

Look, I am not a math whiz, self-admitted, but I can do arithmetic. We spend over a trillion dollars in a month around this place, so if you are saving \$12 billion to spend \$1 trillion, let alone \$4 trillion, is that a good deal? Only in Washington. I mean, literally, Orwell thought he was writing fiction. He thought he was writing fiction. It is coming to fruition, and we are living in it.

We can't seem to convince our colleagues of the urgency of this situation, the peril that the Republic is in when people are not preeminent, when we lie to our citizens and tell them they can buy an electric lawn mower and it is just as good as your gas lawn mower.

I watch my neighbors mow half a lawn. Do you know why they mow half the lawn? Because they ran out of power and have to charge the thing back up. They mow it the next day.

Look, if that is your choice, God bless you, but we are lying to our citizens about all of this. This town is lying, and I for one won't stand for it. I will not help them pass bills that bankrupt our country, don't secure our border, and don't secure the virtues of liberty for our posterity—my children and theirs.

If they want to vote for it, they can deal with their constituents, their bosses, and the good Lord, but I am not going to bankrupt my country.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, in this 2 weeks following Independence Day, you do a lot of thinking if you are, as I assume my friend was, part of an Independence Day parade. There are a lot of patriotic Americans out there, particularly in flyover country, who love their country and want to defend their country, and they just want their life back. That is it. They want that American Dream back.

By God, I am going to do everything I can do in this godforsaken town to give them their freedom back, to give them the American Dream back. I don't care who gets mad at me. I don't care who is worried about what bill he or she didn't get across some finish line that nobody in America generally cares about.

We are going to fight to change this town. "Conquer or die," as General Washington said.

The fact is you have to ask yourself the question: Are you free? Are we free? Are we free if you pay taxes to a school that teaches your children that your country is evil, or that there isn't a difference between a man and a woman, if you can't even talk about God, much less pray to God? Are you a free American if that is what you are dealing with in the schools?

Are you free if you want to simply have a vehicle to move around, to carry out your livelihood to provide for your family, and you can't afford one because a bunch of elitists in Martha's Vineyard decide you have to drive an \$80,000 battery-powered car?

Are you free if you are worried that your streets are unsafe, your border is

wide open, and you are endangered, and fentanyl is pouring into your communities because your government refuses to do its one basic task? Are you actually free?

Are you free if you just want to go to the doctor of your choice and are prohibited from doing so because the government regulatory state and corporate cronies have combined to make a whole lot of money while you can't go to the doctor of your choice? Are you free?

Are you free if one President is treated differently than another President by the system of justice reporting to the President? Are you free?

Are we living in a free country? Are you free if you simply wanted to go about your way of life, but your government said you couldn't unless you stuck a needle in your arm with a vaccine created with full liability protection and then mandated by the very government saying you have to take it, and if you don't take it, you are going to lose your job? Are you free?

No, you are not free. It is about damn time that we live free again. That is why we are here.

Again, to my colleagues on this side of the aisle, I don't care about your checklist of stuff you want to campaign on. I don't care about what you don't want to vote on. I care about one thing and one thing only, and that is living free. It is our God-given right. It is what people bled and died for—living free, imperfect, in a simple world, but free.

That is our calling. That is our duty. Our duty isn't to get reelected. Our duty is to fight for the people who sent us here, to fight for them against a cultural elite who wants to rip away their lives.

That is what my mission is every day when I wake up in this godforsaken town.

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

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I couldn't have said it better. I watched a movie that has been out for some time, but the question from the gentleman to his wife, he asked what he should do in a situation, and she said it is not what a Senator would do, not what a leader would do, but it is what a free man would do. That is the decision.

That is what drives me. That is what drives my colleague. That is what we think should drive everyone here.

Sure, we would love to have the approval of the body, of our compatriots here, but what is more important to us is that we do the right thing on every occasion, not because it is easy, not because it is tough to message it back home, or not because somebody is going to not have one of their programs funded at the level they want it funded at. We are way beyond that now.

Our country is perilously close. We are borrowing money to pay our bills. We don't even print the money anymore. They just create it digitally. We

don't even print it, it is so much, and no one around here seems to care. When we talk about saving \$100 billion in the face of them spending \$4 trillion, they recoil.

How can we do that? Six months ago, we were spending that amount of money, and you would think that we were asking them to literally give their firstborn child or their right arm to try to get somewhere closer to living within our means. It is unacceptable.

The time is now. The urgency is now. You cannot be free if you can't afford to live free. You are not free if you are not making your own decisions. That is where we are, Mr. Speaker. It has to stop here. It has to stop now.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Pennsylvania for his comments. I think I have less than a minute left, and I will close with, as I said before, as General George Washington said on July 2, 1776, 247 years ago, on the day we actually declared independence: "The fate of unborn millions will now depend, under God," on our courage and our conduct. "We have, therefore, to resolve to conquer or die."

That is why we are here.

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 8 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-1403. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Supervisory Guidance on Multiple Re-Presentation NSF Fees August 2022 (Revised June 2023) received June 27, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-1404. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel For Regulatory Services, Office of General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Improving Income Driven Repayment for the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and the Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program (RIN: 1840-AD81) received July 17, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-1405. A letter from the Deputy Chief, Space Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Revising Spectrum Sharing Rules for Non-Geostationary Orbit, Fixed-Satellite Service Systems [IB Docket No.: 21-456], pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1406. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Transmission System Planning Performance Requirements for Extreme Weather [Docket No.: RM22-10-000; Order No.: 896] received June 28, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1407. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — One-Time Informational Reports on Extreme Weather Vulnerability Assessments Climate Change, Extreme Weather, and Electric System Reliability [Docket Nos.: RM22-16-000, AD21-13-000; Order No.: 897] received June 28, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1408. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-81, "Marion Barry Avenue Designation Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1409. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-171, "Fiscal Year 2023 Revised Local Budget Adjustment Temporary Act of 2023", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-1410. A letter from the Director, Congressional Affairs, Federal Election Commission, transmitting the Commission's interim final rule — Contributions in the Name of Another [Notice 2023-09] received May 22, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on House Administration.

EC-1411. A letter from the Clerk, U.S. House of Representatives, transmitting a letter from the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, transmitting the annual compilation of financial disclosure statements filed with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by members of the board of the Office of Congressional Ethics (H. Doc. No. 118—55); to the Committee on Ethics and ordered to be printed.

EC-1412. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a letter regarding certification by the Secretary of the Interior that national of Mexico are engaging the trade or taking of totoaba and vaquita that diminishes the effectiveness of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 1978(b); Aug. 27, 1954, ch. 1018, Sec. 8(b) (as amended by Public Law 95-376, Sec. 2); (92 Stat. 714) (H. Doc. No. 118—54); jointly to the Committees on Foreign Affairs and Natural Resources, and ordered to be printed.

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:

Mrs. HOUGHIN: Committee on Rules, House Resolution 597. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3935) to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3941) to prohibit the use of the facilities of a public elementary school, a public secondary school, or an institution of higher education

to provide shelter for aliens who have not been admitted into the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-147), Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 3395. A bill to direct the Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission to seek to enter into an agreement with a federally funded research and development center to evaluate foreign ownership of marine terminals at the 15 largest United States container ports, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-148), Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama: Committee on Armed Services. H.R. 1282. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to expand eligibility to certain military retirees for concurrent receipt of veterans' disability compensation and retired pay or combat-related special compensation, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-149 Pt. 1), Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. COMER: Committee on Oversight and Accountability. H.R. 192. A bill to prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia; with amendments (Rept. 118-150), Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Veterans' Affairs discharged from further consideration, H.R. 1282, 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 Mr. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. ALLRED, Ms. BALINT, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BEYER, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. Cárdenas, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CASE, Ms. CHU, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. CROW, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. EVANS, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. FOSTER, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. FROST, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HOYER, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. IVEY, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. JACKSON of North Carolina, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MAGAZINER, Ms. MANNING, Mrs. MCCLELLAN, Ms. MENG, Mr. MFUME, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. MULLIN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. NEAL, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PA-

NETTA, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PETERSEN, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PORTER, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. ROSS, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. SOTO, Mr. STANTON, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. TRONE, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. BERRA, Ms. WILD, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. TITUS, Ms. BUSH, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. GALLEG0, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. BROWN, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. COHEN, Mr. KILMER, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. LIEU, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mrs. SYKES, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. PEREZ, Ms. STANSBURY, and Mr. HIMES):

H.R. 11. A bill to expand Americans' access to the ballot box and reduce the influence of big money in politics, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Science, Space, and Technology, Oversight and Accountability, Financial Services, Ways and Means, Natural Resources, and Homeland Security, 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 Mr. COHEN (for himself and Mr. BURCHETT):

H.R. 4693. A bill to provide that the Federal Reports Elimination and Sunset Act of 1995 does not apply to certain reports required to be submitted by the Tennessee Valley Authority, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CARBAJAL (for himself, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. SOTO):

H.R. 4694. A bill to render certain military parents eligible for adjustment of status, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ESTES (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Missouri, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. SMUCKER, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mrs. STEEL, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. FEENSTRA, and Mr. BUCHANAN):

H.R. 4695. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the application of the base erosion and anti-abuse tax with respect to certain entities connected to jurisdictions which have implemented an extraterritorial tax; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE (for herself, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. COHEN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. KEATING, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. PHILLIPS, Ms. SALAZAR, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. EVANS, Mr. IVEY, and Mr. CLEAVER):

H.R. 4696. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a foreign official from demanding a bribe, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SCHRIER (for herself, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. SARBANES,