

other advanced defense systems. These systems are active around the world, including right now in Poland, where they are helping to protect our NATO allies.

IBEW 1505 has provided many generations of families in Massachusetts with family-sustaining wages and benefits.

I am proud to call so many members of IBEW 1505 my constituents and to bring recognition of their 75 years of service to our country here on the House floor of the United States Congress.

CONGRATULATING CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DRAGONS AND EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL WARRIORS

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Central High School Dragons and the Everett High School Warriors baseball teams on winning the PIAA Class 3A and Class 2A championships, respectively.

Through practice, hard work, and determination, these teams battled through difficult seasons in order to seize their championship victories.

For the Central High School Dragons, their championship came after an undefeated season. For the Everett Warriors, a hard-fought 1-0 victory in the final game of the year was needed in order to raise the championship trophy.

For both these teams, their refusal to quit when games were close is a testament to their commitment, to their communities, and to each other as players.

I am proud of what these young men have accomplished, and I look forward to seeing their continued success as they embark on careers.

END THE SOUTHERN BORDER CRISIS

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, in the past 50 years, we have seen such change on our southern border. In the past 10 years, we have continued to see changes on our southern border.

Madam Speaker, 50 individuals on the FBI terrorist watch list have been apprehended on our southern border.

Madam Speaker, 50 potential terrorists, with only the intent to harm American citizens, have been apprehended on our southern border.

What is President Biden's response? To leave our border wall unfinished and our citizens vulnerable to attack.

We cannot allow these open border policies to continue. We cannot allow these terrorists to continue to enter the United States through a porous and vulnerable southern border.

Now, with a potential surge of more than 18,000 migrants expected to cross the border if title 42 is repealed, more terrorists will attempt to enter our country.

It is time to secure our border. It is time to codify title 42. It is time to put an end to this crisis.

CELEBRATING THE PULP AND PAPERWORKERS' RESOURCE COUNCIL'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. SCHRADER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pulp and Paperworkers' Resource Council on its 30th anniversary.

The PPRC is a grassroots organization made up of hourly employees of the U.S. forest products industry whose members work in mills and converting plants, manufacturing sustainable paper and wood products that Americans rely on every day.

Founded in 1991, the PPRC works to ensure real-world perspectives are considered in all policy and regulatory decisions that impact their jobs and our communities.

As co-chair of the bipartisan, bicameral House Paper and Packaging Caucus, I am honored to meet with the PPRC representatives every year when they come to Washington, D.C., to advocate for their priorities and promote this important sector of our economy.

I am pleased to congratulate the PPRC for 30 years of hard work on behalf of such an essential industry.

MAKE EVERY STATE A RIGHT-TO-WORK STATE

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

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, though what I am about to say will surely cause a strong case of hypertension among my Democrat colleagues and their union allies, I won't hold back: Unions didn't build the middle class in America. Entrepreneurs and hard-working Americans did.

Tomorrow marks the 75th anniversary of the landmark legislation that enables States to pass right-to-work laws, and it is a cause for celebration.

Since 1947, 27 States have decided to allow employees to choose for themselves whether to belong to a union or not. What a smart decision passing right-to-work laws was, Madam Speaker. They give workers the freedom to make their own choices when it comes to paying union dues.

With rising inflation and gas prices, workers should not be forced to hand their hard-earned paychecks over to the unions in order to keep their jobs.

Time and again, unions prove that worker representation plays second fiddle to a partisan political agenda that comes as no surprise to anyone.

For example, the AFL-CIO's financial disclosure form shows that they spent more than \$37 million on political activity and lobbying while spending just \$16 million to represent workers. Workers should never be forced to fund political causes they disagree with.

The truth is, right-to-work laws are good for unions, too. Making union

membership a choice instead of a mandatory condition of employment improves unions by making them more responsive to worker needs.

It is no secret that unions in mandatory dues States neglect the needs of workers. It isn't until unions have to fight to get and keep members that they make workers a priority. Giving workers a choice gives workers leverage, and this can lead to more transparency and accountability.

The truth is that right-to-work laws are good for the economy and bolster industries. Data shows that States with right-to-work laws have lower unemployment and higher job and wage growth than States without such laws. Worker freedom leads to flourishing. What a concept, Madam Speaker.

One study shows that right-to-work States attract more manufacturing and construction jobs than States with compulsory union membership. States which have enacted right-to-work laws in the past 22 years have a 20.7 percent higher manufacturing share than they would have if they did not protect worker freedom. According to the National Right to Work Committee, factory employment rose by 150,000 in right-to-work States in 2021 alone.

These numbers speak for themselves. Being pro-right-to-work means being pro-growth.

In the face of such overwhelming positive figures, I find it mind-boggling that Democrats want to push the radical Protecting the Right to Organize Act, the PRO Act. The PRO Act would overturn right-to-work laws in 27 States and force workers to line the wallets of union bosses.

PRO Act policies will undermine worker choice, burden employers, and harm our economy for years to come. That is why I have been working in Congress to oppose this legislation and to hold the Biden administration accountable when it tries to push PRO Act policies by executive fiat.

Madam Speaker, it is time to embrace worker freedom, a quintessential American value, and it is time to protect worker rights. I am proud to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the right to work.

Let's make every State a right-to-work State. I guarantee the country would be much better off.

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DONALD TRUMP LOST

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

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, Donald Trump lost the 2020 Presidential election's popular vote by more than 7 million votes.

Trump lost the State of Oregon. Trump lost Washington. Trump lost California. Trump lost Nevada. Trump lost Arizona. Trump lost New Mexico. Trump lost Colorado. Trump lost Hawaii. Trump lost Minnesota. Trump

lost Michigan. Trump lost Illinois. Trump lost Wisconsin. Trump lost Georgia. Trump lost Nebraska District 2. Trump lost Virginia. Trump lost Pennsylvania. Trump lost New York. Trump lost Maine District 1. Trump lost Washington, D.C. Trump lost Maryland. Trump lost Delaware. Trump lost New Jersey. Trump lost Connecticut. Trump lost Rhode Island. Trump lost Massachusetts. Trump lost Vermont. Trump lost New Hampshire.

Trump lost the electoral college 306–232. Trump lost the 2020 Presidential election.

KEEP GOVERNMENT OUT OF YOUR DOCTOR'S OFFICE

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, abortion is a highly and deeply personal decision.

It is very complicated. You have dramatic effects for the family, for the woman. It can have health effects.

Some pregnancies are fine in the first month, and then they are not fine in the fourth month for medical reasons.

Some pregnancies are the result of rape or incest.

Some religions support abortion. Some religions oppose abortion.

This is a very complicated issue, very personal, and it is exactly the wrong issue for government.

Republicans want to criminalize abortion. Keep government out of your doctor's office.

Democrats support *Roe v. Wade*. I urge the American people that if they want to have *Roe v. Wade* upheld, they cast their vote at the ballot box this November.

DEMOCRATS' ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, under the American Rescue Plan, we created jobs, we got vaccines into people's arms, we reopened schools, and we helped get the economy back on track.

In the first 15 months of the Biden Presidency, over 8.5 million jobs were created, the most in American history.

Democrats are for the people, and we put people over politics.

We also passed an infrastructure law that is going to rebuild roads, bridges, and highways, get lead out of water, and put broadband everywhere, from rural areas to inner cities to everywhere in between.

What are Republicans doing? I don't know, but I know a number of Republican Members of Congress sought a pardon from the White House for inciting an insurrection.

NATIONAL FOSTER YOUTH SHADOW DAY

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, today is one of my favorite days in Congress because it is National Foster Youth Shadow Day.

I have a foster youth shadowing me. His name is Joseph Mariscal. He just graduated from community college, and now he is going to go to Cal State LA. He is watching how Congress works.

He has overcome so many obstacles, and because of the amazing things he has done to overcome his obstacles, I

am confident he can do anything he wants in his future.

I thank KAREN BASS and other members of the National Foster Youth Institute for all they do for our foster youth and for having this shadow day today.

SHOCKING REMARKS ON GAS PRICES

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

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, recently, Cecilia Rouse, the chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, was trying to explain away the challenges that runaway inflation presents to most American households, and she said, "Most American household balance sheets are strong and can provide some cushion for rising prices."

I was shocked to hear these remarks coming from one of the President's top economic policy advisers. Madam Speaker, most Americans, in fact, do not have a cushion for rising prices. A recent survey found that 56 percent of Americans cannot cover a \$1,000 emergency expense from their savings.

That is why I led a letter demanding that Chair Rouse apologizes to the millions of Americans struggling with skyrocketing prices due to the failed economic policies of the Biden administration. I include this letter for the RECORD.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, June 15, 2022.

Dr. CECILIA ROUSE,
Chair, White House Council of Economic Advisers,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIR ROUSE: We write today to express our outrage toward your recent comments during an online event hosted by the Center for American Progress. At the event, you stated, in part "... most household balance sheets are strong and can provide some cushion for rising prices ..." As Chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, we are astounded at your failure to recognize that most Americans actually lack any sort of cushion for the hardships they must endure as a result of the Biden Administration's failed economic policies.

A recent survey found that 56 percent of Americans cannot cover a \$1,000 emergency expense with their savings. We would not expect this to come as a surprise to you, one of the most senior economic officials in the Biden Administration. It is offensive to the millions of Americans fighting to fill their gas tanks, having to remove items from their shopping carts at the grocery store check-out line, and struggling to pay their rising rents to pretend that households have an imaginary cushion to deal with these historic price increases caused in no small part by runaway deficit spending.

Considering President Biden's approval ratings have dipped below 40 percent, perhaps it is comments like these that lead Americans to believe that his administration is completely out of touch with the everyday struggles of millions of American families. We encourage you to travel to gas stations and grocery stores across the country to ask hard-working Americans whether they have enough "cushion" to offset this record inflation. In fact, each of us invites you to visit our respective districts to speak with our constituents, where you will find most of them do not have such a cushion.

Alarmingly, you followed your comment by stating "... I understand rising prices are painful, I understand that ..." Despite these claims, you clearly do not understand the full impact of rising prices because of your mistaken belief that most Americans have the ability to absorb the pain from rapidly increasing prices for goods and services they need each day with essentially inconsequential negative effects to their quality of life due to some mythical financial "cushion" you think most Americans enjoy. We ask you to publicly apologize to the millions of Americans struggling with skyrocketing prices and record inflation for these insensitive and inaccurate remarks.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, if remarks like these are reflective of the advice being given to the President of the United States, it is no wonder that they continue to enact policies completely out of touch with the American people.

GAS TAX HOLIDAY

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, if you were on a drive through middle Tennessee right now and needed to fill up, let's say, a 2015 Ford F-150, you would pay about \$120. A gas tax holiday would take fewer than \$5 off that bill.

Yet, this is the latest Band-Aid solution being tossed around by the Biden administration. President Biden has already depleted our Strategic Petroleum Reserve to its lowest point in 35 years, weakening national security while doing little or nothing to lower gas prices.

While every dollar certainly counts, saving only \$5 out of every \$120 from a gas tax holiday will not make much of a difference in our personal budgets, but it will have a crushing effect on our ability to pay for the Federal highway system.

Instead of kneecapping our Nation's infrastructure, the President should immediately approve the more than 4,000 pending applications for drilling and end the freeze on oil and gas leases, yet President Biden refuses.

The key to getting prices down is simple: reestablish the energy independence President Trump created.

President Biden simply must do better.

DEMOCRATS' ENERGY POLICY HURTING AMERICANS

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, on President Biden's first day in office, he canceled the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline. It was a campaign promise.

This would have brought 700,000 barrels of oil per day into the United States. Instead, this move has cost thousands of Americans their jobs as well as much of their income.

Continuing his attack on our energy industries, he halted all oil and natural gas leases on Federal lands, despite a judge's ruling against this illegal ban.