

After returning home from Vietnam, he earned his juris doctorate from St. Louis University, where he met his future wife, Anna.

Bill began his career as a clerk for George Moran of the Fifth Appellate Court District. He soon became an assistant public defender while entering into private practice. Bill's illustrious career of public service began with his election to the Madison County Board. He was then elected to multiple terms as the Madison County State's Attorney and eventually as a State Senator in the 13th District. At the time of Bill's passing just a few weeks ago, he was serving on the Illinois State Board of Elections.

Bill was a member of many civic and religious organizations, including the Knights of Columbus, the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, and the American Legion and VFW.

One of my favorite stories about Senator Haine was when he and his family and his wife, Anna, came to tour Washington, D.C., and I had a chance to take him on the House floor here and on the Senate floor where Bill, who wasn't in the best health when he came, decided to sit down in the Senate, and an overzealous Senate staffer came out and said: "I'm sorry, but that chair is reserved for a Senator." And Bill said: "I'm a Senator."

And I happily reminded that overzealous staffer at the time that it was actually a staff member's chair and Bill was okay sitting there while we showed the glorious splendor of what we get to see every day.

Shannon, my kids, we send our heartfelt prayers to his wife, his seven children, his 38 grandchildren, and his great grandchild.

Bill's commitment to public service was second to none.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF JOE CHAMPLEY

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my best friends in the world, Joe Champley, who was honored as Taylorville Junior High School's Teacher of the Month for September. Joe has over 30 years of experience serving as a teacher, coach, mentor, and friend to so many in our community.

Joe received Taylorville Junior High School's Red Apple Award which honors his outstanding dedication to students and staff. As an instructor, his compassion and care for kids is unmatched, as is his humor. He teaches because he believes teachers can make a difference in kids' lives, and he hopes to lead them down the right path. And I can count countless numbers of kids who have gone through the junior high school that I went to who Joe has helped.

One of his fondest memories is when he introduced the Illinois Secretary of State, Jesse White, and all the students chanted "Champley needs a raise. Champley needs a raise."

Joe graduated from our high school, Taylorville High School, in 1985, after

having an outstanding career in athletics. During Joe's tenure as a three-year starter on the basketball team, the Tornados won an Apollo Conference Championship and a regional championship; and he happens to still be 16th on the all-time Tornados scoring list.

The Taylorville community, my community, is honored to have leaders like Joe Champley. Joe is somebody who has made a difference in so many lives, and he is going to continue to do that for many years to come.

I wish you the best, Joe, my friend.

REBUILDING OF AMERICA BEGINS NOW

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, we feel the wind of history at our back this week and next. This has been a long time coming. Not since the mid-1960s have we had such an opportunity to do so many big, bold, and historic things as we have in front of us right now; things like paid family leave; modernizing and rebuilding our K-12 public schools, tuition-free community college, universal pre-K; and injecting the single biggest investment in our infrastructure in our Nation's history, roads, bridges, rail, replacing water and sewer lines that have been there for over a century, taking out old gas lines that are dangerous, leaded pipes that have literally cost lives.

This is all right in front of us right now, and here in the House, it hangs by perhaps a few votes. Just one or two votes may make the critical difference.

Every single one of these measures I mentioned is popular, every single one. And it is not just Democrats. Sixty-six percent of Americans support the package I just described. That includes 61 percent of Independents, and even 39 percent of Republicans.

The American people get it. They recognize that we must rebuild America, rebuild our infrastructure in terms of our physical infrastructure and the infrastructure of our society.

Now, some might ask, understandably, okay, all these things sound great, but how are you going to pay for it?

Well, in the Ways and Means Committee, we just put our money where our mouth is. We just put up vote after vote to raise taxes on the richest one-tenth of 1 percent; to raise the revenue necessary to fund every single one of the priorities that I just described.

I understand there are those who want to keep things as they are; who don't believe we should invest in our infrastructure; don't believe we should have paid family leave, even though the rest of the industrialized world has it and has for decades; don't believe that we should have funding for child care.

They want to keep the system the way it is. They like the idea that there was just a \$2 trillion tax cut under the previous administration, none of it paid for and, according to CBO, 83 percent of it going to the richest 1 percent. They are fine with that.

But in terms of reforming our tax system to make the richest Americans pay their fair share and to use that money to invest in the American people, they are opposed to that.

Well, I proudly support it. This will be one of the best votes I cast in my career. This is an exciting, truly transformative time in our Nation's history. It is now incumbent upon all of us in the House, all of us in the Senate, to seize this moment. The rebuilding of America begins now.

ISRAEL'S IRON DOME

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, Israel's Iron Dome has saved countless lives from barrages of missiles launched by Hamas.

One would think that the majority would understand this fact and recognize the Iron Dome's significance. However, after caving to the demands of several of their own fringe members yesterday, it is clear they don't have a clue.

Israel has always been a longstanding ally to the United States, and now is not the time to turn our back on Israel.

Madam Speaker, without question, House Republicans are proud to stand with Israel and the Jewish community. Our alliance with them is a testament to our shared values, and it should not be forsaken under any circumstance.

WASHINGTON LIBERALS' PERNICIOUS GRASP

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, there is no issue small enough to escape Washington liberals' pernicious grasp. For one, anonymous bureaucrats demand disgustingly low levels of salt and fat in school lunches even though dieticians acknowledge these ingredients are part of a well-balanced diet.

House Democrats have also passed a bill that would skim the top off workers' paychecks to line the pockets of union bosses, even though those workers are not even union members.

And most recently, Congressional Democrats are pushing a \$3.5 trillion socialist wish list, which the New York Times said "would touch virtually every American's life, from conception to aged infirmity."

While these micromanagers are busy finding new ways to interfere in your personal decisions, dangerous totalitarian nations like China, Russia, and Iran threaten individual liberties and global prosperity. Democrats ought to turn their attention to these existential concerns instead of seeking to impose their agenda on free Americans.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR ANSWERS

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, the American people deserve to know

about the failures that led up to the disastrous Afghanistan withdrawal. This is an issue that cannot be swept under the rug and forgotten. Unfortunately, this administration has already decided to move on and look the other way.

Thirteen patriots lost their lives just a few short weeks ago, and countless Americans who wanted to leave were left behind. The whole world watched this crisis grow, and America's strengths and leadership were called into question by our closest allies. This crisis should have never unfolded the way it did.

Now is the time for answers, Madam Speaker. The American people demand them and the world expects them.

REAL COST OF INFLATION

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, American families are feeling the immense strain that has been caused by President Biden's economic crisis. From the gas pumps to the grocery store, prices for even the most basic commodities are skyrocketing to obscene levels.

The cost of gasoline is up almost 43 percent. The cost of beef is up almost 12 percent. The cost of propane is up almost 23 percent. Even the prices of used cars are up almost 45 percent.

Madam Speaker, increased spending by the Federal Government is not a remedy to solve this crisis, nor is a \$3.5 trillion spending bill that will cripple the American economy even further. Congress must get its fiscal house in order.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from the Virgin Islands (Ms. PLASKETT) for 5 minutes.

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, last week, the Ways and Means Committee on which I sit, along with numerous other committees in this House, moved forward toward completing our work to achieve President Biden's and the American people's vision to build back better.

The legislation contains economic development initiatives that I have long championed to create good-paying jobs, while lowering costs and cutting taxes for American families, not American wealthy. This is the kind of legislation that makes America great. This is the kind of legislation that assures the American people that we have not abandoned them in their time of need. To remain the greatest Nation, we must support the most vulnerable portion of America.

Importantly, for my district, this bill contains specific measures for the much-needed economic recovery of the U.S. territories, which have been severely tried in recent years. It fixes longstanding fiscal cliffs related to rebate on Federal excise taxes on distilled spirits production in the territories, our rum cover over. The cover over has been a part of the funda-

mental tax relationship between the United States and its island territories before there was even an income tax. This bill would repeal the cap that has been imposed on the program since 1984.

In addition, we are continuing to expand the federally funded Child Tax Credit, including reimbursing the Islands' government who pay out the costs for providing the credit. The credit, as expanded in the American Rescue Plan, would be continued for additional 4 years.

This child tax cut has cut child poverty by 50 percent, 50 percent. Cutting child poverty by the child tax cut makes economic sense.

Under the Annie E. Casey Foundation study, America has lost \$500 billion a year in lost production due to children who have lived in poverty most of their life because of hunger, leading to loss of jobs, school dropouts, prison, all of these things will now have a way for these children to come out.

Furthermore, we are extending the changes made to the Earned Income Tax Credit in the American Rescue Plan. We increase the value of the Earned Income Tax Credit for workers with no qualifying dependents, and we do that on a permanent basis in Build Back Better.

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In addition, we are providing lookback provisions that are necessary for individuals. This important part of the earned income tax credit is premised on the idea that if a taxpayer's earned income was less in a given year than it is in the prior year, the taxpayer may elect to use their prior year's earned income in computing the EITC. That is, this is a 1-year lookback. This will provide stability to taxpayers who have experienced economic shocks in any given year, the same way we do for businesses.

This legislation provides much-needed relief to the U.S. territories from the GILTI tax that was supposed to apply to foreign jurisdictions. Since 2017, there have been significant concerns about the application of the GILTI tax to sovereign territories of the United States, including the U.S. Virgin Islands as well as the other territories, flowing from the treatment of U.S. territories under the Internal Revenue Code.

I am pleased to see the additional accommodations to smaller-sized businesses and the economic activity that will allow jobs and incomes to flourish. For these employers, the possessions wage credit would be increased from 20 percent to 50 percent of eligible possessions wages and allocable fringe benefits for each employee. With these enhanced credits, the Ways and Means Committee acted to provide relief to service-based economies.

I am also excited about the proactive support for disaster resilience. We are providing tools to mitigate the impact

of natural disasters by providing incentives for upfront investments.

We are providing strong incentives to attract capital and promote jobs in communities that need it the most, significant resources for rural areas, Tribal communities, and underserved minority communities.

We have affordable housing to help reduce housing inequality and pathways to homeownership, which is about wealth creation in this country.

Democrats have heard the needs and desires of the American people, all American people—Democrats, Republicans, independents, rural, urban, small town, islands even. We are here to help you.

BIDEN'S BORDER CRISIS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the crisis along our southwest border during the ongoing public health emergency.

Last year, the Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General released a report titled "DHS Needs to Enhance Its COVID-19 Response at the Southwest Border." The DHS OIG findings highlight what Republicans have been saying for 7 months, that U.S. Customs and Border Protection does not conduct COVID-19 testing for migrants who enter CBP custody and is not required to do so.

Further, the report notes that without stronger COVID-19 prevention measures in place, DHS is putting its workforce, support staff, border communities, and all communities and migrants at greater risk of contracting the virus.

It is our responsibility in Congress to ensure that our frontline workforce, including the brave men and women of CBP, who put their lives on the line daily, are adequately protected.

More than 6 months ago, I introduced my first piece of legislation, the REACT Act, which would require the Department of Homeland Security to test all migrants illegally crossing our border who they plan to release into our communities. In March, I offered to bring the REACT Act to the floor for a vote, but it was rejected by the majority.

Simultaneously, we are seeing the majority prepare to spend \$3.5 trillion, mortgaging our children's and grandchildren's futures.

Let's be clear that none of the money in this tax-and-spend package would go to CBP. This is while the DHS OIG heard from CBP officials that they do not have the necessary resources to conduct COVID-19 testing. Yet, many on the other side remain unconcerned about the lack of testing along our southern border.

In August, more than 208,000 migrants were encountered along the southwest border. This means each day