if you will, a showing of what happened in Israel on October 7.

Mr. Speaker, there is no way to justify that level of inhumanity to human beings. It cannot be justified. We can never tolerate that level of inhumanity. We have to speak up. We have to say something and we have to do something. I understand. For those who didn't see what I saw, let me share just a few aspects of what I saw with you.

I saw people who would shoot human beings and then decide to decapitate them. I saw an actual decapitation take place. I saw persons being pulled along and brutalized. I would not have you see it, but I would have you know that it happened as I saw it. This is human beings demonstrating an inhumanity to other humans.

I just left this showing. I am here today to appeal to this Congress, and all who can view what I am saying, for mercy and prayers, if you will, and aid to the Israelis. I am also here to ask for mercy and aid for the Palestinians.

Our signature has been placed on, by virtue of our largesse to Israel, our signature was on those bombs. I believe

that we have a duty, a responsibility, and an obligation to do something about the conditions that were created when those bombs were dropped in Gaza.

According to the statistical information that has been afforded me by my capable, competent, and qualified staff, the death toll has risen to more than 27,000 in Gaza.

Here is a statistic that ought to touch your heart. I don't care where you are from, it ought to touch your heart to hear this statistic: 10,000 of them were children. You can blame adults, but you can't blame those children. There were 10,000 babies. Those babies are innocent victims.

Those persons in Israel on October 7 were innocent victims. There are innocent victims in Gaza who are women and men. We ought to care about innocent victims, regardless as to where they are from. Mr. Speaker, 10,000 children lost their lives.

Reports show that more than 67,000 individuals have been injured. More than 67,000. Those 67,000 people are going to hopefully have a life. I don't want them to have a life wherein their future, as they see it, has vengeance and revenge. The parents of those 10,000 children, I don't want them to see only vengeance and revenge in their future.

Vengeance and revenge doesn't end in one cycle. It is a continuous cycle that you are into. At some point we have to get out of the killing. I am asking for mercy. I understand justice, but I know this: An injustice in the name of justice is still an injustice.

We cannot, as the United States of America, the country that believes in liberty and justice for all, we cannot sit and watch what is happening in Gaza and not have some sense of a desire to help them.

According to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, over 300,000 people are at risk of famine. There are 300,000 people that are hungry. There are 300,000 people cramped into a very small space.

I have been to Gaza, it is the most densely populated area in the world, and that was when all of Gaza was available to the Palestinians who live there. Now that you have them confined in a much smaller area, imagine what it is like for 300,000 people to be at risk of famine.

A quarter of Gaza's population—and that is around a half million people—are believed to be at phase five, the catastrophic level. That is the level where you have a risk for mass starvation and death. I don't wish this kind of thing to happen to anyone.

We are a country known for our mercy in war. In this country, if we are at war with you, engaged in mortal combat, if we should injure you in mortal combat, we give you aid and comfort.

In this country, we understand that there is a difference between war and a person who is wounded. Yes, you can be at war, but the wounded ought to be

treated. By the way, those persons on October 7 who took the lives of those innocent persons in Israel, they were not giving aid and comfort.

We have an opportunity to do something about this. We cannot allow Gaza to go on suffering with famine in this catastrophic way. We are the United States of America. When we show up, we bring liberty and justice with us. We bring mercy with us. We are not like the other guys. We are different.

It is time for us to show up. It is time for us to make it clear that we plan to be of assistance to the Palestinians. We have already made it clear that we are going to be of assistance to Israel. Now we have to make it clear that we are going to be of assistance to the Palestinians—the innocent victims.

Mr. Netanyahu himself has said that the Palestinians are victims. It is Hamas that has created the catastrophe. We must show up. We have a duty because our fingerprints are on those bombs, those munitions. We are the United States of America and we have to act like it.

As of the end of November, more than 1,000 children have undergone one or double-leg amputations. This is according to UNICEF. We don't want those 1,000 children to grow up with revenge as the hallmark of their history. We are the United States of America and when we show up things change.

An analysis of satellite photos suggest that between 50 to 61 percent of all structures in Gaza—this is the Gaza Strip—have been damaged as of January 29. Mr. Speaker, 50 to 61 percent includes, but is not limited to schools, homes, hospitals, and the things that make life livable.

In rebuilding Gaza, it is estimated—and estimates vary—but it is estimated that the economic cost to rebuild it after this war, depending on who is making the estimate and when the estimate was released—according to estimates, one in a January Reuters article, a Palestinian official has indicated that it could be \$15 billion that is needed to rebuild Gaza housing units.

We can't talk about sending millions to Gaza when we are sending scores of millions to other places. Our fingerprints were on those bombs. We are going to have to do more than send a few hundred million dollars. I know that I will have people who will say, well, we can't afford it.

We can't afford not to do it because there is a future that we all have to encounter. That future ought not have in it another cycle of revenge. Our fingerprints were on those bombs that fell in Gaza.

The official estimate is that 350,000 housing units have been damaged and 150,000 of them would need to be rebuilt at a cost of about \$100,000 per unit. These people are without homes. Many of them were living in circumstances less than desirable before this war, and they are even less desirable now.

According to a December analysis by DW News, a German-based state-owned

news station, rebuilding Gaza after the war would cost up to \$50 billion. I am not suggesting that we send \$50 billion, but I am suggesting this: any bill that we pass have money in it for Gaza. I would hope that we would have the courage to have a line item for Gaza, just as we would have a line item for Ukraine, a line item for Israel, a line item for Taiwan and the Pacific Rim. We ought to have a line item for Gaza. Our prints are on the bombs that fell on Gaza.

I have said I am interested in justice always, but today the appeal is for mercy. As I indicated, justice has to do with the law and fairness, but today I am asking for mercy for these babies in Gaza that are now fatherless and motherless, and for these parents in Gaza who have lost their children.

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I want to show just a few pictures to help better understand what we are dealing with.

This first picture that I will show is just to give an indication or some depiction of what you have already seen if you have been attune to the news. This is much of what these statistical pieces of information reveal. We can see the destruction.

This is not habitable. It is uninhabitable. Our fingerprints are on this. Those bombs had our fingerprints. We have to do something about this.

Here is a picture of two adults and two children. I don't know whether that is their home in the background, but I know that those conditions are not suitable for human habitation. Look at these beautiful babies. Babies are innocent victims of this war. We have to do something about this. Our fingerprints are on the bombs.

Here is a depiction of a child, a young person.

By the way, I did not bring some of the photos that would give a more horrific representation.

As you look at this, I want you to see the Israeli children in this child. There were some Israeli children who were harmed to a greater extent than you see here, and there were some children in Gaza who were harmed to a greater extent than you see here.

As we look at the child, don't look for someone that looks like you. Look at a human being. Our fingerprints were on the bombs that created these conditions.

The people in Gaza have been forced to relocate and relocate. Can you imagine what it would be like to be told that you have to move out of your home, told to do it on short notice? You don't have a vehicle, all the luxuries that we enjoy, so you take your cart and your donkey and load up. You and your family are off to look for a safe place to live, not necessarily a comfortable place. This has happened to the Palestinians in Gaza. We have to do something about this.

Finally, my appeal to you: Don't see a Palestinian, please. See a human

being. Think of the Israelis that were harmed. Realize that there are children in Gaza who have been harmed.

“Harmed” is a very kind, polite word for all of these innocent victims. It is a very polite way to say that children have lost their lives. It is a very polite way to speak of the inhumanity that the Israelis suffered. It is a polite way to talk about decapitations.

We are the United States of America. We hold within our hands the power to show the world that these kinds of circumstances can be addressed and that we plan to be a party to the effort to make right these injustices. Yes, injustices—injustice in Israel, injustice in Gaza.

Now, when it comes time for us to do what we can monetarily, there has to be aid for Gaza and aid for Palestinians. We cannot decide that our aid can only benefit some when we know that we have a duty to benefit others.

This is our duty and our responsibility. We must do what we can to ensure that the persons in Gaza receive aid and comfort. They are innocent victims, and all innocent victims have to be accorded the opportunity to have a brighter future.

I am always fond of quoting Dr. King. The quote that everybody knows is most applicable here: Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

It may not happen today, but if we leave these injustices unchecked, if we don't do what we can to provide aid and comfort to Palestinians, the injustice that we see in these distant places can haunt us because our fingerprints are on the bombs that created these circumstances.

I will go back to my district. On Saturday, I will continue this. I will continue this process on Saturday because I have scheduled a meeting with constituents at The Fountain of Praise. Those from Houston and my district know the location I speak of. It will be at 10 a.m. This is an indication of what I will talk about, but it is not a complete story of what I will reveal.

I ask persons who come to bring their video equipment. We will do it live, and they can video it so that the world may see there is nothing to hide.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that we can make the difference necessary to end the cycle of vengeance.

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

#### AID FOR PALESTINIANS

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I could not help, with my good friend and colleague eloquently speaking about the children and the pain, to rise to the floor today, having just stood on the grounds of the United States Capitol, wondering why we have not been able to pass the \$95 billion that would aid in the crises in Ukraine, Israel, Tai-

wan, the southern border that they left out, and Gaza.

I rise today to associate and agree that we must have humanitarian aid for the Palestinians, for the children, for Gaza, and we must have it now.

This is no room to leave out these precious souls and to continue to leave them without homes, without food, without clothing, without refuge. It is clear that I stand today for aid to the Palestinians and humanitarian relief for the children.

I finish, Mr. Speaker, by saying it is important that the President gave TPS to those Palestinians who cannot return home. Let us bring humanitarian relief to human beings and to these children, and I know we can do this together as a Congress. Let's do it now.

#### FISA ABUSES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS) for 30 minutes.

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, over the last several years, we have received a seemingly endless stream of reports of abuses by the FBI and other parts of our Federal police apparatus spying on Americans by abusing either section 702 or title I of FISA.

I want to review some of those today before I get to the border. Let's talk about the report issued April 21, 2022, by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court of Washington, D.C. Here's what some of them are.

Between late 2016 and early 2020, the FBI regularly queried unminimized FISA information using identifiers of individuals listed in local police homicide reports.

This wasn't people accused. This included victims. They were using illicit querying, which in my world, when I used to practice, we would call an illegal search. They were going after victims, the next of kin of the victim, and witnesses.

Guess what was found. Those queries were violating the querying standard because there was no reasonable basis to expect they would return foreign intelligence or evidence of a crime. That is just one.

The next one, June 2020, used identifiers of 133 individuals arrested in connection with civil unrest and protests between May 30 and June 18, 2020. Guess what they found. No specific potential connections to terrorist-related activity, and there was not going to be a reasonable likelihood that they would retrieve evidence of a crime. The FBI still conducted that illegal query.

Between June 11 and 15, 2020, another 156 queries were done. Guess what. No reasonable likelihood of finding evidence of a crime or international terrorism.

On the January 6 issue, an analyst ran 13 queries and couldn't even remember why she was doing this. There was no reasonable likelihood to receive

foreign intelligence or evidence of a crime.

On April 26, 2021, again, more going after political activist groups, and there were 330 queries and 697 queries. Again, there was no likelihood of foreign intelligence and no evidence of a crime.

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They continued on, two more queries, another 360 queries here, another 400 here. None of these queries were reasonably likely to retrieve foreign intelligence or evidence of a crime.

How about this one. They conducted three batch queries. This is the FBI spying on Americans. They conducted three batch queries consisting of approximately 23,132 separate queries.

Guess what, Mr. Speaker?

Those are all related to January 6.

What did they find?

No basis to believe the queries were reasonably likely to retrieve foreign intelligence information or evidence of a crime from section 702 of FISA.

How about this one, this is a favorite, 19,000 people wanted to donate to a political campaign. So they donated to somebody's campaign.

What happened, Mr. Speaker?

The FBI queried all 19,000 of those people.

Guess what, Mr. Speaker?

They said that there were only eight of these 19,000 who had any ties whatsoever to foreign influence.

They abused the civil liberties of 19,000 individuals without a reasonable basis.

I could go on here. There are 2,000 more between April 1, 2020, and March 31, again, no likelihood of intelligence, no likelihood that they will find anything leading to a crime, and it goes on and on in this report.

People say to me: ANDY, why do you think we have to have a warrant before the Federal Government starts gaining access to your personal and private telecommunications data?

It is because the FBI has abused it time and time again.

So when we start looking at this, we see other things.

How about this one. This report literally came out yesterday on Valentine's Day. The U.S. intelligence community asked foreign spy agencies to surveil 26 associates of Donald Trump in the run-up to the 2016 election. They asked 26 foreign spy agencies of the Five Eyes to spy.

Now, who are the Five Eyes? They are intelligence gathering organizations in the U.S., U.K., Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

They asked them to spy on people working in Donald Trump's campaign. There was no basis for it. There was no indication that there was any wrongdoing going on and that they would find foreign intelligence, but they had something that they wanted to do, and that was to craft a narrative.

Do you know who knew about that, Mr. Speaker?

The highest levels of the Barack Obama Government.

When I say highest levels, it was President Obama, Vice President Biden, James Clapper, and James Comey.

In December of 2023, a letter was written by the chairwoman of the U.S. Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board. Now, this is important because my colleagues on the Intelligence Committee want to tell you that: Oh, my gosh, you can't have warrants. If you have warrants, we are not going to be able to spy on enough people, so we can't stop potential threats to the country.

By the way, when I asked them about this letter, because I had this letter, they said: We never heard of that person, and we never heard of that board.

Odd, isn't it, that that board is mentioned in the base bill that they signed off on?

It is mentioned in the base bill.

What is it for?

This is a group that is supposed to help monitor and make sure that we get everything we need to in order to cure and fix FISA going forward.

Now, I am going to take a brief break before I continue on with that.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the redoubtable gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. HIGGINS).

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Arizona for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, we truly live in an interesting time in our country when Americans watch this and they see two lone conservative Republicans, two members of the House Freedom Caucus, standing in an empty Chamber discussing some of the most challenging threats we have ever faced as a nation and what might we do.

So I think the answer lies in the simple acknowledgment of the fact that this is not our House. This House belongs to the people, and the people are always present because the people are watching.

Americans are quick to forgive and hesitant to condemn. It is in our nature. It is in our DNA.

Conservative Americans, particularly, find it difficult to believe that our own Federal Government has, in many instances and across several agencies and departments, become quite weaponized against the people in a regular course of events.

Every day, Americans read the headlines about the FBI violation of laws, a DOJ persecution of Americans that does not seem to comply with judicial righteousness. They see our former President's home raided by the FBI, they have friends and neighbors who are raided by the IRS and the ATF or the DOL or the EPA. Americans see this and acknowledge it, but we have been slow to condemn, again, because it is in our nature to be understanding and forgiving, compassionate, and supportive, certainly of some of the most historically admired agencies in the history of our country, like the FBI.

So although we, as a nation, as we look at men like Congressman BIGGS and myself, we oppose—how dare we—but we oppose the expansion of police state surveillance. This echoes across the land where gradually America is waking up, and it is certainly time to wake up because we don't have too much time left. We could lose this thing if we don't respond now and act now to protect American individual rights, liberties, and freedoms from an ever-encroaching oppressive government. If we don't act, we will lose this thing.

Men like ANDY BIGGS and I know that. That is why we are here alone, Mr. Speaker. That is why we cry out on behalf of the Nation that we love.

The moment is coming when Americans across the land from sea to shining sea will say: I understand what is happening, and I condemn it.

That moment is coming when Americans will realize that everything we have stored in the cloud is already in the possession of our FBI, DOJ, NSA, and CIA. That moment of awareness is coming, and conservative constitutionalist Republicans like me and my colleagues in the Freedom Caucus are standing in this moment of time not in opposition to Americans who disagree with us, but in support and love for the Americans whom we swore an oath to, to the freedom and the constitutional rights, the civil liberties, the protected right to travel the land and be secure in our persons, our effects, our papers, and our homes as stated by our Founders.

We stand for that right, and we are not going to allow American freedoms to be run over by out-of-control, rogue operatives within our Federal Government.

So I thank my colleague and friend, Representative BIGGS, for allowing me to speak on the floor this day. I support this vigorous debate, and I am confident that America will land on the right side of this thing, so that we can preserve and protect the freedoms that we enjoy in our Republic.

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman, my good friend from Louisiana (Mr. HIGGINS), who is very eloquent as he conveyed our passion and our sincere desire to curb and restrain an out-of-control, weaponized Federal Government.

So, Mr. Speaker, as I was talking before, how do you get there?

One of the solutions is you have a warrant before you are able to go and conduct that investigation, that basic query into my personal data. We have got some here who don't want to do that. They say: Oh, no, no, we need to expand our spying.

They actually want more authority when they have abused it, literally 278,000 times in the last few years, with what the Inspector General said were unlawful queries.

So we asked the head of the U.S. Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board, whose job it is to watch the

FISA Court, to say: Look, tell us. We want to know if there is a warrant there, is it going to hinder collection of information that is necessary for the national security of the country?

Do you know what she said, Mr. Speaker?

She said: I strongly disagree that a requirement for FISC approval of U.S. person queries would amount to a de facto ban.

What is that requirement? It is a warrant.

As noted in my separate statement: Requiring FISC review of U.S. person query terms is necessary to protect Americans' privacy rights and, in my view, would neither cause an end to U.S. person queries nor undermine the overall efficacy of section 702 and protect the U.S. national security.

Especially assuming that Congress were to provide exceptions as outlined and we have provided those exceptions. Those exceptions in our warrant requirement are consistent with the canon of law which interprets the most controversial—I shouldn't say controversial—but the most contested of the Bill of Rights, which is the Fourth Amendment.

Moreover, not only is the exception there, I brought this just so you could see, Mr. Speaker, just so I could hold it up so everybody could see. Where these blue tabs are there are other parts of that same underlying base bill which would curb this abuse of FISA that actually have the same exceptions.

So to my colleagues who are complaining that: Oh, no, we can't go forward because we have to have carte blanche on it. The reality is they themselves know and they have approved those exceptions in other parts of the base bill.

Now, I am going to leave FISA for a second. I have to say one more thing. We were scheduled today, this week, we were supposed to be having right now the debate and vote on the rule to allow this base bill to go forward and on the amendments, three amendments from the Judiciary Committee and three from the Intelligence Committee, so we would have a true, regular order, open debate on this, on this very critical issue.

Something happened yesterday. We had the presentation by Judiciary and the Rules Committee, and about that time, there was an announcement that there was something going on, a top-secret, national security issue, come down to the classified room and you can read the documents.

At that time when that statement was released by the chairman of the Intelligence Committee, what happened to the Dow Jones?

It took a spike downward because it spooked our economy.

What happened around the world?

Nations wanted to know what in the heck is he talking about. He is the Intelligence Committee chairman. They were concerned and nervous about that.

Now, I went down and read that document. I can't talk about the document, Mr. Speaker, but I can tell you what the ranking member said. The ranking member said: There is nothing to panic about. There is nothing new here.

I have never seen U.S. national security leveraged to prevent us from even being able to debate a bill or an amendment. In this case, it is not even the bill, it is just the amendment. It is outrageous.

Now, let's talk about something else that is outrageous. I just spent hours in a committee hearing. My Democratic friends always use the terms "fanatic MAGA Republicans, far-right MAGA Republicans."

They said that they, those far-right MAGA Republicans, they have to obey Donald Trump on the border. Donald Trump doesn't want anything done on the border.

I am going to tell you something right now, Mr. Speaker. My far-left fanatic Democrat friends are intent on obeying Joe Biden, President Biden, and they don't want the border secure. They say: Oh, my gosh. Joe Biden says: I have to have more authorities.

He didn't need more authorities when he issued dozens of executive orders within 72 hours of becoming inaugurated as President that basically emasculated all of our border security.

Title 8 has not been revised. Title 8 is still there. That is the title under which CBP and ICE operate and USCIS. Right there. That hasn't been changed.

Do you know what has been changed, Mr. Speaker?

This administration has basically said: We are not going to enforce the law.

Not only do they say that; when you go down to the border, and I go down often, and I talk to them: Where are you from?

I am from Senegal.

Really. What are you doing over here?

I am from Burkina Faso.

How about you?

I am from Guinea.

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How about you?

Guatemala.

They are from all over the world—Mali, Mauritania. Down in Lukeville, for a while, Mauritania was the number one country of origin for these illegal aliens.

Why are you coming?

We were told it is easy to get into the United States today. That is why we are here.

You are from northeast Africa. Why are you coming to the U.S., into an out-of-the-way place like Lukeville, Arizona?

Well, I am here because the Office of Migration for the United Nations told me it is actually easier to get across the U.S. border than it is to get into Europe today.

Let me just tell you, we saw this today in our hearing. One of the Demo-

crats said: What authority do you think President Biden has today that he could actually shut the border?

Our witness correctly cited 8 U.S.C. section 1182(f), which confers upon the President the authority to close the border in response to a crisis. The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld that in *Trump v. Hawaii*. They noted that the statute entrusted the President with the decisions whether and when to suspend entry, whose entry to suspend, for how long, and on what conditions.

Don't tell me that this President can't close the border tomorrow.

I will give you another example. The Del Rio Sector, Del Rio—you will remember this. The Del Rio Bridge, that bridge that goes across the Rio Grande, there is a port of entry right up there on the bridge. Haitians were coming in, 15 to 20,000 a day. They have had 15,000 or so underneath that bridge.

The question at that point was this: Why is Mexico letting them organize? They were organizing down about 60 miles south of the border, bus caravans of Haitians, bringing them up. They would then wade across the Rio Grande River. What can we do?

The CBP sector chief said: I am closing that port of entry.

Now, when you close the port of entry, guess who gets stopped? That is right, legal traffic and the commercial legal traffic.

Do you know what happened? The town just across the river from Del Rio, they said: We can't take this. They lasted 2 days. They called the Federal Government of Mexico and said: We can't have this port of entry closed.

They stopped transporting those illegal aliens to the border to come across. That is what happens. When you close that border, you close that down and use that leverage, all of a sudden, Mexico becomes compliant, and they stop facilitating illegal aliens, that illegal border crossing. That is what happens when you have the will to do something.

I commend the sector chief there, because they kind of took it on their own on that. That is what goes on, and that is what has to go on.

Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time I have remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has 7 minutes remaining.

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in calling upon our leadership to do something that I think is critical.

What is it that we need? We need the leverage to get enforcement, not the leverage to enact policy. I believe this is a lawless administration. They are not going to enforce the policies that we invoke. They instead will go around them.

For instance, H.R. 2. When we go to H.R. 2, a lot of my colleagues say we need to stick H.R. 2 on everything. Well, the problem with sticking H.R. 2 on anything is, even if H.R. 2 passes—it is a great law, by the way. I have

written most of the provisions in that H.R. 2 one time or another, introduced those one time or another. It is a good law. I am the cosponsor of that bill. It takes care of a lot of issues, whether it is on asylum, whether it is on Flores, whether it is on any of these other technical issues we have. Guess what? Even if it becomes law, I believe that the administration will paper over it, and they will go around the law.

They will go around the law because they want an open border. That is what they want.

I thought I would share with you just a couple of other, I think, interesting anecdotes.

I got a call recently from a friend of mine down on the border. He is working in the area of the Tohono O'odham Nation Reservation. The Tohono O'odham Nation Reservation has 62 linear miles on the border between Arizona and Mexico.

In the middle of that area, you have the mountains that are coming on down, and then you have this area, what we call the San Miguel gate. This gate is really isolated. There is nothing else out there. A little bit—about a mile—I am thinking to myself—south, moving this way, so that would be west. You are going to have the wash. People can just flow across the wash. There is no fence, per se. There is a four-strand wire fence there.

A few months ago, when I was down there, we are driving down the road, and what do I see? I see what looks like five or six kids playing in the dirt road. I mean, there is nothing there. We had been driving for miles, didn't see anybody, no CBP agents or anything.

We get up there, there is a group of 25 people, mostly family units. We asked them where they came from.

They said: We were down in Caborca. That is about 40–50 miles south of the border. That is where we met up with our coyote.

Did you know any of these people?

No, we didn't know each other. We all had to hire this coyote. We came together. The coyote brings us up, drops us off several miles south of the border, points up and says: Just keep walking toward that mountain, and when you get across the wires, step across, sit alongside the road, and then, sooner or later, CBP agents will come.

We asked them how long they had been there. They had been there four hours, hadn't seen any agents. We happened to be down there. I had some Members of Congress with me.

I tell you that because that is how remote this place is, but do you know how many people they are getting there? Groups of 700 to 800 a day, with single groups. This is busloads that are being organized in Caborca. They are bringing them up, dropping them off, and here they come through the San Miguel gate.

Guess what happens at that point? Every agent that is on duty is now processing and moving those people up to a soft-sided facility to await further



processing and ultimately, within 72 hours, released into the United States of America, with parole status, which means they can work after 6 months' period of time. They are going to get legal papers, yet they entered the country illegally.

I asked them: What is happening otherwise?

It just so happens that that is the sector that has the highest rate of known and suspected unknown got-aways. Why don't they want to just surrender? It is so easy now. You just surrender. They are going to process you and release you and pay for you to go wherever you want to go in the country.

What the deal is, they are carrying drugs, or else they are Chinese and nationals of military age, or they are from other nations that are special interest, that sponsor terrorism.

They are coming through, and how do we know that they are coming through in these groups? We do have some sensors in some of those places. We still are using tracking. We have agents who still track. The score, if there is more than 20 in that group, they don't write 35. They write 20-plus, so even that is inaccurate.

I enjoy my colleagues. Please, we have to use the purse strings that we have and stop funding a government that is spying on us and is emasculating our southern border. We no longer have a border. That is the only way you are going to get enforcement on the border. Policy is good, but enforcement is the goal.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 4 o'clock and 54 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, February 16, 2024, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-3169. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Dairy Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Milk in the Appalachian, Florida, and Southeast Marketing Areas; Amendments to Marketing Agreements and to Orders [Doc. No.: AMS-DA-23-0003; 23-J-0019] received February 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-3170. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule — Financial Responsibility, Administrative Capability, Certification Procedures, Ability To Benefit (ATB) [Docket ID: ED-2023-OPE-0089] (RIN: 1840-AD51,

1840-AD65, 1840-AD67, and 1840-AD80) received February 7, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-3171. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, ASPR/IBMSC/DPA-ERA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Health Resources Priorities and Allocations System (HRPAS) (RIN: 0908-AA00) received February 7, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3172. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Taconite Iron Ore Processing [EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0664; FRL-5925.1-01-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AV58) received February 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3173. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Chlorpyrifos; Reinstatement of Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0523; FRL-5993-06-OCSPP] received February 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3174. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Quality Plans; Approvals and Promulgations: California; Amador Air District; New Source Review [EPA-R09-OAR-2023-0355; FRL-11176-02-R9] received February 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3175. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — South Dakota: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions and Incorporation by Reference [EPA-R08-RCRA-2023-0424; FRL-11356-01-R8] received February 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3176. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Georgia; Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program [EPA-R04-OAR-2022-0630; FRL-11582-02-R4] received February 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3177. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; GA; Miscellaneous Rule Revision [EPA-R04-OAR-2023-0232; FRL-11600-02-R4] received February 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3178. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Expedited Approval of Alternative Test Procedures for the Analysis of Contaminants under the Safe Drinking Water Act; Analysis and Sampling Procedures [EPA-HQ-OW-2023-0541; FRL-11620-01-OW] received February 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3179. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of Civil Rights and SAMHSA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Confidentiality of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Patient Records (RIN: 0945-AA16) received February 7, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3180. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's issuance of regulatory guide — Guidelines for Lightning Protection for Production and Utilization Facilities [Regulatory Guide 1.204, Revision 1] received February 7, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3181. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's Annual Report on the Interdiction of Aircraft Engaged in Illicit Drug Trafficking, 2023, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2291-4(c)(1); Public Law 103-337, Sec. 1012 (as amended by Public Law 107-108, Sec. 503); (115 Stat. 1405); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3182. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a notification, pursuant to Public Law 118-31, div. F, Sec. 6710; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3183. A letter from the Deputy Director, Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Addition of Entities to the Entity List (RIN: 0694-AJ51) received February 7, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3184. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 23-020, pursuant to sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3185. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 23-022, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3186. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 23-017, pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-3187. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's Fiscal Year 2023 Inventory of Inherently Governmental Activities and of Commercial Activities, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 501 note; Public Law 105-270, Sec. 2(c)(1)(A); (112 Stat. 2382); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-3188. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Privacy Act Regulations for EPA; Correction [EPA-HQ-OMS-2023-0020; FRL-10620-04-OMS] received February 5, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-3189. A letter from the National Listing Coordinator, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Species; Designation of Critical Habitat



for the Nassau Grouper [Docket No.: 231219-0312] (RIN: 0648-BL53) received February 7, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-3190. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting the annual report for fiscal year 2023 on compliance by the United States district courts and courts of appeals with the time limitations established for deciding habeas corpus death penalty petitions, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2266(b)(5)(A); Added by Public Law 104-132, Sec. 107(a); (110 Stat. 1224) and 28 U.S.C. 2266(c)(5); Public Law 104-132, Sec. 107(a); (110 Stat. 1224); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3191. A letter from the Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, USCIS, Office of Policy and Strategy, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Improving the H-1B Registration Selection Process and Program Integrity [CIS No.: 2766-24; DHS Docket No.: USCIS-2023-0005] (RIN: 1615-AC70) received February 7, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3192. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Legal, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Rules of Practice and Procedure (RIN: 3064-AF10) received February 7, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3193. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Additional Interim Guidance Regarding the Application of the Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax under Sections 55, 56A and 59 of the Internal Revenue Code [Notice 2024-10] received February 07, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-3194. A letter from the Section Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — EP's Annual Revenue Procedure for Determination Letters, Private Letter Rulings, User Fees [Rev. Proc. 2024-4] received February 9, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-3195. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "2023 Report to Congress — Annual Update: Identification of Quality Measurement Priorities and Associated Funding for the Consensus-Based Entity and Other Entities; and Report on Unobligated Balances for Appropriations Relating to Quality Measurement", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395aaa(e); Aug. 14 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, Sec. 1890(e) (as amended by Public Law 115-123, Sec. 50206(b)); (132 Stat. 184) and 42 U.S.C. 1395aaa(f)(1); Public Law 116-94, div. N, title I, Sec. 102(a) (as amended by Public Law 116-260, Sec. 102(b)(2)); (134 Stat. 2941); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

EC-3196. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report, "The Medicare Beneficiary Ombudsman (MBO) Calendar Year 2020 Report to Congress", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395b-9(c)(2)(C); Public Law 108-173, Sec. 923(a); (117 Stat. 2394); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

EC-3197. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Med-

icaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Medicare and Medicaid Programs; CY 2024 Payment Policies Under the Physician Fee Schedule and Other Changes to Part B Payment and Coverage Policies; Medicare Shared Savings Program Requirements; Medicare Advantage; Medicare and Medicaid Provider and Supplier Enrollment Policies; and Basic Health Program; Corrections [CMS-1784-F2] (RIN: 0938-AV07) received February 7, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. BONAMICI (for herself, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. DUARTE, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. VALADAO, and Mr. CURTIS):

H.R. 7362. A bill to establish cooperative agreements for wildland fire research, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. CURTIS:

H.R. 7363. A bill to amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to authorize the sale of certain Federal land to States and units of local government to address housing shortages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CURTIS:

H.R. 7364. A bill to prohibit a person from advertising for sale a product produced or manufactured using the forced labor of individuals in the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. LAMALFA, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. NORMAN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. KILMER, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. MILLS, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. MAST, Mrs. STEEL, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mrs. LESKO, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mrs. LUNA, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H.R. 7365. A bill to provide PreCheck to certain severely injured or disabled veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. BICE (for herself, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. ROSE, Ms. FOXF, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. MOYLAN, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. YAKYM, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. NEHLS, Mrs. HOUCIN, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. BIGGS, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. COLE, Mr. BABIN, and Mr. POSEY):

H.R. 7366. A bill to require timely publication of CBP border encounters, and for other

purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. BURLISON:

H.R. 7367. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Labor from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing a proposed rule with respect to the salary threshold for overtime eligibility; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. CAREY (for himself and Mr. THOMPSON of California):

H.R. 7368. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the application of Medicare secondary payer rules to certain workers' compensation settlement agreements and qualified Medicare set-aside provisions; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CISCOMANI (for himself and Mr. STANTON):

H.R. 7369. A bill to provide U.S. Customs and Border Protection with adequate flexibility in its employment authorities; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. CURTIS:

H.R. 7370. A bill to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to establish a deadline for processing applications related to geothermal leasing; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT (for himself, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. MENG, Ms. OMAR, Ms. LEE of California, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY):

H.R. 7371. A bill to designate Ecuador under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit nationals of Ecuador to be eligible for temporary protected status under such section, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. BACON, Mr. CASE, Mr. LAWLER, and Ms. PEREZ):

H.R. 7372. A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations to provide defense support to Ukraine, Israel, and Taiwan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to suspend the entry of inadmissible aliens, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GARBARINO (for himself, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 7373. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to include alpha-gal syndrome on the list of nationally notifiable diseases; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas (for himself, Mr. FALLON, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. CLOUD, Mrs. FLETCHER, and Mr. VEASEY):

H.R. 7374. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 Sergeant Gonzales Drive in Fort Davis, Texas, as the "Sergeant Manuel Sillas Gonzales Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Ms. HAGEMAN:

H.R. 7375. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act to improve the assessment of expression of interest fees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mrs. HARSHBARGER:

H.R. 7376. A bill to provide that a project for the collocation of a personal wireless service facility is not subject to requirements to prepare certain environmental or historical preservation reviews; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HUNT (for himself, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. BABIN):

H.R. 7377. A bill to amend the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 to improve the management of royalties from oil and gas leases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. IVEY (for himself, Mr. HARRIS, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. BROWN, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Ms. CHU, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CORREA, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. HOYER, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mr. MFUME, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MULLIN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. PLASKETT, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Ms. SALAZAR, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. TRONE, Mr. VARGAS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas):

H.R. 7378. A bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to Frederick Douglass in recognition of his contributions to the cause of freedom, human rights, and the abolition of slavery in the United States; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania (for himself and Mr. FOSTER):

H.R. 7379. A bill to amend title XXX of the Public Health Service Act to establish standards and protocols to improve patient matching; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LATURNER (for himself, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. WOMACK, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, and Mr. HARDER of California):

H.R. 7380. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to clarify and update the authority of the Food and Drug

Administration to ensure national uniformity in the regulation of the marketing and labeling of companion animal pet food, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LIEU:

H.R. 7381. A bill to direct the Director of the National Institutes of Health to establish a grant program to facilitate research regarding the use of generative artificial intelligence in health care, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LUTTRELL (for himself, Mr. MCCAUL, Mrs. WAGNER, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEEMER, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. BACON, Ms. MACE, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. STAUBER, and Mr. ELLZEY):

H.R. 7382. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include an additional permissible use of amounts provided as grants under the Byrne JAG program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MATSUI (for herself and Mr. BILIRAKIS):

H.R. 7383. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to set forth limitations on exclusive approval or licensure of drugs designated for rare diseases or conditions; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MCCAUL (for himself, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. TRAHAN, and Mr. BURGESS):

H.R. 7384. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to extend the authority of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue priority review vouchers to encourage treatments for rare pediatric diseases; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. MCCLELLAN (for herself, Mr. BEYER, Mr. CLINE, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. SPANBERGER, Ms. WEXTON, and Mr. WITTMAN):

H.R. 7385. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 29 Franklin Street in Petersburg, Virginia, as the "John Mercer Langston Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. MILLER of Ohio:

H.R. 7386. A bill to establish a grant program to support career and technical education schools in their efforts to advocate for career and technical education programs and promote public awareness thereof; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. PANETTA:

H.R. 7387. A bill to reiterate the support of the Congress of the United States for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. PORTER (for herself, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Ms. BROWNLEY):

H.R. 7388. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum guaranty amount for loans made to certain veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. SCANLON (for herself, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, and Mr. RASKIN):

H.R. 7389. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to increase voting accessibility for individuals with disabilities and older individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Mr. NADLER, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. PORTER,

Ms. NORTON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. TONKO, Ms. SCANLON, and Mr. TAKANO):

H.R. 7390. A bill to make price gouging unlawful, to expand the ability of the Federal Trade Commission to seek permanent injunctions and equitable relief, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SORENSEN (for himself, Ms. PINGREE, and Ms. CROCKETT):

H.R. 7391. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to carry out a study and research and demonstration on agrivoltaic systems and to issue guidance on best practices for protection of soil health and productivity during the siting, construction, operation, and decommissioning of solar energy systems on agricultural land; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. STEUBE (for himself, Mr. OGLES, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. POSEY, and Mr. DUNCAN):

H.R. 7392. A bill to reprogram Federal funds appropriated for UNRWA to construct the southwest border wall and to prohibit future funding for UNRWA; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. STEVENS:

H.R. 7393. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable credit for certain home accessibility improvements; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TAKANO (for himself and Mr. EVANS):

H.R. 7394. A bill to prohibit the use of trade secrets privileges to prevent defense access to evidence in criminal proceedings, provide for the establishment of Computational Forensic Algorithm Testing Standards and a Computational Forensic Algorithm Testing Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself and Ms. BONAMICI):

H.R. 7395. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to expand career counseling opportunities within student support and academic enrichment grants; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. TITUS (for herself, Mr. BUCHANAN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, and Mrs. TRAHAN):

H.R. 7396. A bill to direct the Attorney General to conduct a study on animal cruelty, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. TRAHAN (for herself and Mr. VALADAO):

H.R. 7397. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a definition of essential health system in statute; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. VAN DREW (for himself and Mr. COHEN):

H.R. 7398. A bill to ensure the ability of public safety officers to retain their right to free speech on matters related to public safety, working conditions, and other matters; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. VAN DREW (for himself, Mr. DUNCAN, and Mr. SMITH of Nebraska):

H.R. 7399. A bill to terminate the American Community Survey, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. VASQUEZ:

H.R. 7400. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide individuals a refundable credit for a portion of Federal income tax liability for 2024; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WALTZ (for himself and Mr. PANETTA):

H.R. 7401. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to establish a goal for the Department of Defense for participation by certain veteran-owned small businesses in procurement contracts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas:

H.R. 7402. A bill to reimburse the State of Texas for expenses incurred for activities conducted relating to securing the southern international border of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PASCRELL (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. HOYER, and Mr. BOST):

H. Con. Res. 91. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for the 12th Annual Fallen Firefighters Congressional Flag Presentation Ceremony; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. KAPTUR (for herself, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mrs. SPARTZ, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. POCAN, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. TITUS, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Mr. HIMES, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. CROW, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. WILD, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. EVANS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. CARSON, Mr. BERA, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. MFUME):

H. Res. 1014. A resolution commemorating the heroic sacrifices of the Ukrainian people 2 years after Russia's illegal and unprovoked invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, and recognizing the terrible cost of Russia's war of aggression; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. MANN (for himself, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CARL, Mrs. PELTOLA, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. ISSA, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. COSTA, Ms. PORTER, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. CARAVEO, Mr. STEUBE, Mrs. CAMMACK, Ms. LEE of Florida, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. FERGUSON, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. SORENSEN, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. BOST, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mrs. HOUCHIN, Mr. PENCE, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BANKS, Mr. LATURNER, Mr. ESTES, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. BARR, Mr. COMER, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. WALBERG, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. STAUBER, Mrs.

WAGNER, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. ALFORD, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. GUEST, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. BACON, Mr. FLOOD, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, Mr. VASQUEZ, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. LATTA, Mr. BALDERSON, Mr. LUCAS, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Ms. MALOY, Mr. CLINE, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mrs. RODGERS of Washington, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. TIFANY, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Ms. HAGEMAN, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, and Mr. SOTO):

H. Res. 1015. A resolution expressing support for the designation of February 17 through February 24, 2024, as "National FFA Week", recognizing the important role of the National FFA Organization in developing the next generation of globally conscious leaders who will change the world, and celebrating the 10th anniversary of the "Give the Gift of Blue" program, which has donated more than 17,000 of the iconic FFA jackets to FFA members in need; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. MCGOVERN:

H. Res. 1016. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5673) to advance responsible policies; to the Committee on Rules.

By Ms. PEREZ (for herself, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, and Mrs. PELTOLA):

H. Res. 1017. A resolution eliminating the restriction that witnesses may appear remotely at proceedings of committees of the House of Representatives only at the discretion of the chair of the committee; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. THANEDAR:

H. Res. 1018. A resolution recognizing the remarkable achievements and patriotic service of late Michigan native Captain Claude A. Rowe, Jr., the only known member of the famed Tuskegee Airmen authorized to fly for two Allied countries during World War II; to the Committee on Armed Services.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Ms. BONAMICI:

H.R. 7362.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The single subject of this legislation is: Wildlife data sharing and research.

By Mr. CURTIS:

H.R. 7363.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 to authorize the sale of certain Federal land to States and units of local government to address housing shortages, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CURTIS:

H.R. 7364.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To prohibit a person from advertising for sale a product produced using forced labor.

By Mr. GOSAR:

H.R. 7365.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To provide free TSA PreCheck to certain disabled veterans.

By Mrs. BICE:

H.R. 7366.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Paragraph 18:

To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Homeland Security

By Mr. BURLISON:

H.R. 7367.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

The bill prohibits the Secretary of Labor from finalizing, implementing, or enforcing a proposed rule with respect to the salary threshold for overtime eligibility.

By Mr. CAREY:

H.R. 7368.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the application of Medicare secondary payer rules to certain workers' compensation settlement agreements and qualified Medicare set-aside provisions.

By Mr. CISCOMANI:

H.R. 7369.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Mandating certain employment practices within CBP.

By Mr. CURTIS:

H.R. 7370.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to establish a deadline for processing applications related to geothermal leasing.

By Mr. ESPAILLAT:

H.R. 7371.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 4 of section 8 of article 1 of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is: Immigration

By Mr. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 7372.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

National Security

By Mr. GARBARINO:

H.R. 7373.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to include alpha-gal syndrome on the list of nationally notifiable diseases.

By Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas:  
H.R. 7374.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Sec. 8

The single subject of this legislation is:  
To encourage, enhance, and integrate Emi-Coke Alert plans throughout the United States.

By Ms. HAGEMAN:  
H.R. 7375.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1 Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Amends the Mineral Leasing Act to improve the assessment of expression of interest fees, and for other purposes.

By Mrs. HARSHBARGER:  
H.R. 7376.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:  
"To expedite broadband deployment by streamlining permitting reviews"

By Mr. HUNT:  
H.R. 7377.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8, clauses 1 & 3

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Energy  
By Mr. IVEY:  
H.R. 7378.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clauses 5 and 18 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Federal commendation of a single great American with the minting of an honorary Congressional gold medal.

By Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania:  
H.R. 7379.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
To amend title XXX of the Public Health Service Act to establish standards and protocols to improve patient matching.

By Mr. LATURNER:  
H.R. 7380.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:  
This bill amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Act to ensure national uniformity in the regulation of the marketing and labeling of companion animal pet food

By Mr. LIEU:  
H.R. 7381.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
U.S. Const., Art. 1, Sec. 8  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
Health Care

By Mr. LUTTRELL:  
H.R. 7382.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8. To make laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Combating human trafficking  
By Ms. MATSUI:  
H.R. 7383.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
section 8 of article I of the Constitution  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
health care

By Mr. MCCAUL:  
H.R. 7384.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
This bill reauthorizes a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) program that awards priority review vouchers to manufacturers of drugs that treat rare pediatric diseases.

By Ms. MCCLELLAN:  
H.R. 7385.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 7 of the United States Constitution: "Congress shall have the power . . . to establish post offices and post roads."

The single subject of this legislation is:  
This bill names a United States Post Office in Petersburg, Virginia after John Mercer Langston, the first African-American elected to Congress from Virginia.

By Mr. MILLER of Ohio:  
H.R. 7386.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
The single subject of this bill is to create public awareness of career and technical education.

By Mr. PANETTA:  
H.R. 7387.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8, Clause 1  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
Defense

By Ms. PORTER:  
H.R. 7388.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:  
To amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum guaranty amount for loans made to certain veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

By Ms. SCANLON:  
H.R. 7389.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:  
To increase voting accessibility for individuals with disabilities and older individuals, and for other purposes.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:  
H.R. 7390.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8, Clause 3: The Congress shall have Power . . . To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
To make price gouging unlawful and to expand the ability of the Federal Trade Commission to seek permanent injunctions and equitable relief.

By Mr. SORENSEN:  
H.R. 7391.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
Energy  
By Mr. STEUBE:  
H.R. 7392.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

The single subject of this legislation is:  
To reprogram Federal funds appropriated for UNRWA to construct the southwest border wall and to prohibit future funding for UNRWA

By Ms. STEVENS:  
H.R. 7393.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Home Accessibility  
By Mr. TAKANO:  
H.R. 7394.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Ensure defendants have access to source code and other information necessary to exercise their confrontational and due process rights when algorithms are used to analyze evidence in their cases.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania:  
H.R. 7395.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution in that the legislation exercises legislative powers granted to Congress by that clause "to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers and all other Powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States or any Department or Office thereof."

The single subject of this legislation is:  
to expand career counseling opportunities within student support and academic enrichment grants.

By Ms. TITUS:  
H.R. 7396.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Animal welfare  
By Mrs. TRAHAN:  
H.R. 7397.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section 8, Clause 18  
The single subject of this legislation is:  
Healthcare  
By Mr. VAN DREW:  
H.R. 7398.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article One, Section Eight of the US Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Ensures the ability of public safety officers to retain their right to free speech on matters related to public safety, working conditions, and other matters

By Mr. VAN DREW:  
H.R. 7399.  
Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:  
Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:  
To terminate the American Community Survey  
By Mr. VASQUEZ:  
H.R. 7400.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of the Congress.

The single subject of this legislation is:  
Tax Credit

By Mr. WALTZ:

H.R. 7401.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Small business contracting for non-service-disabled veterans

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas:

H.R. 7402.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Federally reimburses that State of Texas for the expenses incurred from 2020–2024 during efforts to secure the southern international border of the United States under Operation Lone Star.

#### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 148: Mr. NORMAN, Mr. CURTIS, and Mr. CISCOMANI.

H.R. 233: Mr. MOORE of Alabama and Mr. BUCSHON.

H.R. 239: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.

H.R. 311: Mr. MCCORMICK.

H.R. 451: Mr. CARTER of Texas.

H.R. 537: Mr. FEENSTRA, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, and Mr. BUCHANAN.

H.R. 543: Mr. TRONE and Mr. KILMER.

H.R. 603: Mr. STEIL and Ms. DE LA CRUZ.

H.R. 704: Mr. GUEST, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. GALLAGHER, Ms. BALINT, and Mrs. SPARTZ.

H.R. 743: Mr. BEAN of Florida.

H.R. 807: Mr. LUCAS.

H.R. 895: Mr. CARTWRIGHT and Mr. JACKSON of North Carolina.

H.R. 921: Mrs. HARSHBARGER.

H.R. 987: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. SCHA-KOWSKY, and Mr. GOLDEN of Maine.

H.R. 1002: Mr. DELUZIO.

H.R. 1008: Mr. KILMER and Mrs. PELTOLA.

H.R. 1015: Mr. MEUSER.

H.R. 1045: Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia.

H.R. 1062: Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER and Mr. BLUMENAUER.

H.R. 1081: Mr. BUCHANAN.

H.R. 1097: Mr. SMUCKER, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mrs. STEEL, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Mr. FERGUSON.

H.R. 1190: Mrs. HINSON.

H.R. 1235: Mr. HOYER.

H.R. 1247: Mr. AMO.

H.R. 1274: Mr. DUARTE.

H.R. 1291: Mrs. HARSHBARGER.

H.R. 1407: Ms. STEVENS.

H.R. 1628: Mr. CROW.

H.R. 1787: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1818: Mr. PALMER.

H.R. 1831: Mrs. DINGELL, Mrs. FOUSHEE, and Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania.

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H.R. 2583: Ms. BALINT.

H.R. 2604: Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. STANSBURY, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.

H.R. 2643: Ms. BALINT.

H.R. 2726: Mrs. SYKES and Mr. NORCROSS.

H.R. 2743: Mr. WALTZ and Mr. FULCHER.

H.R. 2744: Ms. MALOY.

H.R. 2870: Mr. GOMEZ and Mr. SOTO.

H.R. 2871: Ms. CARAVEO.

H.R. 2923: Mr. LUETKEMEYER.

H.R. 2955: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.

H.R. 2987: Mrs. RAMIREZ.

H.R. 3012: Mr. CARSON.

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H.R. 3036: Mrs. CAMMACK and Ms. TOKUDA.

H.R. 3104: Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 3106: Mrs. FLETCHER.

H.R. 3199: Ms. CRAIG.

H.R. 3207: Ms. GARCIA of Texas.

H.R. 3269: Mr. LAHOOD.

H.R. 3302: Mr. NADLER and Mr. GRIJALVA.

H.R. 3304: Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 3325: Mr. FLOOD.

H.R. 3409: Mr. LARSEN of Washington and Mr. GOMEZ.

H.R. 3413: Mr. DELUZIO.

H.R. 3425: Mr. LAHOOD and Mr. KEAN of New Jersey.

H.R. 3433: Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. ALFORD, and Mr. KILEY.

H.R. 3436: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.

H.R. 3443: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 3456: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 3481: Mr. GOMEZ.

H.R. 3539: Mr. SCHNEIDER.

H.R. 3624: Mr. CAREY.

H.R. 3713: Mr. SCHNEIDER and Mr. IVEY.

H.R. 3816: Mr. CROW.

H.R. 3910: Mr. VALADAO.

H.R. 3916: Ms. LEE of California.

H.R. 3955: Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 3957: Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 4157: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.

H.R. 4189: Mr. TURNER and Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 4233: Mr. HUFFMAN and Ms. CHU.

H.R. 4338: Mr. SORENSEN.

H.R. 4343: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.

H.R. 4456: Ms. LEE of California.

H.R. 4550: Mr. SORENSEN and Ms. TLAIB.

H.R. 4571: Ms. ROSS, Ms. SALINAS, and Ms. BROWNLEY.

H.R. 4576: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.

H.R. 4602: Ms. NORTON and Ms. SCHOLTEN.

H.R. 4663: Ms. BROWN.

H.R. 4702: Ms. BROWNLEY.

H.R. 4721: Mr. POSEY.

H.R. 4745: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.

H.R. 4750: Ms. HOULAHAN.

H.R. 4848: Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.

H.R. 4893: Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, and Mrs. MCBATH.

H.R. 4942: Ms. MENG and Mr. HORSFORD.

H.R. 4961: Mr. AMODEI.

H.R. 4972: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 4974: Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 5030: Ms. TLAIB and Mr. VALADAO.

H.R. 5041: Mr. GARBARINO.

H.R. 5116: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.

H.R. 5239: Mr. NEWHOUSE.

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H.R. 5433: Mrs. RAMIREZ.

H.R. 5455: Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana.

H.R. 5530: Mr. CARTER of Georgia and Mr. FULCHER.

H.R. 5559: Mr. HARRIS.

H.R. 5810: Mr. MOLINARO.

H.R. 5813: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. MORELLE, and Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.

H.R. 5819: Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 5829: Mr. BUCHANAN.

H.R. 5837: Mrs. KIM of California.

H.R. 5879: Mr. BABIN, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. ELLZEY.

H.R. 5989: Mr. VALADAO and Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 6013: Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 6033: Ms. LEE of Florida.

H.R. 6046: Mr. CARTER of Georgia and Mr. CRANE.

H.R. 6090: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 6094: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.

H.R. 6147: Ms. STEVENS.

H.R. 6173: Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 6191: Ms. HOYLE of Oregon.

H.R. 6282: Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

H.R. 6362: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 6377: Ms. CROCKETT.

H.R. 6414: Ms. TITUS.

H.R. 6445: Mr. CROW.

H.R. 6455: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 6480: Ms. VELÁZQUEZ.

H.R. 6515: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 6593: Mr. KIM of New Jersey.

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H.R. 6608: Ms. LEE of California.

H.R. 6634: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.

H.R. 6652: Mr. LYNCH, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Mr. PETERS.

H.R. 6663: Ms. WILD.

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H.R. 6727: Mr. COSTA.

H.R. 6763: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.

H.R. 6780: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina and Ms. JACOBS.

H.R. 6824: Mr. CLINE.

H.R. 6837: Ms. BROWNLEY.

H.R. 6860: Ms. VAN DUYN.

H.R. 6892: Mr. CASTEN.

H.R. 6926: Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.

H.R. 6939: Mrs. HARSHBARGER.

H.R. 6940: Mrs. HARSHBARGER.

H.R. 6951: Mr. MURPHY.

H.R. 6963: Ms. ROSS and Ms. BONAMICI.

H.R. 7003: Mr. DESAULNIER and Mr. CROW.

H.R. 7039: Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. DELUZIO, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, and Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 7050: Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 7059: Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 7083: Mr. CARTER of Georgia.

H.R. 7094: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 7109: Mr. BUCSHON.

H.R. 7122: Mr. GUEST.

H.R. 7127: Ms. TOKUDA.

H.R. 7142: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.

H.R. 7145: Ms. TOKUDA.

H.R. 7149: Mr. KILEY and Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 7165: Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia.

H.R. 7185: Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky and Mr. RESCHENTHALER.

H.R. 7193: Mr. MOORE of Utah.

H.R. 7218: Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. LAWLER, and Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 7220: Ms. SALAZAR.

H.R. 7231: Mr. VAN DREW.

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H.R. 7250: Mr. LAWLER, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Mr. SORENSEN.

H.R. 7266: Ms. BONAMICI and Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 7272: Ms. CROCKETT.

H.R. 7287: Mr. NORMAN.

H.R. 7293: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 7294: Ms. SCHRIER.

H.R. 7307: Mr. TORRES of New York and Ms. SCHRIER.

H.R. 7314: Mr. TRONE.

H.R. 7322: Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.

H.R. 7325: Ms. GARCIA of Texas.

H.R. 7348: Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ.

H.R. 7351: Ms. NORTON.

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H.R. 7361: Mr. LUTTRELL and Ms. BROWNLEY.

H. Con. Res. 13: Ms. WILD and Mr. DELUZIO.

H. Con. Res. 41: Mr. GARBARINO.

H. Con. Res. 90: Mr. GARBARINO.

H. Res. 146: Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. QUIGLEY, and Mr. BERA.

H. Res. 806: Mr. KEAN of New Jersey.

H. Res. 979: Mr. BUCSHON.

H. Res. 1001: Mrs. SPARTZ.

H. Res. 962: Ms. CROCKETT and Mr. VEASEY.

H. Res. 990: Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BUDZINSKI,

H. Res. 977: Mr. GARBARINO.

and Ms. LEE of California.