

shift to green energy, all while creating good-paying jobs in communities like mine.

In North Carolina, more than 3,000 miles of highway and 1,400 bridges need repair. The average driver spends \$500 a year on vehicle maintenance costs, thanks to this rundown infrastructure.

More than 400,000 North Carolina residents lack adequate access to internet. This bill expands broadband access, helping to ensure that everyone has the tools they need to stay connected and participate fully in school and in remote work.

All these investments create good-paying jobs, spurring economic development, and catapulting our Nation into the 21st century.

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

#### ABORTION ON DEMAND BILL

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

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, last week, I voted in opposition to one of the most radical attacks on the unborn that Congress has ever seen.

H.R. 3755, the abortion on demand bill would create a dangerous national standard that would allow the execution of innocents solely because of their race, sex, or disability.

Our Nation denounces those who devalue life. We condemn China and North Korea for their human rights abuses, and yet, we must reconcile with the fact that some of our Nation's leaders are devaluing the life of American babies.

It is simple. Abortion is murder, and murder is wrong. "Thou shalt not kill" is not a statement to reject for the sake of politics.

As a Catholic and a father, I will always defend the unborn. As a conservative Congressman, I will continue fighting to keep taxpayer dollars from being used to fund these violent procedures.

May God have mercy on us all.

#### CLIMATE CHANGE AND SOCIAL PROGRAMS

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

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, the Build Back Better Act is historic, but I want to focus on two of its most important programs: climate change and much-needed social programs.

First, climate change, the most important issue facing the entire world, without exception. The U.S. can double its impact—reducing carbon emissions 50 percent while creating 2 million jobs annually over the next 10 years in clean technologies.

And the Build Back Better social programs respond to needs Americans have long prioritized. Among them,

childcare and lower costs for Medicare and college tuition.

Build Back Better pays over the long run with investments for reducing fast-rising climate change issues and pays right now with investments in much-needed social programs.

#### EROSION MITIGATION

(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, I just want to point out to the American public and my colleagues in this Chamber and the U.S. Forest Service, the extreme importance of all the fire devastation we have had in Northern California and the need to immediately get upon the effort to cover up the erosion that we are going to have there.

We need to mitigate the erosion that has a great potential to be there. This fire here, the Dixie fire—currently almost put out—has reached, finally, nearly a million acres, on top of the fire last year and another 2 years before that.

We have over 1.5 million acres that have burned and are now a repository for ash and erosion that is going to affect what is known as the Feather River watershed, an extremely important watershed to the California State Water Project whose customers number about 25 million people in California, as well as much of agriculture.

We need that erosion control to happen immediately, especially on the heels of the Beckwourth fire, the Dixie fire, so that we don't have our streams, our rivers, our lakes, plugged up with ash, with soil that makes it impossible for our water supply this coming year to be delivered to people in agriculture.

#### PRIORITIZE PANDEMIC PREPAREDNESS

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

Mr. TORRES of New York. Mr. Speaker, one of the central values of the Build Back Better Act is pandemic preparedness.

COVID-19 has left a death toll of more than 600,000 Americans and a cost of \$16 trillion. If the cataclysm of COVID-19 cannot move our country to prioritize pandemic preparedness, then nothing will.

A wise person once said, Those who fail to learn from history are doomed to repeat it. And if we fail to pass the Build Back Better Act, we are in danger of reliving a history whose repeat we cannot afford.

The Build Back Better Act would enable the United States to develop and distribute vaccines within a few months of a new pandemic threat. It would enable the United States to develop vaccines not only for particular viruses but whole families of viruses

with pandemic potential. It would shore up domestic manufacturing of critical supplies so that we are no longer at the mercy of a fragile global supply chain.

We have the resources to prevent the next pandemic. The only question that remains is do we have the political will to Build Back Better.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow for morning-hour debate and noon for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 6 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, September 30, 2021, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-2250. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPO); Amendment [Docket ID: DoD-2020-OS-0045] (RIN: 0790-AL41) received September 20, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-2251. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final priorities — Effective Educator Development Division [Docket ID: ED-2021-OESE-0045] received August 20, 2021, 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 Labor.

EC-2252. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Services, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's Major final requirements — American Rescue Plan Act Homeless Children and Youth Program (RIN: 1801-AA24) received August 20, 2021, 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 Labor.

EC-2253. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Services, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final priority and definition — Teacher and School Leader Incentive (TSL) Program [Docket ID: ED-2020-OESE-0199] received August 20, 2021, 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 Labor.

EC-2254. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Services, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final priorities and requirement — Innovative Approaches to Literacy [Docket ID ED-2021-OESE-0036] received August 20, 2021, 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 Labor.

EC-2255. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, Division of Regulatory Services, Office of General Counsel, Department

of Education, transmitting the Department's Major rule — Total and Permanent Disability Discharge of Loans Under Title IV of the Higher Education Act [Docket ID ED-2019-FSA-0115] (RIN: 1840-AD48) received September 23, 2021, 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 Labor.

EC-2256. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Measuring, Evaluating, and Reporting Radioactive Material in Liquid and Gaseous Effluents and Solid Waste [Regulatory Guide RG 1.21, Revision 3] received September 20, 2021, 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-2257. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's issuance of Regulatory Guide — Measuring, Evaluating, and Reporting Radioactive Material in Liquid and Gaseous Effluents and Solid Waste (RG 1.21, Revision 3) received September 27, 2021, 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-2258. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Operator Licensing Examinations Standards for Power Reactors, Revision 12 received September 22, 2021, 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-2259. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Use of Firm-Fixed-Price Contracts for Foreign Military Sales (DFARS Case 2021-D019) [Docket: DARS-2021-0016] (RIN: 0750-AL37) received September 20, 2021, 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-2260. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Improved Energy Security for Main Operating Bases in Europe (DFARS Case 2020-D030) [Docket: DARS-2020-0039] (RIN: 0750-AL15) received September 20, 2021, 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-2261. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustment [Docket ID: DOD-2016-OS-0045] (RIN: 0790-AL18) received September 20, 2021, 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-2262. A letter from the Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, USCIS Office of Policy and Strategy, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — International Entrepreneur Program: Automatic Increase of Investment and Revenue Amount Requirements [CIS No.: 2699-21; DHS Docket No.: USCIS-2021-0018] (RIN: 1615-AC75) received September 20, 2021, 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-2263. A letter from the Chief, Regulatory Coordination Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the De-

partment's temporary final rule — Asylum Interview Interpreter Requirement Modification Due to COVID-19 [CIS No.: 2671-20; DHS Docket No.: USCIS-2020-0017] (RIN: 1615-AC59) received September 23, 2021, 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-2264. A letter from the Chairman, Surface Transportation Board, transmitting the Board's final rule — Fees for Services Performed in Connection With Licensing and Related Services-2021 Update [Docket No.: EP 542 (Sub-No. 29)] received September 20, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2265. A letter from the Vice President, River and Resources Stewardship, Natural Resources, Tennessee Valley Authority, transmitting the Authority's final rule — Floating Cabins (RIN: 3316-AA24) received September 20, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-2266. A letter from the Regulation Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of General Counsel (00REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's Major interim final rule — Presumptive Service Connection for Respiratory Conditions Due to Exposure to Particulate Matter (RIN: 2900-AR25) received September 20, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2267. A letter from the Regulation Development Coordinator, Office of Regulation Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel (00REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Veterans Care Agreements (RIN: 2900-AQ45) received September 20, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2268. A letter from the Regulation Development Coordinator, Office of Regulations Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel (00REG), Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Extension of the Presumptive Period for Compensation for Persian Gulf War Veterans (RIN: 2900-AR22) received September 20, 2021, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-2269. A letter from the Director, Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's temporary regulations — Recapture of Excess Employment Tax Credits under the American Relief Plan Act of 2021 [TD 9935] (RIN: 1545-BQ09) received September 23, 2021, 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-2270. A letter from the Director, Legal Processing Division, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB Only rule — Guidance on the Employee Retention Credit under Section 3134 of the Code and on Miscellaneous Issues Related to the Employee Retention Credit (Notice 2021-49) received August 23, 2021, 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.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk

for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. MCGOVERN: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 688. Resolution 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 (Rept. 117-133). Referred to the House Calendar.

#### 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 Mr. GOSAR:

H.R. 5409. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the Pleasant Valley Ranger District Administrative Site to Gila County, Arizona; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCGOVERN (for himself, Mr. MELJER, Mr. DEFAZIO, Ms. MACE, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, and Mr. LIEU):

H.R. 5410. A bill to provide for clarification and limitations with respect to the exercise of national security powers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Rules, 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. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself, Mr. PHILLIPS, and Mr. WEBER of Texas):

H.R. 5411. A bill to hold the salaries of senior government officials in escrow and prohibit the use of official funds for travel by such officials if each of the regular appropriation bills for a fiscal year prior has not been enacted into law by the beginning of the fiscal year, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, House Administration, Rules, and 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. SCHIFF:

H.R. 5412. A bill to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select).

By Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself, Mr. TURNER, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. NOR-TON, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. COHEN, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. ESPAILLANT, Mr. KILMER, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. SRES, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. TONKO, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. NEGUSE):

H.R. 5413. A bill to codify the existing Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program of the National Park Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself and Ms. CASTOR of Florida):

H.R. 5414. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure that children in foster care who are placed in a qualified residential treatment program are eligible