

necessary steps to protect the flying public.

I support this bipartisan bill, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

AMERICAN FAMILIES AT RISK

(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, since Biden took office, there have been nearly 5 million crossings of illegal aliens from over 100 countries, a direct result of his failed policies and those of the Democrat-led Congress. Biden and Democrats shamefully support what they expect as low-information voters, ignoring the immediate threat of terrorists.

According to Customs and Border Protection, last month was the 10th consecutive month of more than 200,000 illegal crossings. Federal seizures have also resulted in fentanyl rising over 50 percent from November to December 2022, murdering young Americans.

The House Republican majority will deliver commonsense solutions to stop identified terrorists who are threats to American families at greater risk of mass murder than ever before.

House Republicans are holding the government accountable and will not stop until the American people are protected with a wall and fences, as Donald Trump attempted to achieve.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism continues, moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

CEMENTING THE UNITED STATES-ISRAEL AI PARTNERSHIP

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

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today because I am planning to reintroduce the United States-Israel Artificial Intelligence Center Act, a bipartisan piece of legislation that will cement a mutually beneficial partnership between the United States and Israel on artificial intelligence research.

This is a critical step forward in an era where AI and its implications are taking center stage in public discourse. We must collaborate with international partners like the Israeli Government to ensure that the United States maintains a leadership role in AI research and development and responsibly explores the many possibilities evolving technologies provide.

The United States-Israel Artificial Intelligence Center Act will allow us to tap into the expertise of both countries and draw upon each other's resources to explore and develop cutting-edge AI advancements.

RECOGNIZING MOMENTIVE TECHNOLOGIES

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

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of the many leaders of industry in Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, Momentive Technologies.

Headquartered in Strongsville, Ohio, Momentive Technologies is a global leader in quartz and ceramic materials for semiconductors and one of the largest producers of boron nitride in the world. Momentive Technologies' products are indispensable components in a broad range of goods, from semiconductors, aerospace, water purification, and pharmaceuticals to consumer electronics and telecommunications.

I had the privilege of visiting their headquarters while I was back home for last week's district work period. Momentive Technologies has invested heavily in its Ohio operations. Its year-over-year capital spend has increased 35 percent each year since 2020, and it hopes to continue that strong record of investment for the benefit not only of Ohio but of America's economic security.

I look forward to working together with Momentive Technologies and others across different industries to ensure American economic and industrial security for generations to come.

RAISING DEBT CEILING IS ROUTINE BUSINESS

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

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, since Speaker MCCARTHY won't tell us what he had to give extremist Republicans in his caucus in a backroom deal for power, we can only assume that they agreed to tank the economy and destroy millions of jobs unless Congress slashes Social Security.

Raising the debt ceiling is a routine matter of business that has been passed cleanly by Republican Presidents, including Trump, and Democratic Presidents alike.

If Republican lawmakers default, the shock will plunge the world into a recession and a financial crisis.

Let's not forget that 65 million Americans are on Social Security.

This debate is clear. Speaker MCCARTHY made a deal with the devil in exchange for the power to hold our economy hostage and push through extremist Republican proposals, such as Senator RICK SCOTT's plan to sunset Social Security.

We can't allow it to happen. Tell us what to aim to cut and save Social Security.

SUPPORTING PEOPLE OF IRAN

(Mr. MCCORMICK asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the people of Iran as they struggle against an oppressive and dangerous regime.

I also commend our great Iranian-American community in Georgia and across this Nation who hope that their friends and family on the other side of the world may one day have the freedom and prosperity we all enjoy in the United States. They are great patriots and valued citizens.

For 4 consecutive months, Iranians have been protesting and calling for the downfall of the clerical regime in Tehran. Their rulers have brutally repressed dissidents and protesters, killing women who violate their dress codes and men who stand up for their sisters, mothers, wives, and daughters.

In the 117th Congress, 260 bipartisan Members of Congress cosponsored H. Res. 118, which expressed unequivocal support for the Iranian people's desire to establish a secular, democratic, and nonnuclear republic.

I hope that we can attract even more bipartisan signers for our resolution this week, of which I am a proud cosponsor.

HOUSE DEMOCRATS STAND UNITED FOR SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, while I and my Democratic colleagues, as well as the Biden-Harris administration, have raised Social Security benefits by 8.7 percent, extreme Republicans are attempting to force cuts to Social Security eligibility and benefits that will hurt the financial security of America's seniors.

Their very first bill released the wealthy and well connected from giving their fair share of taxes, adding \$114 billion to the debt.

Social Security used to be a bipartisan-supported program. It is a vital lifeline for Americans, and House Democrats will continue to fight to protect Social Security not only for our seniors now but for future generations.

Together, House Democrats will continue to stand united in holding our Republican colleagues accountable and to push back against their efforts to subsidize the lifestyles of the rich and powerful.

DETROIT IS AT CROSSROADS

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

Mr. THANEDAR. Mr. Speaker, Detroit is a city of firsts, likely the site of the first urban freeway built in the U.S., where Henry Ford manufactured his first car, and the birthplace of the U.S. auto industry.

Yes, this city bleeds authentic Americana and yearns for a renaissance. However, my district is at a crossroads.

In the 13th Congressional District, businesses are beginning to hire more people, which means more traffic on the roads and more people using our public transportation system.

Metro Detroit was renowned for having one of the worst public transportation networks of any large city in the Nation even before the COVID-19 pandemic.

While others work from home, many jobs require in-person work. Public transportation is still necessary, and demand might rise in the future.

I applaud the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act during the last Congress. Still, there needs to be a strong emphasis on infrastructure goals.

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CONDEMNING VIOLENCE

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

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, 2 weeks ago, I stood on this very House floor and I voted to condemn violence at crisis pregnancy centers. A vote that was difficult to make, not because I think it was wrong to condemn violence, I don't.

Rather, it was difficult as an American to watch this governing body politicize the ideas of civility and decency that should be undoubtedly woven through every last one of us.

Mr. Speaker, I stand before you to condemn violence again, this time at an abortion clinic. I stand before you to acknowledge the violent attack at the Planned Parenthood in Illinois last week. The cowardly arson attack, a firebomb, damaged the building just days after abortion protections were signed into law in Illinois.

Let there be no mistake, this was clearly intended to terrorize women, girls, their families, and the medical professionals who serve them from exercising reproductive freedoms.

Now, I ask my Republican colleagues to join me as I have joined them in condemning violence and this violent attack. From this day forward, I invite all Americans to unequivocally say that we must restore civility and decency in every corner of our Nation because violence is never the answer ever.

COVID VACCINE PRICING

(Ms. PORTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to Big Pharma cheating taxpayers.

As pharmaceutical companies prepare to sell vaccines on the private market, they are jacking up the price tag on our public health.

After tens of billions of dollars of sales, vaccine manufacturers have floated commercial prices over four times higher than the price currently paid by the government.

Taxpayers contributed to every aspect of these vaccines, from the underlining science, to the clinical trials, to purchasing agreements, but only the manufacturers will profit.

Just two vaccine manufacturers control 97 percent of the market. They will not compete because they do not have to.

I have worked on legislation to prevent anticompetitive pricing in consolidated markets, like vaccines. This is especially important for products that our tax dollars paid for.

We cannot continue to ask taxpayers to help cover the risk, while letting Big Pharma collude to reap the profits.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 56

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS: Mr. Rogers of Kentucky, Mr. Aderholt, Mr. Simpson, Mr. Carter of Texas, Mr. Calvert, Mr. Cole, Mr. Diaz-Balart, Mr. Womack, Mr. Fleischmann, Mr. Joyce of Ohio, Mr. Harris, Mr. Amodei, Mr. Stewart, Mr. Valadao, Mr. Newhouse, Mr. Moolenaar, Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Cline, Mr. Reschenthaler, Mr. Mike Garcia of California, Mrs. Hinson, Mr. Tony Gonzales of Texas, Ms. Letlow, Mr. Cloud, Mr. Guest, Mr. Zinke, Mr. Clyde, Mr. LaTurner, Mr. Carl, Mrs. Bice, Mr. C. Scott Franklin of Florida, Mr. Ellzey, Mr. Ciscomani.

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE: Mr. Burgess, Mr. Latta, Mr. Guthrie, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Bilirakis, Mr. Johnson of Ohio, Mr. Bucshon, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Walberg, Mr. Carter of Georgia, Mr. Duncan, Mr. Palmer, Mr. Dunn of Florida, Mr. Curtis, Mrs. Lesko, Mr. Pence, Mr. Crenshaw, Mr. Joyce of Pennsylvania, Mr. Armstrong, Mr. Weber of Texas, Mr. Allen, Mr. Balderson, Mr. Fulcher, Mr. Pfluger, Mrs. Harshbarger, Mrs. Miller-Meeks, Mrs. Cammack, Mr. Obernolte.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES: Mr. Lucas, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Posey, Mr. Luetkemeyer, Mr. Huizenga, Mrs. Wagner, Mr. Barr, Mr. Williams of Texas, Mr. Hill, Mr. Emmer, Mr. Loudermilk, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Rose, Mr. Steil, Mr. Timmons, Mr. Norman, Mr. Meuser, Mrs. Kim of California, Mr. Donalds, Mr. Garbarino, Mr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Flood, Mr. Lawler, Ms. De La Cruz, Mr. Ogles, Mrs. Houchin, Mr. Nunn of Iowa.

COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION: Mr. Steil, Chair, Mr. Loudermilk, Mr. Griffith, Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Bice, Mr. Carey, Ms. Lee of Florida, Mr. D'Esposito.

COMMITTEE ON RULES: Mr. Burgess, Mr. Reschenthaler, Mrs. Fischbach, Mr. Massie, Mr. Norman, Mr. Roy, Mrs. Houchin, Mr. Langworthy.

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS: Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Smith of Nebraska, Mr. Kelly

of Pennsylvania, Mr. Schweikert, Mr. LaHood, Mr. Wenstrup, Mr. Arrington, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Estes, Mr. Smucker, Mr. Hern, Mrs. Miller of West Virginia, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Kustoff, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Steube, Ms. Tenney, Mrs. Fischbach, Mr. Moore of Utah, Mrs. Steel, Ms. Van Dyne, Mr. Feenstra, Mrs. Malliotakis, Mr. Carey.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

FEDERAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE COORDINATION ACT

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 255) to amend the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 to develop a study regarding streamlining and consolidating information collection and preliminary damage assessments, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H. R. 255

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Federal Disaster Assistance Coordination Act".

SEC. 2. STUDY TO STREAMLINE AND CONSOLIDATE INFORMATION COLLECTION AND PRELIMINARY DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1223 of the Disaster Recovery Reform Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-254) is amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 1223. STUDY TO STREAMLINE AND CONSOLIDATE INFORMATION COLLECTION AND PRELIMINARY DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS.

"(a) INFORMATION COLLECTION.—Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this section, the Administrator, in coordination with the Small Business Administration, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Disaster Assistance Working Group of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and other appropriate agencies, shall—

"(1) conduct a study and develop a plan, consistent with law, under which the collection of information from disaster assistance applicants and grantees will be modified, streamlined, expedited, efficient, flexible, consolidated, and simplified to be less burdensome, duplicative, and time consuming for applicants and grantees; and