

is my duty to ensure that our voices are heard in Congress. As your Representative, you have my commitment that my door will always be open to those seeking to make the Central Valley a better place. I look forward to serving with you.

Madam Speaker, I close my remarks with a local colloquial saying: Go Dogs, Win the Mountain West.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. In light of the administration of the oath to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. CONWAY), the whole number of the House is now 429.

#### AMERICAN SOLAR

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, the Biden administration abandoning tariffs on imported solar companies is terrible.

What is the administration's strategy to protect American companies and American workers who are going to be harmed?

First Solar and Solar Toledo, Ohio, two companies whose products are unrivaled anywhere on Earth, are at risk with thousands of workers' jobs on the line.

These firms employ hardworking Ohioans earning living wages that support themselves and their families, and it is unacceptable to allow China to lay waste to American industries. China has violated the rules and tilted the playing field in its favor. Our workers are sick of it.

I have introduced a bill to create an office of manufacturing within the White House to champion good jobs in the USA. This bipartisan bill would ensure there is an explicit, long-term plan to grow American manufacturing industries and unleash our full manufacturing potential.

Domestic manufacturing is the backbone of our region's middle class, and it is time the Federal Government recognizes it.

Enough is enough. Let America's workers succeed.

#### HONORING DR. JAMES EMMETT "JIMMY" DUCEY, SR., D.V.M.

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of Dr. James Emmett "Jimmy" Ducey, Sr., a veteran, a veterinarian, and an exceptional Georgian.

Jimmy was born in Savannah in 1934, the youngest of four children, and spent his entire youth in the State of Georgia. He then went on to graduate from Savannah High School and at-

tended the University of Georgia where he earned his doctorate in veterinarian medicine.

In 1959 Jimmy and his wife moved to Fort Hood, Texas, where Jimmy served in the U.S. Army as a veterinarian. In 1960, Jimmy returned to Savannah and took over his father's veterinarian practice where he continued to serve his community for 60 years.

Jimmy eventually retired from the Army, achieving the rank of major. Jimmy founded and coached the Wilmington Island Cardinals baseball, soccer, and football teams, winning multiple city championships in soccer.

Thankfully, Jimmy was able to see the University of Georgia win their third national championship before his passing.

A loving father and husband, a veterinarian, a veteran, and fellow Georgia sports fan, Jimmy is sure to be missed.

#### BOOSTING SCIENCE-BASED CONSERVATION EFFORTS

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

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, our Nation's populations of fish and wildlife are dwindling. To save threatened and endangered species, we need the bipartisan Recovering America's Wildlife Act which will boost science-based conservation efforts.

The United Nations has warned the world that human actions will continue to drive plant and animal species to extinction if we do not act. In my home State of California, native species have declined by 20 percent, and over 600 species risk extinction.

As a member of the House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee, I have learned from scientists and advocacy groups that we need dedicated funding to recover and sustain healthy populations of threatened and endangered species.

Importantly, protecting these species is good for our economy. Wildlife-focused recreation generates \$140 billion annually. The Recovering America's Wildlife Act will sustain biodiversity, create jobs, and protect our planet.

#### FLAG DAY AND THE U.S. ARMY'S 247TH BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today is Flag Day and the U.S. Army's 247th birthday.

Every year on June 14 we celebrate our Stars and Stripes. We celebrate on June 14 because on this day in 1777 the Continental Congress approved the design for our first flag.

Over the years our flag has been changed to reflect the growth of our Nation, but one thing remains the same: It will always stand for freedom.

Our flag is a glorious symbol of hope for our brave servicemen and -women who salute it, defend it, serve it, and, in some cases, die to protect our freedom and liberty.

Today is also the U.S. Army's birthday. For the last 247 years, our servicemembers have been defending freedom at home and abroad.

Today, our Nation celebrates our Army and our flag, which symbolize both America being the land of the free and the home of the brave.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SYLVIA SASS, THE FIRST LADY OF SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL

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

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Sylvia Sass, an extraordinary public servant and community leader in the State of Washington.

Sylvia was a vital player in the early development of the Sister Cities International organization. She was even appointed Washington State coordinator due to her work in helping President Dwight Eisenhower rebuild international ties, and she was selected as a delegate to have lunch with him.

In 2017, Sylvia received the Sister Cities International Lifetime Achievement Award, and to this day she remains an active and honorary board member of the organization. Sylvia Sass is known as the first lady of Sister Cities International.

Mr. Speaker, Sylvia exemplifies hard work, perseverance, and selfless service to others. I am proud to call her my friend, and I offer these remarks in her honor.

#### SUPREME COURT JUSTICE SECURITY

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, the United States is a nation of laws, not mob rule. Whoever leaked a draft opinion of *Dobbs v. Jackson* broke the law and did great damage to the integrity of our judicial institutions.

In the 5 weeks following the leak, protesters have taken to the streets of Justices' homes to intimidate and harass them for fulfilling their constitutional duty to interpret the law, and even one deranged individual plotted to assassinate Justice Kavanaugh.

Because of this, I am dumbfounded by the Speaker's refusal on three separate occasions to allow a vote to provide protections for the Justices and their families.

Finally, more than 1 month after the Senate passed the bill by unanimous consent, we were able to hold a vote today. It took way too long, but, thankfully, it wasn't too late.

## OUR SLUMBERING PRESS CORPS

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, the talk of everyone back home is over inflation. I want to give the press corps something to do. We are told the current inflation rate is 8.2 percent, the highest it has been in 40 years. I believe the number is higher than that.

They claim that the cost of rent or the cost to buy a house has gone up 5.2 percent. I have talked to builders in which the cost of identical homes has gone up 30 percent.

Interest rates have gone up from 2.5 to 4.5 percent. I know somebody who is looking to perhaps flip a house that has gone up 20 percent.

I would like the press corps in this country to look for examples of housing that has only gone up 5.2 percent.

The other thing I would like them to look up is used cars have gone up 16 percent. I have talked to car dealers, and they tell me the price of used cars has gone up 25 to 35 percent.

So I beg the somewhat slumbering press corps to look into this and see whether our leg is being pulled by the claim that the CPI is only up 8.2 percent.

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## EFFECTS OF INFLATION

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

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, we are going to try to do a continuation on a theme. Last week, I came to the floor and sort of walked through what inflation was doing to seniors. Today, I am going to try to walk through what it is doing to the poor, the working poor, the middle class, all of society.

One of the difficult things I am going to do, and I know it is somewhat rhetorical, is ask my brothers and sisters on the left: Are you happy with what you have accomplished?

Democrats took, functionally, power here 15 months ago. They had the House, the Senate, and they took the White House. And we got to see the playbook.

This is important because we often are so busy chasing shiny objects here, we never sort of talk about some of the economic differences and the way the left and those of us on the right view the world.

The left sort of believes in this model of consumption. Send people checks, and they will go buy stuff and, somehow, that will make society utopian. Of course, it also sets off really bad societal problems like: "Hey, I have money. I don't have to participate in society and the economy." "Hey, I have money. Let's just go buy stuff today," and it sets off inflation.

Those of us who actually showed up to our economics classes, we believe in this concept—it is often referred to as supply side. It is much more complicated. That is productivity in a society, when you are going to pay someone more money, when a worker is paid more money, it is, functionally, from two things: inflation, which doesn't mean they got anywhere. As a matter of fact, when you raise someone's salary because of inflation, they are often always behind the curve.

The second part is productivity. There was investment in plants and equipment to be more productive, to have that newest, best, functional product. That is a supply-side model. That is, functionally, what we accomplished in tax reform.

The other challenge I will give to our friends on the Democrat side is, take a look at our couple of years when we did regulatory reform, when we did tax reform, 2018, 2019. The middle class got much wealthier. Income inequality shrank. Food insecurity shrank. Minority populations had their best economic period in the modern economic time.

I would visit the homeless shelter in downtown Phoenix, and St. Joseph the Worker had a list of businesses that were desperate for anyone who would just show up.

Now, the contrast: The Democrats took over, and, functionally, 15 months ago, they moved \$1.9 trillion of spending. I have been to the floor multiple times. I have shown you all the charts saying, isn't it fascinating that almost on the day you did this, you can actually see actual, functional, price changes in the wholesale markets? You can actually see the curve going: Hey, they passed a bill; there is inflation.

Now, some of that is not completely fair because some of it was actually already built into the policy sets the Democrats had adopted.

When they blew up the capital stack, meaning when the Biden administration took over, and they had a compliant Democrat Congress and a Democrat Senate and, particularly, the left controlling the House of Representatives, when they threatened capital markets for investing in hydrocarbons, when they threatened capital markets for investing in the transportation of hydrocarbons, moving natural gas—oh, you are going to build a pipeline. We are going to do everything so that you have to report to the SEC. We are going to basically make it so the companies, the investors in this, have to do documentation of their environmental scores.

You wonder why September a year ago you actually looked at the futures markets and saw it was already beginning—natural gas, crude prices. So, the horrible prices you are paying today at the pump, it is not because of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. That just moved it forward. This was already built into the Democrats' policy set.

Let's actually focus on something that is the derivative, that is the next

level over from last week's. Last week, we focused substantially on what the left's policies were going to do to seniors, how many of them will be in poverty a decade from now because of inflation today.

But let's actually sort of talk through inflation through the economy because my fear is we do the headline discussion. Hey, did you see the number last week? It was 8.6. My community, it is 11 something. I happen to live in number one or number two, the Scottsdale-Phoenix area, inflation in the Nation.

But what does it actually mean? It is much more than the little number you saw saying, "Hey, last month it was this." It is: What did it do to your retirement a decade from now? What did it do to your kids' and your grandkids' ability to ever purchase a house, to ever build up savings, when every single day their savings become worth less?

There is a reason inflation is the bogeyman. It is because it functionally is government. You have a government with debt the size of our economy, and we are out there taxing all of you. Whether you understand it or not, that is the scam of inflation. This is what the Democrats have set up.

Every single day, your savings becomes less, but also, the value of that massive debt the United States has becomes less because we are transferring your wealth. We are, functionally, devaluing your savings and then devaluing our debt because it is being paid for by inflated dollars.

I don't believe it is purposeful, but now that they have set it off, I promise you, there are economists in this government who basically look the other way and say let it run this way for a couple of years.

Think about it. The actual value of the debt, in constant dollars, stays the same, but—well, excuse me. It decreases because the dollar value has changed dramatically.

It is cruel. It is crushing. And the economic violence that the Democrats' failure to understand basic economics has done to the poor, the working poor, the middle class—please, just stop hurting people. It is math.

Let's take a look at this. We all got the May number, and we saw the price increases, the PCE. But when you started to look at the Consumer Price Index, 8.6—now, do you happen to remember before May, April, March, "Oh, we have hit peak inflation." That is absolute crap.

Structurally, how many of you have actually looked at the gas pump this month? Have you seen where gas prices are? Put that as a factor in the inflation and tell me that prices are going down, that prices have stabilized.

There is an argument out there that we have hit a plateau. It just happens to be an outrageously high plateau. I don't see it yet.

We are in, functionally, what you call a wage-price spiral right now. I