

resilience. And as I reflect, these moments of hope and solidarity come to the forefront of my mind. First responders ensured everyone was safe. The Rye soccer team, Mamaroneck volleyball team, and countless others took to the streets to support our neighbors.

Teams like the Mamaroneck Tigers volunteered with the Fuller Center for Housing of Greater New York City to help members of the First Baptist Church remove pews that mothers would pray on and the hymnal books that contained songs of strength and power.

Organizations like the Red Cross and Feeding Westchester provided food to those in need. The incredible mayors, managers, councilmembers, trustees, and community leaders in the Bronx, Ardsley, Bronxville, Eastchester, Greenburgh, Hastings-on-Hudson, Larchmont, Mamaroneck, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Pelham, Pelham Manor, Rye, Scarsdale, and Tuckahoe, mobilized emergency resources to keep people safe.

We worked alongside County Executive Latimer, Bronx Borough President Diaz, Jr., and Governor Hochul to expedite damage assessments. These efforts led to President Biden declaring a state of emergency in New York and the allocation of much-needed FEMA resources. From there, we helped constituents with FEMA applications and hosted multiple visits with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to plan long-term recovery.

Let me be clear: The climate crisis is here, and it is real, and I refuse to let my district bear the brunt of inaction. We have worked to secure flood mitigation funds, advance flood prevention studies in Westchester County, and vote for the Inflation Reduction Act, which will help make our communities resilient and kick-start the clean energy revolution that we need. But more needs to be done.

As a father and former educator, I am deeply concerned about the impact that increased flooding will have on our children. That is why I introduced my Green New Deal for Public Schools to ensure our school buildings are resilient and that students can thrive.

As we mark this anniversary of Hurricane Ida, let's continue to recommit to supporting one another, to healing our communities, to confronting the climate crisis head on, and to ensuring that no one gets left behind.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF LARRY HOFF

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER) for 5 minutes.

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor and recognize my friend and fellow Southwest Washingtonian and State Representative Larry Hoff, who is retiring at the end of this term.

Larry has been just an upstanding member of Southwest Washington's community for over 40 years. After serving in the Navy and graduating from college, Larry moved to Vancouver, where he was an executive in the financial services industry before successfully running to serve Clark County in the 18th Legislative District.

In Olympia, Larry fought hard to get things done for Southwest Washington's small businesses, for our farmers, families, and our communities. But it is really Larry's heart for serving our community that is what stands out to all of us who know him.

Whether it is his role on the board of the Doernbecher Children's Hospital Foundation, or the Clark County Department of Community Services, or the countless other stories of coming alongside his neighbors, Larry's infectious optimism and selflessness are apparent to all who meet him.

Thank you, Larry, for your many years of service and hard work to make our Evergreen State a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF BRANDON VICK

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to who honor and recognize Southwest Washingtonian and State Representative Brandon Vick, who is retiring at the end of this term.

Brandon is a lifelong resident of Southwest Washington and a rock-solid member of our community. In addition to serving in the State House of Representatives, he also gives his time to the Boy Scouts and to the Boys and Girls Club.

In Olympia, Brandon has been a champion for his home county, my home county, Clark County, for the last decade. Under his leadership on the Consumer Protection and Small Business Committee, 14 bills that he wrote and led have been signed into law, including recent legislation to help small businesses obtain work permits for rehabilitated individuals.

Brandon's work in the State Legislature has earned him many awards, including Vancouver Business Journal's "Accomplished and Under 40" list.

Thank you, Brandon, for your many years of service. I am hopeful that you are going to have more time to spend with your wonderful wife, Darci, and daughter, Makena. You have made Southwest Washington proud.

GOVERNMENTAL OVERREACH

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

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, the Supreme Court of the United States delivered a gut punch to the body politic here in the United States with the Dobbs decision. This is the largest governmental overreach into the private lives of American citizens in the history of our lifetime. This is Big Government coming into our doctors' offices, coming into our bed-

rooms, a small group of people trying to control American citizens, make women second-class citizens. And I believe that the vast majority of the American people are absolutely exhausted and want the government out of their lives, out of our personal lives.

Justice Thomas' opinion about nullifying marriages, about getting rid of birth control, is an extreme overreach. This is a country built on freedom, and it is time for us to stand up; the exhausted majority, Democrats, Republicans, and Independents, saying we want limited government, and we want it out of the private lives of American citizens, especially the women of the United States.

OPPORTUNITIES IN NATURAL GAS

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I rise to talk about a very important issue in this country. This country is a country that has been and was founded on the idea of freedom. This country has fed more people, clothed more people, cured more people, and liberated more people than all the other countries in the world combined. And the source of American power has always been the great American middle class which we need to have an aggressive policy to rebuild. And the strength of the American middle class has always been connected to our energy policy.

Do we have a policy in this country that will allow us to dominate the world in manufacturing, to dominate the industries of the future, to keep costs low for both business and consumers?

And so I am rising here today in support of this permitting process bill that we will be voting on here this week.

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This is an important opportunity for us to mobilize and move the natural gas industry in places like Ohio to both reduce costs here for manufacturers and consumers and for us to export this product abroad to make sure our allies in Europe are able to get cheap natural gas so that they are not hooked on Vladimir Putin.

There is an opportunity here to sell to China, which is putting on one coal-fired power plant a week.

This is both a jobs bill; this is about putting money in people's pockets by reducing energy costs; and this is about helping our allies abroad.

The number one country to reduce CO₂ from 2005 to 2020 was the United States of America because natural gas replaced coal. If we do that around the world, we have an opportunity in the next 5 to 10 years to dramatically reduce carbon around the world and meet some of our climate change goals.

This permitting bill is acknowledging the fact that the average duration of some of these projects is 4½ years to get the permits, and 25 percent of these projects take 6 years. If you are doing a hydrogen project, 5 years and 11 Federal and State agencies.

You wonder why the average American is so frustrated or the average

businessperson is so frustrated to interface with the American Government. As a business or a consumer, for that matter, it is maddening. It is limiting our ability to create jobs here in the United States, to power the United States, and to meet our climate goals. This is a win across the board.

This permitting bill is for 42 percent of the DOE projects or for clean energy transmission or conservation. Only 15 percent is for fossil fuels. But it is all gummed up, and we can't get any progress.

This bill is an opportunity for us to provide some framework to streamline this process so that we can get moving on some of these projects so that we can dominate these industries in the future.

In my district, we have two natural gas power plants. We need more. We want to build electric vehicles, electric trucks, electric cars, electric tractors, batteries, solar panels. We want to move into hydrogen. We have so many opportunities in this country, but it is gummed up by an old, corroded government that doesn't know how to interface with business.

I am supportive of this permitting bill. I think we need to streamline this process. We need to juice up the natural gas industry, as well as the other industries in the future. This is a red, white, and blue energy policy and permitting process bill. We need to support it on both sides of the aisle.

FEDERAL RESERVE REPEATS CYCLE OF CORRUPTION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. CAWTHORN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CAWTHORN. Madam Speaker, what do you call a group of unelected, unethical, power-hungry bureaucrats making policy decisions? In many countries, we would call them an oligarchy. In the United States, though, we call them the Federal Reserve, which is funny because the Federal Reserve has no reserves, and they are absolutely not part of the Federal Government.

For decades now, the Federal Reserve has diluted the purchasing power of the U.S. dollar, decimated private industry, and divvied up the hard-won earnings of U.S. citizens amongst corrupt power brokers in Washington and Wall Street.

Let me be clear: Inflation is, at its root, a monetary fraud, and the Federal Reserve is the biggest counterfeiting operation in American history. This isn't a debate. At this point in our history, it is really no longer even a discussion.

Decade after decade, the Federal Reserve has repeated the same cycle of corruption and destroyed our economy in the process. The Federal Reserve buys bonds from the government, printing dollars to finance these purchases. Then they deceive us into ac-

cepting this newly printed and inflated paper as currency by making its new dollars look like real currency. This is the very essence of counterfeiting.

The Great Depression of the 1930s, the great inflation of the 1970s, the 2008 recession, and now the 2022 recession were caused in full, or in part, by the greatest currency fraud operation ever attempted, aided and abetted by this hallowed institution, and built on the broken backs and fractured families of millions of American citizens.

Madam Speaker, former President Garfield was right when he said whoever controls the volume of currency and money in any country is absolute master of all industry and commerce.

To the American people, I say that your master is not decided at the ballot box. It is not decided in public debate or open dialogue. You didn't vote for the person who controls your life. They would never let you.

Your master is the machine of Federal finance that, in the name of quantitative easing, stripped your right to property ownership away from you, turned your existence into a groveling attempt just to get by, and sucked every last drop of autonomy from the shriveled husk of what used to be a vibrant and prosperous Nation.

You didn't vote for the Chair of the Federal Reserve. You didn't vote for 9 percent inflation. But you can absolutely vote for people who are willing to destroy it and give the power back to the people.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

RECOGNIZING BETHESDA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. NORMAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievement of a very special church, Bethesda Presbyterian Church, located in Camden, South Carolina.

Bethesda Presbyterian Church was established before the American Revolutionary War. Its first sanctuary was destroyed during that war, and two more were built in 1790 and 1806. The sanctuary present today was designed by Robert Mills.

The edifice is more classical than some of his later work and is one of the few surviving ecclesiastical designs. The sanctuary, completed over 200 years ago in 1822, is the work of Mills' maturing architecture, strongly influenced by Jeffersonian classicism.

In front of the sanctuary is a monument that is dedicated to the memory of Baron DeKalb, a Continental Army soldier killed in 1780 at the Battle of Camden. In 1985, the church and the monument were declared national historic landmarks.

Bethesda Presbyterian Church's mission is: "To know, love, glorify, and

serve our Lord God." The church provides a strong sense of community, fellowship, and worship as the members walk in their faith journey during both the joyous times and challenging times. I know personally that their members experience tremendous personal and spiritual growth.

I am pleased to recognize Bethesda Presbyterian as an outstanding church faithfully serving the Camden community and proudly serving as a historic landmark in the Fifth District of South Carolina. May God continue to bless this church and its congregation.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 8 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 at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God, our rock and our salvation, our prayers are, once again, offered unto You on behalf of Ukraine. Many are its foes. The fearful within its borders yearn for the strength of Your justice. The adversaries who surround them are saying that You will not deliver them.

But You, O Lord, have proven to be a shield around them. You are the source of their strength, the one who lifts their heads to face their enemies.

In these seemingly never-ending days and months of conflict, in their waking and their sleeping, Lord, sustain the men and women of Ukraine. May they not give in to fear though they are continually assailed on every front. May their faith in You uphold them.

Arise, O Lord, and deliver the people of Ukraine. From You alone comes deliverance. May Your blessing be upon Your people.

In Your mighty name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the Chamber her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Washington (Ms. DELBENE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.