

We need to abandon this reckless spending and come together in a bipartisan way and put together a commonsense 2022 budget plan before we burden our children and grandchildren with further debt.

HEATING BILLS JUMP

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, winter is right around the corner and households could see their heating bills jump 54 percent. While some of this can be attributed to our supply chain issues, the administration's spending addiction coupled with their anti-American energy policies aren't helping.

At every turn, the Biden administration has hindered domestic energy production. They halted construction on the Keystone XL pipeline, costing jobs in my home State of Arkansas and throughout the Midwest. They halted new oil and gas leasing on U.S. lands and waters, costing 1 million American jobs in the near term. Now they are pushing a heat-your-home tax in their tax-and-spending spree.

Mr. Speaker, the holidays are around the corner and Americans will unfortunately bear the burden of President Biden's ill-conceived, anti-American energy policies.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the administration to end their war on American jobs and our energy independence.

RECOGNIZING 2021 ARKANSAS HISTORY TEACHER OF THE YEAR KRISTY BRASFIELD

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize Kristy Brasfield, the 2021 Arkansas History Teacher of the Year.

Mrs. Brasfield earned her bachelor and master's degree in education from Arkansas State University at Jonesboro and is currently working on her doctorate.

Currently, Mrs. Brasfield teaches U.S. history and English IV at the Joe T. Robinson High School in Pulaski County.

To those who know her, this award is no surprise. Her hard work and dedication have been previously rewarded, winning the 2019 Arkansas Council for Social Studies 9 through 12 Teacher of the Year and the 2016 Rotary Educator of the Year.

Mrs. Brasfield, on behalf of all the parents in central Arkansas, I thank you for your hard work, your dedication to your students, and congratulate you on this meaningful award.

RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT OF JULIA GAFFNEY

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievement of Julia Gaffney of Mayflower, Arkansas. This summer she won the bronze medal in the 400 meter freestyle and the bronze medal in the 100 meter backstroke at the Tokyo Paralympics.

Julia has been swimming competitively since 2015, and quickly has made a name for herself. This year was her first Paralympic appearance, and it was an awe-inspiring achievement.

Julia's path to being a Paralympic medalist was unlike any other. After a setback in this year's games, she said: I had to move on, and I am so happy

that I was able to bounce back and earn a bronze for Team USA.

I admire Julia's courage and determination, which are the characteristics that led her to that Paralympic podium. Julia, you make Mayflower and all of central Arkansas proud.

FULLER & SON HARDWARE MARKS 100 YEARS OF BUSINESS

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable accomplishment of Fuller & Son Hardware for marking 100 years of business in central Arkansas.

Fuller & Son Hardware originally started as a feed store operated by Walter "Pop" Fuller at the corner of 28th and Arch Streets in Little Rock in 1921.

Over the past 100 years, Fuller & Son Hardware has weathered the storm of change. They have expanded to include hardware and added five locations in central Arkansas. They are now launching an online shopping option. All that by remaining closed on Sundays. The founder said, "Some money just costs too much."

Congratulations on the centennial for Fuller & Son Hardware.

TURKEY DAY TAX HIKE

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, this Thanksgiving will be the most expensive on record, and Americans have the Biden administration to thank.

Put yourself in the shoes of hard-working families across America. Every morning they wake up and leave for work. The moment their feet touch the ground outside, inflation is already reaching for their wallets. They turn on their cars and head to the gas station where inflation is ready and waiting for them. At the grocery store, inflation is lurking within the aisles.

It is a sobering reality for so many working families, and people are rightfully angry. I share their anger.

Mr. Speaker, consider what these working families are thinking as Thanksgiving approaches. Will they be able to afford President Biden's turkey tax on Thanksgiving dinner? Will they even be able to get themselves to the grocery store in time before the shelves are empty? Will they even be able to get to the grocery store at all because of rising gas prices?

Consider this: Thanksgiving dinner this year is estimated to cost 4 to 5 percent more for American families, and that is assuming they will be able to put food on the table.

Just this morning I did an interview with a local radio station in the Fifth District. The host remarked to me that under the Biden administration we are going to have to get used to empty shelves and rising prices. I take great issue with where the direction of this country is headed under this administration.

Americans have been told to "lower their expectations" and to get used to

doing with less. No, we won't. This is America, and we do not settle for less. We are better than meeting meager expectations, lowering the bar, and expecting less. That is just not who we are as a country, and it certainly is not who we are as a people.

Let's not forget that this administration touted an alleged savings of 16 cents for family barbecues over the Independence Day weekend earlier this year. Nobody took that claim seriously then, and it certainly does not hold up now.

From President Biden's turkey tax to rising gas prices, empty store shelves to rising costs of heating homes during the winter, everyone is feeling the squeeze of inflation. This is not a high-class problem by any stretch of the imagination.

Since President Biden took office, we have watched every month as inflation has ravaged the country. What is this administration thinking? Is it so blind to the fact that families and hard-working Americans are struggling to make ends meet?

Mr. Speaker, the holiday season is on the horizon and Americans are more concerned than ever. With Thanksgiving dinner and everyday commodities becoming out of reach now, Christmas dinner will cost Americans an arm and a leg. This is downright shameful.

DECONGEST AMERICA'S PORTS

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

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer a solution to decongest America's ports, revive America's supply chain, and get Americans back to work.

In the past few months, we have learned the hard way that congested ports create a real interstate commerce and supply chain problem. Families are waiting 6 months for working refrigerators, farmers are waiting 2 months or more for a simple part to fix their equipment, and manufacturing companies are waiting 5 to 6 times longer for electronic components.

Well, people are tired of watching their paid-for, necessary goods sit on our ships off our coasts. The Biden administration is not doing anything about it.

Today, I introduced the Truckers Responding at National Shipping Ports Overcoming Retail Turmoil Act, requiring the Secretary of Transportation to establish a grant program for motor carriers and motor private carriers to relieve congested ports during a national state of emergency or when ports are congested at 50 percent or more.

My bill would empower the Secretary of Transportation to issue Federal grants from unused relief dollars to truckers or distributors to transport goods from a port of entry to a destination point.

Additionally, my bill would temporarily waive State-operating standards, should those standards be more stringent than the Federal standard. For example, my bill would allow Kansas farmers and truckers to operate their U.S. Department of Transportation compliant trucks in California, a State that otherwise restricts trucks older than 2011 from entering the State, to help relieve the ports and transport goods across this country.

Temporarily waiving State requirements is a small price to pay for a strong supply chain, fully stocked shelves in grocery stores, and employed transportation workers.

Congested ports have far-reaching implications beyond the States in which they exist, and it is unconscionable to let the American people suffer because of the unwillingness to solve a problem that impacts us all.

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IRS OVERREACH

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to defend the American public from the worst sort of Federal Government overreach, that which involves their private bank accounts.

President Biden's proposal to give the IRS unprecedented access to Americans' bank accounts would pose hefty compliance burdens on community banks and credit unions, hamper the ability for individuals to access capital, and entrench the Federal Government even further into our everyday lives, decaying freedom and eroding personal liberty.

This is wrong for America, and I stand and will continue to stand in opposition to this indefensible and wasteful proposal to invade the privacy of nearly every American.

RECOGNIZING BRYCEN GULICK

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank Brycen Gulick for his service to me, my office, and Kansans throughout the Big First District.

During his time in my office, Brycen has shown himself to be kind, creative, and joyful. I most admire his loyalty, always yearning to be a part of our team, and his adaptability and willingness to step outside of his comfort zone.

God continually puts open and closed doors in front of all of us, and the wise man asks God to speak and direct his steps as he walks through life. I am proud to have had Brycen on my team, and I pray that the Lord would help him blossom in his next adventure.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Brycen for his service.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Native

American Heritage Month and to honor the 35th anniversary of the Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition, a private nonprofit organization in Nebraska.

The Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition provides community healthcare and services targeting the urban American Indian and Alaska Native population in the greater Omaha metropolitan area, Lincoln area, and Sioux City, Iowa, since 1986. Their rehabilitative healthcare services and their diabetes self-management program are nationally recognized. Currently, they are led by their CEO, Dr. Donna Polk.

Donna Lee Mays was raised by her father after her mother was hit and killed by a drunk driver on Christmas Day in 1949 at the age of 23. Dr. Polk was only 7 years old. Dr. Polk credits her grandmother, Annie Lee Mays, as one of her inspirations because of her spirituality and wisdom.

Dr. Polk firmly believes in having vision and that you have to be able to see how things can be. If you don't, Mr. Speaker, you don't work to effect change.

Between 1972 to 1985, Dr. Polk served as an affirmative action and equal opportunity officer at the State of Nebraska. She volunteered in the Nebraska corrections system for 26 years and starred in her own TV show called "Frankly Female," a show for and about women.

Dr. Polk earned her bachelor's degree in university studies, her master's in counseling psychology, and a doctorate in administration, instruction, and curriculum, all from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. In addition, she is a published author. She wrote her book, "Black Men and Women of Nebraska," in 1981 to shine the light on prominent African-American individuals in our State.

She joined the Urban Indian Health Coalition in 1991, running the counseling program for women. She leads a team of over 40 employees that offer services such as inpatient and outpatient substance abuse, transitional living, alcohol and drug recovery, healthcare services, and transportation to their facilities. Dr. Polk takes great pride in the community programs—Project Upstream, the Tired Moccasins Elders Program, and the Elder's Program—which help Native youth and families overcome socioeconomic disparities and provide meals, educational opportunities, and even extracurricular activities for all ages. Dr. Polk is thrilled about the inauguration of their new headquarters scheduled to open in the spring of 2022.

In recognizing the Nebraska Urban Indian Health Coalition, we shine a spotlight on 35 years of helping elevate the health status and disparities of urban Indians and other underserved populations in Nebraska and Iowa through education, collaboration, advocacy, and health service delivery.

Congratulations to Dr. Polk and her team for 35 years of excellence and serving our great community.

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS WILL LEVEL THE PLAYING FIELD

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

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, this infrastructure bill is about two things. This is about putting money in the pockets of the American people who have had a rough go for the last 40 years, and this is about taking on China.

Now, we have seen in the last couple of weeks CEO pay since the 1970s has gone up 1,300 percent. We have seen that 10 percent of the wealthiest people in this country own 90 percent of the stocks. So this bill is about: How do we get money in the pockets of people?

Universal preschool—that is 1 year less of childcare that a family has to pay—that is money in their pockets. Capping childcare at 7 percent of your income, Mr. Speaker, that is money in their pockets. Helping seniors with glasses or hearing aids, that is money in their pockets. A tax cut finally for working people, not for the top 1 percent but for families, that is money in their pockets.

If we don't recognize in this Chamber and down the hall that China is a looming threat—not even looming, they are here. Semiconductors, they outmanufacture us; electric vehicles, they outmanufacture us; communications equipment, they outmanufacture us; pharmaceuticals, our seniors get their pharmaceuticals from China.

When are we going to wake up? When are we going to have the guts to level the playing field and the guts to take on China and the guts to do what is right so our kids and grandkids can thrive in the United States?

We have to make these investments. We have to make them now. Washington has to wake up, or the next bill we are going to have to pass is Mandarin in all our schools because the game is going to be over.

HONORING DICK ANTOINE

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

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dick Antoine, a wonderful man and beloved local radio personality in my hometown of Hot Springs.

Dick served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam war, and in 2018, he retired from his daily talk radio program, "Talk of the Town," where he informed and entertained his faithful listeners for 31 years.

Dick is not only known for his insightful interviews and witty commentary but also his leadership. A few of his many projects included the Veterans Memorial of Garland County,