

that we are supposed to be keeping track of, but we don't keep track of people from Algeria or Syria or Iraq, and Joe Biden wants to do that, as well.

I think we should have a discussion there. There are not a lot of people in this country with backgrounds from those countries, but there are more and more people coming here.

Joe Biden apparently says that if you are from America, and you apply for a job, and we have an immigrant from Algeria or an immigrant from Iraq, people like that should be given preferences.

Well, I think maybe that is something we should talk about here a little bit and see what the appropriate course of action is.

Whatever the course of action is, it should be after a thorough public discussion, not just something, you know, pushed in under the table because it is a sensitive topic.

In any event, I would ask the press to look into this situation. We want to find out what rules President Biden's equity action teams are operating under.

We want to have a public discussion. Is it right to add North African and Middle Easterners to this topic?

Should we give preferences to people who have no background of discrimination in America, people who just show up and immediately get preferences?

I obviously have my strong opinions, but I would like to hear what the pundit class, that so many of us read, has to say.

I would like to see maybe sometime the Committee on Education and the Workforce or the Judiciary Committee look into this and see what the different viewpoints are because it affects a lot of Americans. We are kind of moving down this train without having a public discussion.

Those are my comments on that topic. I think it is a topic more people ought to look into. I think they ought to review how some people want to destroy America from within.

I think they ought to review what happened in other countries as they went down the affirmative action path, be it Nigeria, be it Sri Lanka, be it Malaysia or Singapore, and I think a lot of times it doesn't work out very well.

It is something we ought to have a discussion about, and nobody else is talking about it around here, so we throw that open for discussion.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### ENGAGING IN DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY) for 30 minutes.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Wisconsin who frequently comes down to the floor and engages and uses the Special Orders, as we call them. It is great to see him down here.

I often state I wish we would have more engaged debate on the floor of the House, actual debate, not just the kind of fake debate where we go back and forth for an hour equally divided over a bill that we pretty much predetermined will be passed on a partisan basis but actually pick an issue and engage in thoughtful debate back and forth about a topic.

I would encourage any of my colleagues who are willing to do so on, frankly, either side of the aisle where we have reasonable disagreements that we could engage and try to deal with.

The fact is for too long, in this country, in the House of Representatives, we have been dealing with a uniparty.

We have been dealing with essentially not a lot of difference in terms of the total output of what this town does.

We have strong disagreement here on the floor. We pass bills. We get them passed that nobody on that side of the aisle is going to vote for and vice versa, knowing they are going to go to the Senate and die or knowing they are going to get to the White House and not be signed or knowing they are not going to have 60 votes in the Senate.

When push comes to shove on the things that matter, when we come to a spending bill, it is all the same. It ends up being effectively the same. It is the only explanation for being \$32 trillion in debt.

Now, by virtue of the bipartisan effort of this body, the bipartisan effort of the Senate, the signature of the President, we now know we will be roughly \$36 trillion in debt in January of 2025.

We know this, and we did it. We embraced it, but we didn't materially change the trajectory. Yeah, we dented it a tiny fraction.

We had a spending freeze for 2 years that is a part of a deal that isn't even yet consummated because we haven't done the appropriations process.

We patted ourselves on the back—some of us did—for oh, well, we had to get this done because we might default.

Every time we talk about this effort, it is that we must raise the debt ceiling, or we are going to get to a place where we are going to default on the debt.

The fact is, it is just simply not true. We were never going to default on the debt. The President of the United States was never going to choose in terms of the prioritization of payments to end up in a place where we were not going to make the payments on the interest on the bonds. That is just a fact.

□ 2130

We play this game. To raise the debt ceiling and increase the borrowing level, we say, wait, maybe we should get some changes for that.

We get up to the date, and what happens? People say we are going to default. All of Wall Street calls all the folks and say, well, you are going to do that, aren't you? Everybody hops, both sides of the aisle.

Here we sit, yet again, going from \$32 trillion to now, predictably, \$36 trillion in January 2025. As sure as the Sun coming up, the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the President just agreed to mortgage your children's future again because that is what we do. That is what the House of Representatives does.

The point here is, as I said, we were never going to default on our debt. What we are going to do with almost the same amount of certainty as what I just described is default on the American Dream. That is where we are headed, a full-scale, unequivocal default on the American Dream.

This is all led by the people who are supposed to be representing the American people in this great Republic but who are barreling us right down the path, if we are not there already, to default on the American Dream.

The hardworking American family right now, today, is sitting out there in this country unable to afford groceries, unable to afford gas, unable to afford housing, and unable to afford healthcare.

I talked to staffers in this building in their twenties, and they looked at me and asked: How am I ever going to afford to buy a house?

They genuinely mean it. They don't know.

The hardworking plumber in the district I represent in central Texas who never took out a student loan is now being forced to pay for his neighbor's master's degree.

The veteran is paying for some liberal arts major to get the same student loan benefits he earned by risking his life for America.

The nurse wants to save lives without a Federal bureaucrat telling her she needs to take a needle in her arm to keep her job.

The blue-collar workers are watching their way of life sacrificed to the climate cult and billions of corporate crony tax subsidies in the so-called Inflation Reduction Act, enriching elite, wealthy investors—true—and corporations—true—all while empowering the Chinese Communist Party, weakening our own grid, and undermining our own national security—all true.

The rancher right now in Texas who is putting diesel in his truck is forced to subsidize a tech worker making six figures to buy a Tesla hundreds of miles away. This body just encouraged it.

Minority and poor taxpayers are trying to make ends meet but have expanded IRS audits, three to five times more than other Americans.

The fact is, we are on the verge of defaulting on the American Dream.

It is not enough to play politics and just pass something and then try to point the finger at the other party. Well, we just got this, and it is better. That ain't working. It is simply not working.

We had a rather raucous meeting in our Republican Conference this morning. I make it a practice not to talk

about what we do in private meetings. Some of my colleagues do not adhere to that same standard or rule. It tends to leak like a sieve. A lot of the conversations we had in that private meeting are not fully private now.

To my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, but particularly my colleagues on this side of the aisle, my Republican colleagues, let me be very clear: I will be happy to engage personally anytime, anywhere, on any of these issues. We can have disagreements, and we can reasonably disagree. I am going to say emphatically right here in front of God, in front of all the people I represent in this hallowed Chamber, I don't give a rat's rear end what you think compared to what my constituents think. I don't.

My job is to care what my constituents think. My job is to care about people on the airplane or down the street who pull me aside every day and thank me and thank a few of my colleagues for daring to stand up against the uniparty and an institution that is trampling their way of life. I will stand with them.

I will stand with the American people sick of having the American Dream pulled out from under them. I will stand with them.

I will be happy to work with my colleagues. I love and respect many of my colleagues. I do not answer to my colleagues. I answer to the people I represent, and I am going to darn well stand up and defend them.

I am going to fight to stop spending money we don't have. I am going to fight to secure the border of the United States. I am going to fight for all the people I just described who are losing their ability to afford a home, afford groceries, to be able to carry out their livelihood, their job, without being forced to take a needle.

I am going to fight for the guy trying to put diesel in his truck and not have to subsidize a Tesla. I am going to fight for people to have a stable grid. I am going to fight for the national security of this country. I am going to fight to stop China from encroaching on this country.

I am not going to give lip service for ads to go win political campaigns when you did nothing. I am not going to do that. I am not going to try to sell the American people on something that didn't occur.

That is what we do in this body all the time. It is time that stops. We have a duty—yes, a bipartisan duty.

If any one of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle would actually like to join the party of standing up for the American people and standing up in defense of this country instead of a radical leftist ideology that results in a pride flag being hung at the same level as the United States flag on the front of the White House and people parading around topless in front of the White House, the people's house for their President—have we no respect? Does the flag of the United States mean nothing?

It is the flag of the United States. Men and women have died for that flag, and they put that flag up to the side, flanking a pride flag on the front of the United States President's house. It is despicable. They did that right on the eve of Flag Day.

Tomorrow is Flag Day. The flag of the United States stands for something so much bigger than any of these people running around pretending like they are standing up for, oh, we can't have established religion, and we are for the separation of church and state. Yet, their religion is represented by that pride flag on the front of the White House. It is a religion, just like the cult of climate fetishism is a religion every bit as much as any religion.

How many lives have been lost with that flag on a patch on the arm of one of our men and women who have fought for this country, and that is what they do? I am at a loss for words. I really am.

□ 2140

Mr. Speaker, I am going to read one thing here, and then I am going to yield to my friend from Pennsylvania. It is going to take me a couple of minutes.

One of my favorite songs is "The Ragged Old Flag" by Johnny Cash. I will not do this nearly as cool as Johnny Cash does.

It goes like this:

I walked through a county courthouse square.

On a park bench, an old man was sitting there.

I said, "Your old courthouse is kinda run-down."

He said, "Naw, it'll do for our little town."

I said, "Your old flagpole has leaned a little bit, and that's a Ragged Old Flag you got hanging on it."

He said, "Have a seat," and I sat down.

"Is this the first time you've been to our little town?"

I said, "I think it is."

He said, "I don't like to brag, but we're kinda proud of that Ragged Old Flag."

"You see, we got a little hole in that flag there

when Washington took it across the Delaware.

And it got powder-burned the night Francis Scott Key sat

watching it writing 'Oh, Say Can You See.'

And it got a rip in New Orleans with Packingham and

Jackson tuggin' at its seams."

"And it almost fell at the Alamo beside the Texas flag,

but she waved on through.

She got cut with a sword at Chancellorsville and she got cut again at Shiloh Hill.

There was Robert E. Lee, Beauregard and Bragg,

and the south wind blew hard on that Ragged Old Flag."

"On Flanders Field in World War I

she got a big hole from a Bertha gun.

She turned blood red in World War II.

She hung limp and low by the time it was through.

She was in Korea and Vietnam.

She went where she was sent by her Uncle Sam."

"She waved from our ships upon the briny foam,

and now they've about quit waving her back here at home.

In her own good land here she's been abused—she's been burned, dishonored, denied and refused."

"And the government for which she stands is scandalized

throughout the land.

And she's getting threadbare and wearing thin,

but she's in good shape, for the shape she's in.

'Cause she's been through the fire before and I believe she can take a whole lot more."

"So we raise her up every morning

take her down every night.

We don't let her touch the ground and we fold her up right.

On second thought, I do like to brag.

'cause I'm mighty proud of that Ragged Old Flag."

On tomorrow, Flag Day, I hope we will honor the American flag. I know that my friend from Pennsylvania is proud to be a Member of Congress, but certainly I would think more proud to have worn the uniform of the United States military and devote his life in service to his country.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY).

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend, the gentleman from Texas, for bringing up this subject.

Each one of us feels maybe differently. I don't know whether people know this or not, but there is actually a United States Flag Code. There is a decorum that we are supposed to follow when displaying the flag: how you wear it, if you wear it. The flag is not supposed to be festooned. The flag is not clothing.

The flag, the standard of America, the standard of freedom, and the standard of liberty recognized around the globe, is second to no other flag at all. To have it fly flanking the Pride flag on the White House—my friend said he was at a loss for words. I too am.

I communicate home every day. Just this morning, I talked to my wife. I let her know I love her. We get on with our day, and we reconnect in the evening.

This morning, I reminded my children—not thinking about what was going to happen at the White House, having no clue—but I reminded my children that tomorrow is Flag Day, make sure you get up early, get the flag, and fly the flag in the front of our House because it is important that America and my community know that their Representative respects what our country is about and its standard.

It is a new low every single day. My friend from Texas has talked about it as appropriately and as particularly as anybody can, the destruction of this country, evidenced in so many different ways. Every day you wake up, you turn on the TV, you open a newspaper, you listen to the radio, or you talk to somebody, and you say to yourself: I can't believe this is happening in America.

Every day you think we have reached the apex of the nadir, the lowest of the low. Every day the left takes us to a

new place of a new low of a new disrespect of a new destruction of the country that we love.

So I am very, very proud to stand with my friend, the gentleman from Texas, to say that there is an urgency to saving and to restoring this Republic.

We always stand up speaking of the flag and pledge allegiance to the flag, and we say: "to the Republic for which it stands."

Most people, I would guarantee you, Mr. Speaker, don't know what a republic is. I am going to school you really quickly here: A republic is a place where the individual citizen is supreme and is sovereign, and their views, represented by the people they elect, are supreme and sovereign.

I ask you, Mr. Speaker, in a country where there is some agency—where no one was elected and there is no accountability—that says: You are not going to be able to drive the car you choose and you are not going to be able to buy a stove to cook your family meal unless the government approves, is that a republic?

I would argue that it is not. I would argue that it is not, unfortunately.

So I am proud, I am happy, and I am gratified to stand here in the people's House with my good friend from Texas and say that I, too, understand the urgency. I too, will not accept any more. I, too, will withstand the ire of some of my colleagues here if it means defending the people at home who sent me here to defend them from the tyranny that emanates from this town, this building, and this institution by the uniparty or by the establishment or whatever you want to call them that feathers their nest with the hard-earned dollars of the people whom I represent at home who can't afford their groceries, a new house, a new car, or to send their kids to school.

I am sick of it. I'm going to do everything I can with the moments that I have every single time I have a moment so that I don't have to look back and say: I wish I would have.

I am not going to do that.

Every single moment of every day where there is fight in me and there is a fight to be had, I am going to be in it supporting those folks and defending those folks back home from Pennsylvania's 10th district and, quite honestly and quite literally, across the great United States of America.

I will stand by.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Pennsylvania.

Again, I want to reiterate on this eve of Flag Day my appreciation for his service to this country wearing the uniform and in Congress. He understands what citizenship means.

I am deeply appreciative of him for that. I am deeply appreciative of his friendship. I am deeply appreciative of the friendships I have here in this Congress, my colleagues whom I am proud to serve with across the spectrum, but particularly those colleagues who are

willing to stand in the fire when it is needed.

We don't have much time left, Mr. Speaker. I don't say that lightly. You cannot look at this country with objective and clear eyes and believe that we are on the right path. We are not. We are so far off the right path that it is going to take a massive course correction and trajectory change to save this great Republic for our kids and grandkids.

That is not hyperbole. Our children and our grandchildren are on the precipice inheriting now—booked, as I said before—\$36 trillion of debt guaranteed, give or take a few billion, in January of 2025.

I am just going to be honest. To be lectured by some of my colleagues this morning, to be lectured about my motivations for why I am here on the floor of the House and standing up and speaking right now and for it to be alleged that it is for clicks or for money, the only thing that would have made it more ironic is if that meeting had occurred in the NRCC.

The fact is it is our job right now to stand up and defend the country and not wait for some time in the future.

I don't want to hear another thing about, Well, we will do it when. We will do it when we have the Senate. We will do it when we have 60 in the Senate. We will do it when we have a bigger majority. We will do it when we have someone in the White House.

Why don't we do it right now? Right now?

Let's have these debates. Let's have these fights out on the floor of the House right now, because I can promise you, the debt deal that we just passed ain't going to get the job done. It is not, and everybody here knows it.

□ 2150

Yet, they are going to go out and sell it as if it is something that it isn't; thinks, well, that is water under the bridge. Well, that is a hell of a lot of water under the bridge. There is \$4 trillion worth of water under that bridge.

Now we have got to go to work to pass appropriations bills. Will those appropriations bills turn the trajectory of this country away from the iceberg? That is my question for my colleagues.

We should appropriate to the FY22 levels that we have been talking about since last December, that we told the American people we were going to do.

We should appropriate the Federal bureaucracy back to pre-COVID levels because nobody in America thinks we should continue to spend at post-COVID levels. I am going to stand on that. I am going to keep fighting for that. I believe the American people want us to do that. I believe they want the bureaucracy to be shrunk. I believe they want their country back. I believe they want their lives back. I believe they don't want any more bureaucrats interfering with their freedoms, and I think we should stand united, yes, united in defense of the American peo-

ple in fighting for their freedom. That is what I believe we should do.

Does my friend from Pennsylvania have anything else he wishes to add?

Mr. PERRY. Well, as you know, I am in the same position as you with the bill. We never thought—look, we got together, this House, Republicans stood united, passed the Limit, Save, Grow Act. We stood united, and it was supposed to get us in the room.

We knew it wasn't going to be perfect. We always knew that. We never expected to get everything we wanted. We understand that President Biden didn't want any of it. We understand that CHUCK SCHUMER couldn't pass any bills over there and wasn't going to agree with any of it, but we thought we would get something from it, something.

It was \$1.5 trillion for a date certain, a number certain for said policy. We lost on both ends of the deal. It is \$4 trillion, uncapped spending, and none of the policies. The REINS Act, to stop the unbridled regulatory state, that is not there. Work requirements that would actually save us money, not saving us money. Rescissions, where we took money and were going to send it back to the Treasury, that didn't happen. We rescinded it, but we are going to spend it. That is not saving money.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Pennsylvania. I am going to close with this: An opinion in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth Division.

"Defendants, illegal aliens, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to transport and harbor illegal aliens. The sentencing information shows that on behalf of the Juarez cartel, defendants participated in an alien smuggling conspiracy. Their participation included operating an illegal alien stash house in Fort Worth, Texas, and transporting those who had been smuggled into the United States to their desired destination upon full payment. The smuggling organization charged \$10,000 to smuggle an adult illegal alien into the United States and between \$12,000-\$14,000 to smuggle a child illegal alien."

I am going to stop there. More money to smuggle a child illegal alien.

"Law enforcement discovered the Fort Worth portion of this smuggling operation after a man in Baltimore, Maryland (the husband) paid the organization to have his wife and 2-year-old daughter smuggled into the United States after they arrived in Mexico from Honduras. The husband contends that he paid the smuggling organization \$1,000 to smuggle his wife and child into the United States. They were then transported to the stash house in Fort Worth, where the husband contends a member of the smuggling organization demanded he pay an additional \$23,000 before his family would be released. The member also told the husband, 'they would do things to his daughter he [would] not like' if he did not make the payment."

It goes on to describe the absurdities of cartels in active engagement in this Republic, in this country, and we are doing nothing about it. The judge closes out: "The guidelines—the sentencing guidelines—do not adequately take into account these facts when recommending an appropriate prison range. The current prison guideline calculation of 51–63 months fails to meet the requirement that any sentence provide adequate deterrence and just punishment. Accordingly, the parties are provided notice that the court intends to vary upward from the applicable guideline range so that they may address this at the time of sentencing."

My point is, a Federal judge is having to step in to do the work that we are supposed to do here, to stand up and defend this country, not just for ourselves, but for the people being abused in our name. These are human beings.

Texans are getting absolutely ravaged in south Texas, ranches getting overrun, people dying from fentanyl, and here, migrants getting abused in the false name of compassion. Literally, thousands of dollars to have to pay to get out from a stash house.

As we head into Flag Day tomorrow, and we think about what that flag represents for people around the world seeking to come here, is that what it is?

Is it to be in a stash house where a little girl is being threatened?

Why won't we do anything about it?

Why should we appropriate money to a Department of Homeland Security that refuses to secure the homeland?

We have a job. We have a job to represent the people of the United States and to actually do what we are supposed to do to defend the United States and ensure that we have a sovereign nation. We should think about that tomorrow as we head into Flag Day.

While the White House flouts the United States flag, we should honor it. We should honor it right here, and we should honor it, remembering that the flag consists of 13 horizontal stripes, 7 red alternating with 6 white. We know that the stripes represent the original 13 Colonies; the stars, the 50 States of the Union.

A lot of people don't know, though, that the colors of the flag are symbolic as well. Red symbolizes hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence, and blue represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

Are we going to stand up for those tomorrow?

Are we going to stand up those for the rest of this Congress or are we going to continue to punt for some future date when everything magically works out politically so that you can finally stand up and do what you know is right today?

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 57 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-1188. A letter from the President and Chair, Board of Directors, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a statement with respect to exports, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3); July 31, 1945, ch. 341, Sec. 2 (as added by Public Law 102-266, Sec. 102); (106 Stat. 95); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-1189. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Fiscal Year 2022 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Parts A and B Supplemental Awards Report to Congress, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 300ff-13(e); July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title XXVI, Sec. 2603(e) (as amended by Public Law 109-415, Sec. 104(e)); (120 Stat. 2776) and 42 U.S.C. 300ff-29a(d); July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title XXVI, Sec. 2620(d) (as amended by Public Law 109-415, Sec. 205(2)); (120 Stat. 2798); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1190. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Treatment, Recovery, and Workforce Support Grants, Preliminary Report to Congress for FY 2022, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 290ee-8(j)(1); Public Law 115-271, Sec. 7183(j)(1); (132 Stat. 4072); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1191. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Tick-Borne Disease Working Group 2022 Report to Congress, pursuant to the 21st Century Cures Act of 2016, Sec. 2062(c); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1192. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Scarlett's Sunshine on Sudden Unexpected Death Act Report to Congress, pursuant to Sec. 1121 of the Public Health Service Act; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1193. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's 2021 Progress Report on Understanding the Long-Term Health Effects of Living Organ Donation, pursuant to Sec. 3 of the Charlie W. Norwood Living Organ Donation Act, P.L. 110-144, codified at 42 U.S.C. Sec. 273b; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1194. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the National Health Service Corps Report to Congress for the Year 2021, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 254i; July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title III, Sec. 336A (as amended by Public Law 107-251, Sec. 307(b)); (116 Stat. 1649); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1195. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Congressional Report Transmittal Letter, Department Report Number: 005530, pursuant to Public Law 117-103, div. K, title VII, Sec. 7071; (136 Stat. 682); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1196. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, De-

partment of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 23-012, pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1197. A letter from the Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 22-082, pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1198. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 23-012, pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1199. A letter from the Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration, transmitting the 2023 Annual Report of the Supplemental Security Income Program, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1383f(a); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, Sec. 1875 (as amended by Public Law 104-193, Sec. 231); (110 Stat. 2197); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-1200. A letter from the Secretary, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report to Congress titled "Implementing IWG Recommendations on Improving the Consultation Process Required Under Sec. 7 of the Endangered Species Act for Pesticide Registration and Registration Review; Progress Report No. 5", pursuant to Sec. 3(c)(11)(D)(i) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act; jointly to the Committees on Agriculture and Energy and Commerce.

EC-1201. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's report titled "Annual Report to Congress on the Open Payments Program" for Fiscal Year 2022, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1320a-7h(d)(1); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XI, Sec. 1128G (as added by Public Law 111-148, Sec. 6002); (124 Stat. 693); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

EC-1202. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled, "Finalizing Medicare Rules under Section 902 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) for Calendar Year 2022", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395hh(a)(3)(D); Public Law 108-173, Sec. 902(a)(1); (117 Stat. 2375); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

EC-1203. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the FY 2021 Medicare and Medicaid Integrity Programs Report to Congress, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395ddd(i)(2); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, Sec. 1893(i)(2) (as amended by Public Law 111-148, Sec. 6402(j)(1)(B)); (124 Stat. 762) and 42 U.S.C. 1396u-6(e)(5); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, Sec. 1936(e)(5) (as added by Public Law 109-171, Sec. 6034(a)(2)); (120 Stat. 76); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

EC-1204. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Medicare Program; Treatment of Medicare Part C Days in the Calculation of Hospital's Medicare Disproportionate Patient Percentage [CMS-1739-F] (RIN: 0938-AU24) received June 7, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.