

insolvency and hurts taxpayers in the process.

It seems the left would rather dump taxpayer money into a broken multi-employer pension system to appease unions than do the hard work of drafting bipartisan legislation.

In fulfilling this promise to his union buddies, President Biden ignored his responsibility to safeguard American taxpayers.

Mr. Speaker, last time I checked, the President serves all Americans, not just union bosses. Perhaps his memory has failed him yet again.

#### WE MUST FIGHT TO RESTORE ABORTION RIGHTS

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

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my pure outrage at this extremist, right-wing majority of the Supreme Court stripping one of the most important rights in this country away from people: the right to have an abortion. This decision endangers marginalized communities and strips the bodily autonomy away from millions of Americans, including my own 17-year-old daughter. We must not rest until we restore people's freedom to control their own bodies and their own decisions.

I want to emphasize that abortion is still legal in Michigan. The very day that Roe was overturned in the Dobbs decision, our biggest health system, Beaumont-Spectrum, announced that they would end abortion services, counter to current Michigan law.

I worked privately and publicly to reverse that, and, happily, they did so the same weekend.

We will fight to restore abortion rights, to maintain them in all the States where they still exist. This is a fight for all of us, and it is up to us to protect everyone's rights.

#### INFLATION IS A TAX ON ALL OF US

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, skyrocketing prices are eating away at family budgets across the country: 8.3 percent, 8.6 percent, and now 9.1 percent—those were the inflation rates for April, May, and June of this year. Year over year, energy prices are up 34 percent; gas, 48 percent; fuel oil, 106 percent; electricity, 12 percent; meat, poultry, and eggs, 14 percent.

But worse is the majority's answer: Double down on Build Back Better and a tax-and-spend agenda that raises taxes on local businesses and farmers as our country enters a recession.

While targeted stimulus during the COVID pandemic may have been appropriate, the plodding reaction of the

Federal Reserve, combined with the typical reaction of the Democratic majority to spend trillions on Green New Deal projects and blue State bailouts, have caused paychecks to shrink and a lack of faith in the economic future of Americans to rise.

Inflation is a tax on all of us. This 40-year high inflation rate is a wake-up call to return to fiscal sanity. Unfortunately, no one needs a crystal ball to see that my friends on the other side of the aisle are busy hitting the snooze button once again on addressing this inflation crisis.

#### HONORING CONNIE DEEKEN WILLIAMS

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a constituent from my hometown, Anaheim, California: Connie Deeken Williams.

Last month, Mrs. Williams celebrated her 110th birthday. Happy birthday to Connie. She is now the oldest resident in Orange County on record, and she is one of only 100 Americans alive today to reach that milestone.

Mrs. Williams was born in 1912 and grew up on a farm in North Dakota with three siblings. During the 1918 pandemic, she survived the Spanish flu. After graduating from high school, she moved across the country to Los Angeles, working as a maid and bookkeeper to help her brother pay rent.

The United States has come a long way since 1912, and I have no doubt of our American ability to move forward just like Mrs. Williams has done every day of her life.

Happy birthday to Connie. Happy birthday from all of us.

#### THE BIDEN PRICE HIKE

(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, this time last year, President Biden told the American people that inflation was just temporary, just transitory, not a real big deal. The truth is hitting harder than a Mayflower moving van escaping California.

Yesterday, the Consumer Price Index for June came in and the results are even worse than expected, at least by some. To real Americans, it is probably not a real surprise.

The Biden administration's economic policies have produced record inflation, a 41-year record, at 9.1 percent, and that is probably low to most Americans.

As inflation continues to skyrocket, wages have actually decreased. In fact, since President Biden took office, real wages have decreased by about 5 percent.

Across the Nation, Americans are dipping into their savings to stay on

top of their increasing grocery and gas bills.

Multiple polls show that Biden's economic crisis is the top issue for Americans, and the vast majority of Americans agree that the economy is in crisis directly due to the administration's failed policies.

In fact, I held a telephone townhall last night with 70,000 callers from around my district joining in. Ninety percent responded in the poll saying that the economy is their top concern. The Biden administration needs to get with it.

#### GENERAL MILLEY NEEDS TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT

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

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, our Constitution is clear: The President is the Commander in Chief.

Sidestepping the President and violating the chain of command is a grave crime.

According to Bob Woodward's book "Peril," General Mark Milley directed senior military officials not to follow the President's orders, unless General Milley approved them first.

When I asked General Milley about "Peril" at an Armed Services hearing, he claimed he hadn't read it.

Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY and I sent a letter to General Milley asking him to verify or refute the book's claims. He hasn't responded.

I am calling on General Milley to set the record straight. General Milley is accused of secretly seizing the President's military powers. That is the most serious crime. If he is innocent, he has a duty to say so.

#### CONGRATULATING DARREN CAMMAUF

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

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate an exceptional student athlete from my congressional district.

Darren Cammauf, a recent graduate of Manheim Township School District, distinguished himself in track and field this past season, ultimately winning the 400-meter dash held at the Pennsylvania Track and Field Coaches Association Indoor State Championship earlier this year.

A leading member of the Blue Streak Track and Field team, Cammauf had a successful senior season as well.

He set a new school record for the best time in the 400-meter race. At the Lancaster-Lebanon League Championships, Darren won the 400- and 200-meter dashes as well as led the 1,600-meter relay team to victory. He capped his senior season off with a third-place victory in the 400-meter dash at the PIAA Class 3A competition.

Darren will be attending St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia to continue

his competition in track and field and to pursue a degree in business.

Mr. Speaker, I would also be remiss if I did not recognize Darren's two biggest cheerleaders: his mother, Erica, and his father, Nicholas, who serves as a senior constituent advocate assisting residents of Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District.

I congratulate Darren on his success this year. We are all very proud of his accomplishments and look forward to seeing what he accomplishes next.

#### THE SOUTHERN BORDER CRISIS

(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, a recent report published by Republicans on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee tells us exactly how the Biden administration is fueling the southern border crisis and how that crisis is threatening our national security.

Border Patrol officials tell us two things drive immigration: economic opportunity and perception of U.S. immigration policy. By dismantling Trump administration policies, President Biden sent a message to millions of people, including transnational criminal organizations, that our borders are open.

There have been 2.6 million migrant encounters since President Biden took the oath of office. We see a new record set every month. Still, the Biden administration wants to end Title 42 and the remain in Mexico policy.

Additionally, on this President's watch, Border Patrol officials have also seized more than 1 million pounds of illegal drugs. Overdose deaths in this country are at an all-time high. The President must enforce our laws and save American lives.

#### HONORING POLICE CHIEF MICHAEL INSERRA

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

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate my good friend, former New Hartford Police Chief Michael Inserra, who retired at the end of June after an absolutely incredible career.

Michael has served our local communities in law enforcement over 40 years. Born and raised in my hometown of New Hartford, New York, Michael started out in 1982 with the Whitestown Police Department and quickly moved to the town of Kirkland Police Department. In 1988, Michael made his big move to the New Hartford Police Department to start a new career in law enforcement where he would serve for another 34 years.

Inserra was a sergeant in the department during one of the most challenging times in its history, during the

line-of-duty death of Officer Joseph Corr. Inserra played a key role in apprehending the suspects and helping the department and community navigate the horrible tragedy and aftermath.

In 2010, Inserra was named chief of the New Hartford Police Department. Shortly after taking charge, the department made immediate changes, including modernizing its IT equipment, adding computers to all of their patrol cars, testing body cameras for their officers, and joining social media, which Inserra said helped strengthen the bond with the community.

To this day, Michael Inserra gives credit to the department for their continued success, commanding them for professionalism and unwavering dedication to duty.

I thank Chief Inserra for his lifetime of service and commitment to the town of New Hartford. Our communities are grateful for his many years of service as is the New Hartford Police Department, which continues to thrive from his insight.

#### WASHINGTON DEMOCRATS ARE FUELING THE ECONOMIC CRISIS

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

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, as families are forced to make tough financial decisions every day because of sky-high inflation, Washington Democrats are fueling the economic crisis by spending hundreds of billions of dollars to advance their radical agenda.

But that is just the spending they are trying to pass through Congress. President Biden is using executive actions to secretly put his radical agenda in place, footing taxpayers with a \$532 billion bill without any input of Congress.

He spent \$85 billion to continue a pandemic-era student loan payment moratorium benefiting higher-income earners. He put \$11 billion down the drain by eliminating strengthened work requirements to SNAP for able-bodied adults without dependents.

Instead of spending half a trillion dollars on things like reducing work incentives and giving handouts to the wealthy, President Biden needs to get serious about solving the significant challenges facing our Nation.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LEVIN of Michigan). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 27 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro

tempore (Mr. HIGGINS of New York) at 11 o'clock and 31 minutes a.m.

#### NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

The Speaker pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of the bill H.R. 7900, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2023 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes will now resume.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC NO. 5 OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF WASHINGTON

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1224, I offer amendments en bloc.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendments en bloc.

Amendments en bloc No. 5 consisting of amendment Nos. 413, 415, 440, 444, 465, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, and 649, printed in part A of House Report 117-405, offered by Mr. SMITH of Washington:

AMENDMENT NO. 413 OFFERED BY MS. JAYAPAL OF WASHINGTON

At the end of title LVIII of division E, add the following:

#### SEC. 5806. PROHIBITION ON CONTRACTING WITH PERSONS WITH WILLFUL OR REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR LABOR STANDARDS ACT OF 1938.

(a) INITIATION OF DEBARMENT PROCEEDINGS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Labor shall initiate a debarment proceeding with respect to a covered person for whom information regarding two or more willful or repeated violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 201 et seq.) (as determined by a disposition described under subsection (c)(1) of section 2313 of title 41, United States Code, and issued in the last five years) is included in the database established under subsection (a) of such section.

(2) LENGTH OF DEBARMENT.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Labor may determine the length of a debarment under paragraph (1).

(b) DATABASES.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor shall ensure that the enforcement and compliance databases of the Department of Labor—

(1) identify persons that have been finally adjudicated to have violated labor laws;

(2) list each person, identified by the tax identification number of the person, that is suspended or debarred for a violation of a labor law; and

(3) are accessible to contracting officers and suspension and debarment officials at all Federal agencies.

(c) REVISION OF FAR.—The Federal Acquisition Regulation shall be revised to require contracting officers—