

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.

Ms. DELBENE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania) laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Natural Resources:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
September 14, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: I write today to request to be removed from the House Natural Resources Committee to allow newly elected Representative Peltola from Alaska to serve on this important committee. I am confident Ms. Peltola will bring a unique and crucial perspective to the committee.

It has been an honor to serve on the Natural Resources Committee and to work on issues of vital importance to Massachusetts' citizens.

I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

LORI TRAHAN,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

RESIGNATIONS AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES AND COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND LABOR

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignations as a member of the Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Education and Labor:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 14, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: I write today to request to be removed from the House Armed Services Committee and the House Education and Labor Committee so that I can fulfill my new role as a member of the House Appropriations Committee.

It has been an honor to serve on the House Armed Services Committee and the House Education and Labor Committee during my time in Congress and I am grateful for the opportunities these committees provided to advocate for issues of vital importance to New York. I look forward to serving the people of New York in my new role on the House Appropriations Committee.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH D. MORELLE,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignations are accepted.

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING RICARDO MARQUES, JR.

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

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, today, we recognize the late Ricardo Marques, Jr., an outstanding American who passed away in July after battling cancer.

Everything that Rick did in his accomplished life was done for his family and in service to our great Nation. Rick was a marine who defended our Nation honorably prior to joining the Bureau of Prisons.

Rick spent nearly 30 years with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, working at both USP Lewisburg and FCC Allenwood in Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District prior to retiring.

Having toured both of these facilities, it is clear that the men and women who work there are outstanding individuals. I can tell you, Mr. Speaker, that it takes an enormous amount of fortitude and sacrifice to do that work.

Everyone who knew Rick remembers him as a natural-born leader and as a man who left a lasting impression of love and respect on everyone he encountered. America is better off because of Rick's contributions and work.

It is my hope that Rick's family finds comfort in his legacy and lifetime of service.

U.S. MUST REGAIN ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, under President Donald Trump, in 2020, America exported more petroleum than it imported for the first time since 1949. Donald Trump achieved energy independence.

However, since Biden came to office, the national average for a gallon of gasoline is over \$1.30 higher per gallon; electricity costs are 15 percent more; and at this point, Biden has leased fewer acres of offshore and Federal land for domestic oil and gas production than any President in 70 years. Also, on day one of his Presidency, Biden killed the Keystone XL pipeline, which could be supplying 800,000 barrels of oil a day from Canada to America.

Higher gas prices increase delivery costs, increasing Bidenflation, which destroys jobs.

Irresponsible decisions by Biden and the Democrats are responsible for the energy crisis.

God bless our troops who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the global war on terrorism moves from a safe haven in Afghanistan to America. We will always cherish the service of Congresswoman Jackie Walorski. And God bless Ukraine victory.

ECONOMY IS CRATERING

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

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act is bringing fire and rain to the White House and to the American people.

Yesterday, Biden and a host of celebrities and politicians, highlighted by a James Taylor serenade, celebrated their Inflation Reduction Act even as the economy cratered in real time.

As the President spiked the football on his supposed accomplishment, the Dow tanked nearly 1,300 points and the Consumer Price Index rose to 8.3 percent.

President Biden and Speaker PELOSI have taken every opportunity to herald deficit reduction, the so-called Inflation Reduction Act, and what it would provide. But the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office just updated the score on the new law, and it is worse than we thought. The reckless government spending on the Green New Deal policies in this bill will increase our deficit spending through 2026.

This means the IRS will need to take an additional \$60 billion from middle-class Americans through increased audits to pay for this out-of-control spending.

It shouldn't surprise anyone that we are already suffering the negative effects of this spending. But Democrats are basking in the sunshine of their political accomplishment despite the economic storm it brings for the American people.

Remember: Democrats aren't just taking more money out of your wallet; they are celebrating it.

HELPING VETERANS ACCESS BENEFITS

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

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of my bill, H.R. 5916, the Wounded Warrior Access Act.

When veterans file claims to the VA, they are given what is called a c-file. My office has heard from countless numbers of veterans who have had trouble accessing these c-files through the VA's outdated and antiquated system. Our veterans need these files in order to access benefits that they have earned or appeal the VA's decisions about their claims.

That is why, Mr. Speaker, this legislation is so important. The veterans in the Inland Empire and across this country need an easy way to access