

per child. That check will help millions of parents buy healthy food, new clothes, shoes, and books for their kids, pay rent and utilities, and even afford childcare so they can get back to work.

In my own home district in New York's capital region, these checks will reach more than 37,000 households and help lift more than 5,000 of our kids out of poverty. These are not just lasting investments in America's recovery; they are the downpayment on our brightest future.

I urge every parent and family that has struggled to make ends meet during this pandemic to visit childtaxcredit.gov and make certain that you are signed up.

PRICE OF INFLATION PAID BY MIDDLE-CLASS FAMILIES

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

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, despite our Nation sitting on the edge of a fiscal cliff, the Biden administration continues to propose trillions upon trillions of dollars in new taxpayer spending.

Sadly, yet not unexpectedly, the American people are beginning to see the consequences of taking their hard-earned tax dollars for continued and unprecedented levels of deficit spending.

The Consumer Price Index has increased 5 percent from this time last year, which marks the fastest rate of inflation since right before the economic crisis in 2008 and a nearly 13-year high. This is in addition to producer prices rising 6.6 percent over the past year, the fastest increase on record.

I don't care what the reasons are; I know that Americans are feeling it right now in their pocketbooks. Rising inflation at this rate is the same thing as a tax, and American consumers are feeling it as they shop for the essentials.

Gasoline is 56 percent more expensive today than it was 12 months ago. Transportation services are up 11 percent since last year. Together, food and energy prices have increased 3.8 percent, which is the fastest rate since 1992.

Middle-class families are paying the price for the lack of fiscal responsibility shown by this administration.

It is time to get our fiscal house in order to ensure our children and our children's children are left a thriving economy.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER H.R. 18, NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION ACT

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

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, for decades, the Hyde amendment has

shielded the American taxpayer from being forced to fund abortion. And for decades, the Hyde amendment has enjoyed broad bipartisan support. Even President Biden supported the Hyde amendment as recently as 2019.

Unfortunately, that is no longer the case. Now, President Biden has reversed course, proposing we repeal the Hyde amendment.

In turn, this would require American taxpayers, no matter what their personal beliefs, to fund abortion.

Madam Speaker, this is wrong. Every life is blessed with inherent worth, infinite potential, and sacred dignity.

As a child of adoption myself, I would not be here today if not for my mother's decision to choose life over abortion.

I urge my colleagues to stand strong in support of the Hyde amendment and against this radical new position of President Biden.

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 18 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. BUSH). Under guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers, as recorded in section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the request unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER H.R. 18, NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION ACT

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

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, as a father of four, I believe that life is a gift that must be cherished and defended.

For me, a pro-life father of four, a huge part of my story is my son Isaac. Isaac was born with Down syndrome. I know that with our love and support, he is capable of moving mountains.

The sad news is that many don't believe that people like my son deserve a right to life or to reach their full potential.

This is why I am a cosponsor of legislation like H.R. 18, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act. This bill will help ensure that taxpayer dollars do not go toward taking away any child's right to life.

Imagine a world where every child was given the opportunity to dream, accomplish, and succeed. The world would be a much better place, our future brighter than ever.

That is why I will always support legislation that ensures every life is protected.

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means,

and the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 18 and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. As the Chair previously advised, the request cannot be entertained absent appropriate clearance.

HAVE CBO ISSUE INFLATION PROJECTIONS

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

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, the American people deserve to know the true cost of government spending.

Last month, working families adjusted their budgets around a 5 percent jump in prices, an effect of the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan that many economists predicted would occur.

Despite these predictions coming true, many Democrats—not all, I hope—are eager to use the same partisan budget reconciliation process again to spend even more.

That is why I have introduced the Stop Inflationary Spending Act to require the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office to project the inflationary impact of reconciliation bills. This would mean the American people would know the impact on their family budget before Democrats use a partisan process to spend \$6 trillion on unaffordable initiatives that dramatically increase the role of government in their lives and constrain growth in the real economy, which is the private-sector innovators, entrepreneurs, and hardworking people.

Madam Speaker, inflation is a tax on everyone. When inflation was a significant concern in the 1980s, CBO issued inflationary projections for individual bills. Restoring this practice for reconciliation bills that spend big is a commonsense reform.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL NESSLAGE UPON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mrs. HINSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chief Michael Nesslage, who has served as fire chief in Hiawatha, Iowa, for the last 16 years. I want to congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement this week.

Chief Nesslage dedicated his professional life to protecting and serving others. As Hiawatha's fire chief, Chief Nesslage successfully started ambulance service in the area and spearheaded the creation of a volunteer firefighter program. Not only did Chief Nesslage help establish the program, but he also closely coached and mentored those seeking careers as first responders.

Chief Nesslage continues to be a role model for our entire community.

When I was a State representative, we worked very closely to pass GEMT legislation. I am very proud we got that done.

Madam Speaker, I know I speak for the entire Hiawatha community in saying that we are so thankful for Chief Nessler's years of selfless service and dedication to keeping Hiawatha safe.

I thank Chief Nessler and wish him and his family the best as they begin this new chapter.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to now serve Chief Nessler in Congress, and I appreciate his service.

RECOGNIZING THE 71ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE KOREAN WAR

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

Mrs. KIM of California. Madam Speaker, "Our Nation honors her sons and daughters who answered the call to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met." This is the quote you will find at our Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Madam Speaker, I rise today, on the 71st anniversary of the Korean war, to honor the more than 5.7 million Americans who served, including the 2.25 million Korean war veterans alive today, and to remember the more than 36,000 Americans and 1 million South Korean civilians and soldiers who gave their lives to protect freedom.

As an immigrant from South Korea whose family lived through the Korean war, and as a wife and sister of veterans, I know that I am here because of the sacrifices of our brave Korean war veterans.

This is personal to me. Words alone cannot express how grateful I am.

Freedom is not free, and each of you stands as a reminder of our Nation's commitment to freedom and to the safety and security of our allies in South Korea.

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EROSION IN ORANGE COUNTY

(Mrs. STEEL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. STEEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to talk about an issue that is extremely important for my Orange County community.

This week, my district braced for extreme high tides that presented another flood risk to Newport Beach. City workers raised sand berms on the Balboa Peninsula and handed out sandbags to residents, hoping to avoid another flood like the one we experienced last July.

One Newport Beach resident this week said, "I have lived here for 10 years. I have never seen the bay so high or the ocean so high this early and before high tide." This risk of flood in our communities is real.

This week, Lieutenant General Spellmon from the Army Corps said that erosion in our community was not unique. I agree that this is an issue all around California, but the difference is Orange County's problem was brought on by the Federal, man-made projects that permanently stopped natural sand flow onto our beaches.

The Army Corps created this issue, and it is their job to ensure the final stages of sand replenishment are made a priority. The safety of our communities is at risk, and we are one natural disaster away from devastating damage.

Mr. Speaker, I will continue to work with local stakeholders to call on the Army Corps to fix the problem they made.

IN THE LINE OF DUTY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, and still I rise.

Madam Speaker, I rise today not to speak of persons who die unjustly at the hands of the constabulary, I rise today to speak of members of the constabulary who die unjustly at the hands of persons who are among what we call "the public."

I rise today to accentuate five words: "In the line of duty."

These words may be meaningless to some, but there are those who have suffered the pain of having to live with these words for the rest of their lives after having lost someone that they love in the line of duty.

Emily Dickinson, the great American poet, reminds us that, "A word is dead when it is said, some say. I say it just begins to live that day." These words take on meaning for those who are left behind when someone leaves in the line of duty.

I am standing here today in the House to make an appeal to those who have thoughts of doing dastardly deeds simply because a person happens to be a part of the constabulary.

I would beg that you not consider these thoughts, that you abandon them. And I would beg that if you have the opportunity to go to one of the homegoing ceremonies of a person who has left in the line of duty—I have been to these ceremonies. I have seen the suffering of the families, the tears. I have seen the children who will no longer have a parent to go home to.

All life is precious. I have spoken many times about the lives that have been lost at the hands of the constabulary, but we should never forget that all lives are precious.

And when someone takes the life of a member of the constabulary out of spite, for no cause that can be justified, that person, of course, has to be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

But that doesn't end the suffering, just as it doesn't end the suffering for the civilian who loses his or her life. It doesn't end the suffering and the pain.

We ought not allow ourselves to become so removed from the lives of others that we cease to have some degree of sympathy and empathy for persons who lose their lives in the line of duty.

If a person finds some degree of comfort in knowing that a person lost life in the line of duty, then you must be a sadist. It is a sadistic thing to conclude that a life lost in the line of duty is something that you can take some degree of pleasure with. You need help.

And I am saying these words today. I am calling this to the attention of people that I don't know, but I know what my staff has reported to me, about persons who lost their lives in the line of duty, and how this number is ticking up, and how many of these lives were lost senselessly.

Madam Speaker, we must respect all life. I believe that we have a responsibility to those that we will never meet and greet, to say to the world that we disapprove of this senseless taking of life as it relates to those in the constabulary. And I am talking about those who are just sitting in a car and someone comes along and takes a life of a person serving in the line of duty.

My uncle was a deputy sheriff. I had great respect for him. I conclude that I am who I am today because of words that my uncle said. My uncle and I were in his police vehicle, and I was asking a lot of questions. And my uncle's words were, "This boy is asking a lot of questions. I think he is going to be a lawyer." I didn't know what a lawyer was, but I respected my uncle's words. And because I had such respect for him at a very young age—I was less than 10 years of age—I concluded that I shall be a lawyer—perhaps not in those words—but I concluded that I would be a lawyer.

So all of my life from that point forward was dedicated to becoming a lawyer because my uncle, the deputy sheriff—well-respected—proclaimed that I would be a lawyer. I thank God that he didn't say, "You know, this boy is asking a lot of questions. I don't think he is going to amount to anything. He doesn't know anything."

A word is not dead when it is said. I remember when my uncle died, deputy sheriff, well-respected. I didn't make it to his funeral. I was in the sky over Louisiana on a plane trying to get there, and we were forced out of the sky by an act of God. Destined to stay overnight in Lafayette, I missed his funeral, and I missed him.

Madam Speaker, I want people to know that we who seek justice for those who have been treated unjustly, we don't do it out of some desire to see justice for one. I do it because I desire to seek justice for all. I know what "in the line of duty" means to people, and I know what my uncle meant to me.

Madam Speaker, today, I tell my dear friends, I stand here in the House