

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Arizona?

There was no objection.

DEMOCRATS ARE WORKING TO LOWER COSTS FOR WORKING FAMILIES

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate House Democrats' efforts to lower costs for working families across America.

For months now, Democrats and the President have been working closely together to lower the prices of gas for Americans. We have focused on people's pocketbooks, not politics.

As a result, gas prices have been decreasing for 5 straight weeks, down around 70 cents since last month. In fact, \$3.99 a gallon is the most common price in America today. Mr. Speaker, I saw the \$3.99, and lower, in the Houston area over the weekend.

On average, drivers are saving \$35 per month. For residents in my district, this can mean the difference between a warm family meal or going hungry.

While Republicans in Congress have no solutions to lower prices and remain focused on other matters, like stripping women of their reproductive rights, House Democrats will continue delivering results for the American people. We are the party that puts people over politics.

OPPOSING THE LEFT'S ANTI-LIFE AGENDA

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, radical progressives will stop at nothing to advance their agenda of murdering the unborn.

On July 15, on this very floor, the majority rushed through two horrendous pieces of legislation that directly target the unborn: the abortion on demand until birth act and the so-called Ensuring Access to Abortion Act.

The right to life is guaranteed by the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, and the majority continues to conveniently ignore this fact. This shameful chapter of murdering the unborn should be consigned to the ash heap of history.

Mr. Speaker, an outright denial of life for the most vulnerable, who cannot speak for themselves, is in no way justified. I will always serve as a voice for the unborn. They deserve nothing less than unwavering advocates.

HIGH INFLATION IS CAUSED BY HIGH SPENDING

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, we all know that inflation is the big topic on people's tongues nowadays, but what we can't let people forget is that high inflation is caused by high spending.

Now, what did Congress do after returning to this floor this week and spending the weekend hearing people complain about high gas prices, but even more high housing prices, high food prices? They passed the CHIPS bill today for \$76 billion.

Now, I know why they thought they could vote for a \$76 billion bill. They thought the public wouldn't know the difference between \$76 billion and \$76 million. \$76 billion is \$230 for every man, woman, and child in this country. If you are a family of four, Congress just spent \$1,000 of your money and didn't think anything about it.

Now, the other thing that bothers me about it is, I like to look out for the average guy. Who owns these chip companies? The uber wealthy. Seventy-six billion dollars toward the uber wealthy and corporate welfare.

A lot of people think the majority party likes to freely spend money for welfare, for the people who don't work. And that is true; they do. What is not as known is they love to spend money on the uber wealthy as well.

Every newspaper in the country ought to have a banner headline in the morning: "\$76 billion spent again by Congress."

ADDRESSING THE DROUGHT AND WILDFIRES IN CALIFORNIA

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, the people and communities of California's San Joaquin Valley have been dealing with devastating drought conditions for years.

Water is life, as we say, *agua es vida*.

A reliable, sustainable water supply is absolutely essential to put America's food on our dinner table. It is a national security issue. Think about it. We can't live without food. Without water, we cannot grow food.

Farmers in my district are feeling the impact of the drought firsthand. Many have fallowed land, sadly. It is becoming more and more difficult to grow food and maintain farmland.

It is really simple. We say back home: Where water flows, food grows.

Small businesses are struggling to survive. Residents suffer from declining air quality, spurred by dust and wildfires that continue to spread across the West.

We must confront the devastating impacts of climate change. The Wildfire and Drought Resiliency Act will improve drought resiliency and protect the giant sequoia trees that are part of America's natural heritage.

Without a doubt, we cannot wait to confront this issue. We must act now.

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RECOGNIZING NICK ELLIS

(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 to recognize Wayne County school system's Nick Ellis for his induction into the Boys & Girls Clubs Hall of Fame.

Nick has been working with the Boys & Girls Clubs for 16 years. After graduating high school in 2006, Nick began working with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Altamaha Area as a volunteer, then as a unit director, before rising to board membership. Today, he also serves as the area's chief volunteer officer.

Throughout his time with the club, Nick has been a positive influence in the lives of countless children, providing support and leadership to those in need.

Nick also serves his community as a law enforcement officer with the Jesup Police Department. In his 12 years with the department, Nick has risen through the ranks and currently serves as patrol division commander.

In 2020, Governor Brian Kemp recognized Nick's efforts in law enforcement and appointed Nick to serve on the Georgia Board of Public Safety.

A passionate volunteer dedicated to helping his community beyond his professional career, Nick Ellis is a shining example of leadership and guidance for everyone. He is fully deserving of this hall of fame induction honor.

THE ENERGY 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, last week President Biden announced a series of executive orders to further advance his party's Green New Deal agenda. This is further proof of an utterly out-of-touch administration.

The average cost of a gallon of gas is \$3.93 in Tennessee, almost double the price when the President took office. Most Americans will spend thousands more this year on filling up their tanks.

Families are also paying an average of \$90 a month more for electricity this summer. In addition, reports say our Nation faces looming blackouts—yet this administration is doubling down on regulating our energy producers to death.

The solution is simple: The President should be supporting policies that ramp up domestic oil production, rather than policies that destroy it.

Mr. Biden has blamed oil companies, gas station owners, and everyone else for this disaster, but if he wants to assign blame, he need look no further than the mirror.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 1 of House Resolution 1230, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 5 o'clock and 1 minute p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, July 29, 2022, at 9 a.m.

BUDGETARY EFFECTS OF PAYGO LEGISLATION

Pursuant to the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 (PAYGO), Mr. YARMUTH hereby submits, prior to the vote on passage, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, that H.R. 5093, the Wind River Administrative Site Conveyance Act, as amended, would have no significant effect on the deficit, and therefore, the budgetary effects of such bill are estimated as zero.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-4954. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Assertive Community Treatment Grant Program Report to Congress, pursuant to Sec. 9015 of the 21st Century Cures Act (Public Law 114-255); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4955. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Lebanon that was declared in Executive Order 13441 of August 1, 2007, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 16411, and Sec. 2041 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-4956. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 24-480, "Fiscal Year 2022 Second Revised Local Budget Adjustment Temporary Act of 2022", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-4957. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 24-481, "Targeted Historic Preservation Assistance Temporary Amendment Act of 2022", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-4958. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 24-482, "Engineering Licensure Temporary Amendment Act of 2022", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-4959. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 24-483, "Cannabis Employment Protections Amendment Act of 2022", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-4960. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 24-484, "900 55th Street N.E.

and 2327-2341 Skyland Terrace S.E. DC Habitat Real Property Tax Exemption Amendment Act of 2022", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-4961. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 24-486, "Fiscal Year 2023 Local Budget Act of 2022", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-4962. A letter from the Deputy Associate Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's FAIR Act Inventory Executive Summary for 2021, pursuant to Pub. Law 105-270; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-4963. A letter from the Chief Financial Officer, Architect of the Capitol, transmitting the Semiannual Report of Disbursements for the Architect of the Capitol for the period January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 1868a(a); Public Law 113-76, div. I, title I, Sec. 1301(a); (128 Stat. 428) (H. Doc. No. 117-136); to the Committee on House Administration and ordered to be printed.

EC-4964. A letter from the President, National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements, transmitting the Council's 2021 annual independent audit report, pursuant to 36 U.S.C. 10101(b)(1) and 150909; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. THOMPSON of Mississippi: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 7778. A bill to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to prohibit misuse of the Department of Homeland Security seal, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 117-446). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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 Ms. BONAMICI (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 8548. A bill to amend the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002 to establish a National Center for Advanced Development in Education at the Institute for Education Sciences, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. COURTNEY (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, and Mr. WELCH):

H.R. 8549. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to include certain individuals who work on farms or ranches as individuals who are employed in public service jobs for purposes of eligibility for loan forgiveness under the Federal Direct Loan program; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. ROY (for himself, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, and Mrs. BOEBERT):

H.R. 8550. A bill to provide that all Federal employees in the executive branch of Government are at-will employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. MCEACHIN (for himself, Ms. BARRAGAN, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. GRIJALVA, and Ms. JAYAPAL):

H.R. 8551. A bill to improve air quality management and the safety of communities using the best available monitoring technology and data; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ALLRED (for himself and Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ):

H.R. 8552. A bill to provide for the Secretary of Health and Human Services to establish grant programs to improve the health and positive youth development impacts of youth sports participation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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 Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma (for herself, Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana, and Mr. POSEY):

H.R. 8553. A bill to amend title 37, United States Code, to exempt certain bonuses, incentive pay, and other benefits from repayment in the case of a member of the Armed Forces involuntarily separated for refusing to receive a vaccination against COVID-19; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma (for herself and Mr. WALTZ):

H.R. 8554. A bill to prohibit the sale of petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to certain entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER:

H.R. 8555. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to stipulate that a parking benefit is not a qualified parking fringe benefit unless an employer offers employees the option to receive an equivalent cash benefit or alternative tax-exempt benefit in lieu of the parking benefit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BUDD (for himself, Mr. MOONEY, and Mr. PERRY):

H.R. 8556. A bill to enact the Section 401 Certification Rule, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana (for himself and Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 8557. A bill to amend federal law to create expungement mechanism and a process to petition for expungement for low-level violations of the Controlled Substances Act as it relates to marijuana, to study impact of expungements issued, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. BEYER, Mr. CARSON, Ms. DELAUNO, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. JONES, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. NEWMAN, Mr. DEFazio, Mr. NADLER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. NORTON, Ms. PORTER, Ms. TLAIB, Mrs. WATSON