

That is why the Committee on Oversight and Reform approved nearly \$12 billion to transition the postal fleet and GSA fleets to electric vehicles and to charge them at post offices across the country.

This funding will help purchase more than 300,000 electric vehicles and the devices needed to charge them, making the United States a leader on climate change and building an environmentally friendly fleet of the future.

I urge my colleagues to support the Build Back Better Act and its robust funding for electric vehicles.

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ADDRESSING THE CALIFORNIA DROUGHT CRISIS

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

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to again request an urgent response to the California drought crisis.

Members of Congress have been back in Washington for legislative business for over one week, and still, my colleagues in the majority refuse to take up this issue.

My legislation, the NEED Water Act and the RENEW WIIN ACT, are critical steps to addressing California's ongoing drought and the water shortages farmers and communities continually face in the State.

Water is the top issue for many families in my district. Securing this vital resource for our farmers and ensuring communities have a clean, reliable source of water has always been a priority of mine in Congress.

It is disappointing that the House majority does not share my priority of taking care of families in rural California and supporting farmers that feed our entire Nation.

I implore my colleagues to step across the aisle to work with me to address the suffering of families and farmers in California. Communities in my district and across the State urgently need our help.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ANITA DORR TO EMERGENCY NURSING

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to mark National Emergency Nurses Week and to honor the contributions of Anita Dorr.

Anita was an emergency room nurse at the Erie County Medical Center in Buffalo, New York. She observed that emergency rooms could do better in the many types of crises coming through emergency room doors.

She developed the crash cart, which has drawers that contain defibrillators, life-supporting drugs, and other essen-

tial items for crisis care. The crash cart is now universally used in medical settings around the world and has saved countless lives.

Anita also cofounded the Emergency Nurses Association to advocate for nurses and support their training across America.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring emergency nurses as well as Anita Dorr's lasting contributions to the medical field and to my community.

CRISIS AT THE BORDER

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

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, last week during a Committee on Homeland Security hearing, Secretary Mayorkas testified, and he stated on numerous occasions that our border is secure.

Even as encounters of migrants reached historic levels and the amount of narcotics being smuggled across our border soar, Secretary Mayorkas and the Biden administration refuse to admit there is a problem.

The border crisis is fueled by the President's actions, such as his decision to stop building the wall; his decision to cancel successful Trump immigration policies; and his decision to signal that amnesty will be provided to those who come here illegally.

Former Secretary of State Colin Powell had a policy known as the Pottery Barn rule, which was, in short, "You break it, you own it."

The Biden administration has created this crisis, and now it is time for the President to own the consequences of his actions.

HONORING OUR BRAVE SERVICEMEMBERS

(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, I rise today to remember our 13 fallen servicemembers who made the ultimate sacrifice to save the lives of Americans and our allies in Afghanistan.

These brave men and women—including southern California marines Lance Corporal Dylan Merola, Lance Corporal Kareem Nikoui, and Corporal Hunter Lopez—were young, many in their 20s and incredibly brave, valiantly putting their lives on the line for others.

Their valiant efforts, courage, and heroism in the face of danger will never be forgotten.

We remember their names and their stories always, and we rally with our new Gold Star families.

My heart is also with our wounded soldiers, including Marine Corporal David Nick Traylor from La Habra in my 39th Congressional District. Thankfully, he is safe and is in good care. I

am praying for safety for them and their loved ones.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MAJOR GENERAL ROBERT T. HERBERT

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

Mr. AMODEI. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life and memory of my friend, Major General Robert T. Herbert, of the Nevada Army National Guard.

An adopted Nevadan, Bob began a 42-year career in the U.S. Army in 1975 at the age of 18. After serving along the East-West German border, Bob moved to Nevada as a test pilot at the age of 25. Later in his career, Bob served as senior policy adviser and director of appropriations for Senator Harry Reid, from 2001 to 2017.

Bob loved anything with a loud engine, having accrued more than 7,000 flight hours as a pilot of both fixed and rotary-wing aircraft. He loved to ride his collection of motorcycles, took great pride in his customized truck, and was in the process of rebuilding a Pontiac Firebird.

Both as a civilian and a soldier, Bob was respected and admired by anyone he interacted with, myself included. Simply put, Bob Herbert was an all-American consensus at everything he tried.

I offer my condolences to his wife, Karen, his parents and family, and anyone else who was lucky enough to call him a friend, including you, Madam Speaker. We will miss you, General.

TREMENDOUS ACHIEVEMENTS OF LIEUTENANT PATRICIA BROWN AND SENIOR DEPUTY SHERIFF PAUL SHIFFER

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

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight the tremendous achievements of two law enforcement officers in Stephens County, Georgia.

Deputy Sheriff Lieutenant Patricia "Pat" Brown recently reached her 30-year tenure with the Stephens County Sheriff's Office. After serving in the field for many years, Lieutenant Brown now diligently leads the records division and continues to display exceptional service to her community.

Senior Deputy Sheriff Paul Shiffer reached his 50-year tenure this past year. Yes, I said 50 years of law enforcement service. And he continues to faithfully serve as head of the civil division. Whether he is working extra hours or using his personal time to custom make Christmas ornaments for each employee, Senior Deputy Shiffer has gone above and beyond to serve his community for half a century.

The good folks of Stephens County are fortunate to have Deputies Brown

and Shiffer, and I congratulate them both for their devoted service to the Ninth District.

OPEN BORDERS AND AMNESTY IS THE END OF AMERICA

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

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, the Biden administration intentionally opened our southern border and empowered drug cartels and human traffickers to flood illegal immigrants into our country with no vetting and no COVID testing or vaccine requirements.

Secretary Mayorkas admitted on Friday that the 12,000 Haitian migrants in Del Rio, Texas, who were released into the U.S., were not tested for COVID or subject to any vaccine mandates.

President Biden and Secretary Blinken promised rigorous vetting for the Afghan nationals they flew into our country, but so far we have seen several arrested for sexually assaulting children and assaulting a female servicemember while on U.S. soil.

This is outrageous.

The Biden administration has a double standard, treating American citizens worse than foreign nationals.

This is what it means to put America last.

Instead of addressing the root cause of Biden's border crisis, House Democrats are now ramming through President Biden's reckless \$4.3 trillion socialist agenda, which includes amnesty and free college for illegal immigrants.

Americans want secure borders and sound immigration. Open borders and amnesty is the end of America.

AMERICA'S DEBT IS BEING AUCTIONED

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

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, the Ways and Means Committee went in last Saturday to mark up a \$3.5 trillion spending bill, and when they got done, they had a \$4.3 trillion spending bill.

I don't know exactly how that happened, but I might have a suggestion on how it could have possibly happened.

I am at a trillion. Now two, two trillion. Now three. Are you able to buy \$3 trillion down here? Now 3½. What do you go for? 3½, 3½. Now 4. Oh, 3½, now 4. At last call, 3½. Oh, 4 trillion, 4-1, 4-1, 4.1, now 2. You can afford 2. 4.2. Now 3. \$4.2 trillion, and I have sold it for \$4.3 trillion.

You know, Madam Speaker, Missourian Harry Truman said, when you get elected to Congress, you spend your first 6 months up here thinking, wow, how did I ever get here? And then you spend the whole rest of your career thinking, how did some of these other people get here?

If you have watched the boondoggle on the floor this week, you know exactly what I mean.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 1301, PROMOTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR AMERICANS ACT

Mr. MCGOVERN, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 117-133) on the resolution (H. Res. 688) providing for consideration of the bill (S. 1301) to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity recommendations for Americans, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 1301, PROMOTING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY FOR AMERICANS ACT

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 688 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 688

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House bill (S. 1301) to provide for the publication by the Secretary of Health and Human Services of physical activity recommendations for Americans. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. An amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117-16 shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to commit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. TITUS). The gentleman from Massachusetts is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, today the Rules Committee met and reported a rule, House Resolution 688, providing for consideration of S. 1301

under a closed rule. The rule self-executes an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 117-16, temporarily extending the public debt limit.

The rule provides one hour of debate, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees. Finally, the rule provides one motion to commit.

Madam Speaker, having just sat through a Rules Committee meeting, it is a pleasant surprise that the Republicans have now rediscovered the issue of the debt. Wow.

Where the hell were you for the past 4 years?

Where was your concern when you all passed the tax cut bill for the wealthy and big corporations that CBO projected would add \$1.9 trillion to the deficit? That is trillion with a T. And that is even after taking into account any effects from economic growth.

Give me a break.

Madam Speaker, the question before us today is this: Will the United States of America pay its bills?

I wish that were hyperbole.

We always have. The United States has never defaulted. Never, ever defaulted, not once.

But the actions of my friends on the other side have made the world seriously wonder about the full faith and credit of this Nation.

Raising the debt ceiling has traditionally been something that both parties have agreed to, no matter who controlled Congress or who sat in the White House.

I have been in Congress more than 20 years now. I voted to raise the debt ceiling when I was in the majority, and I voted to raise the debt ceiling when I was in the minority. I voted to raise it under Democratic Presidents and Republican Presidents, and I cast those votes even when I vehemently disagreed with our spending decisions.

I opposed the Republican tax cut for the wealthy and large corporations that passed under the last administration. I still think it is awful, awful policy; but I still, nevertheless, voted to raise the debt ceiling under the prior administration because regardless whether we win or lose on policy here, defaulting on our debt would lead to economic catastrophe on a global scale.

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Unemployment would rise; the stock market would crater; interest rates would skyrocket; imports would become more expensive; and inflation would increase.

We are not talking about a scenario that only impacts wealthy investors or large corporations. Every single American would be hurt, everyone with a pension or a retirement account, everyone with a small business, everyone with a car or home loan, and everyone who walks into a store, whether they are buying groceries or the latest