

a couple generations, and then moved to the United States, they would be considered Hispanic in need of help. If my ancestors lived in Spain and came to the United States, they would not need help. They would not be considered a group in need of preferences.

If you are, for example, one-quarter Native American and one-quarter Hispanic and the rest, say, English or German, you would, again, be considered a minority.

A minority that needs help, even though nobody in your life even knew what your ancestry was, but according to the diversity bureaucrats, you get to check off a box and are in need of special help.

There are a variety of reasons they claim we need affirmative action, one of them is to make up for past injustices, but all of these ethnic programs or whatever we want to call them, apply to people who just moved to the United States. Does it make any sense to say someone who moved here directly from Morocco or Nigeria or Haiti gets preferences when they had nothing bad happen to them in America?

As a matter of fact, it is even more ridiculous than that. They get preferences over the native born. For the purposes of filling out the form, if I move here from Peru and I am not even a citizen, but I have a green card, I get preferences over a person who has lived in America all along. That is, obviously, a potential for a lot of divisiveness.

Along these lines, there are two rationales. One rationale is, we have to make up for past injustices, which makes no sense when you are giving preferences to people who just moved here. The other one is supposedly to show diversity.

Now, let's look at our examples again. If I moved here or my ancestors moved here from Cuba, I don't know any Spanish, I have never been to a Spanish-speaking country, and I have grown up in a northern suburb in the United States. What diversity do I bring to any company? What diversity do I bring to any school? I bring no diversity at all. I don't know why that is not talked about by people who want to push these programs.

As I mentioned, these programs also affect grants given or who gets government contracts. The government sticks their nose in, and if a husband owns a business, he is penalized. If a wife owns the business, that may be considered good in creating diversity. Is that fair? They both have similar backgrounds.

It does encourage lying and crookedness in America as you run across people who put their business in the wife's name so they can get the government contract, but is that something we want to do? I don't think so. Nevertheless, that is an inevitable result of this diversity.

The next question that has to be brought up is for a lot of jobs, probably for the vast majority of jobs, is ethnic

diversity really something that matters?

If we are hiring a new engineer, if we are hiring a new brain surgeon, does it matter whether you are from China or Cuba or Morocco or Poland? You want the best person, the one who has done best in school, the one who has demonstrated just an innate intelligence to do these jobs. Diversity or where your ancestors came from does not help as well.

Now, let's look at another big reason why it is important that the Republican Party fight these diversity bureaucrats every step of the way. These diversity bureaucrats have to justify their job, and to justify their job, they will do things like have little classes in diversity in their businesses or colleges or governmental areas.

These diversity bureaucrats, to justify their existence, will tell young people, or older people, that there is a huge amount of racism in America, and they need the diversity bureaucrats to even things out.

This is one way to destroy America. You are going to cause people to walk around with a chip on their shoulder who should not be walking around with a chip on their shoulder.

Worse, you are going to be dividing America. One of the things that has made America so great is, out of many, one—E Pluribus Unum.

The diversity bureaucrats want to go the other way. They do not want people from all around the world considering themselves one united group. The diversity bureaucrats want to take what was one united group, tear it apart, and have people angry at each other or fighting with each other. This does not work anywhere else in the world.

When I read about elections in other parts of the world, one thing that makes them so contentious, sometimes violent, is that the elections become a contest between two different groups.

Look at what has happened in Sri Lanka over a period of years between the two big groups there. What has happened in Nigeria between the different tribes there. Of course, in the 1970s, it wound up there were tens of thousands of people dying as the ethnic groups or the tribes in Nigeria separated and wound up fighting.

Why in the world would we want elections in America to be a contest between groups? That is sadly what these bureaucracies are going to want.

I will close with a couple anecdotes, so people back home know what is going on in America.

I know somebody who worked for a manufacturing firm and that manufacturing firm had four engineers. They all were men. They had to hire a fifth engineer and they were told by the diversity firm they contracted with that their fifth hire had to be a woman.

It didn't matter if they had found a perfectly good candidate for the job. They were afraid that the government would come in and penalize them in some fashion or audit them if the next

person was not a woman. It clearly is not right.

The same company was going to hire a new person in management and their first four or five members of management were all of European descent. They were told they had to go out of the way to hire somebody who wasn't European in management rather than just taking the best person that they could.

I don't think most Americans would agree with that sort of thing, but that is what has been going on in America for the last 50 years. I strongly encourage the Republican Party to draw a line in the sand.

Joe Biden wants to insert these diversity bureaucrats in all government agencies, and they will stick their nose in hiring decisions, in promoting decisions. They will stick their nose in who gets grants around the country.

This is a way to divide America. America has become the greatest country in the world by viewing people as individuals. We should keep viewing people as individuals. We do not need diversity bureaucrats throughout our government.

I encourage all Members of this body to treat everybody equally and look at everybody as an individual, not as a representative of where their ancestors came from years and years ago.

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

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#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, July 24, 2023, at 11 a.m.

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#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-1420. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Revisions; California; San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District; Stationary Source Permits [EPA-R09-OAR-2022-0420; FRL-9970-02-R9] received June 29, 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-1421. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval and Limited Approval-Limited Disapproval; California; Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District; Stationary Source Permits; New Source Review [EPA-R09-OAR-2022-0427; FRL-10165-02-R9] received June 29, 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-1422. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting

the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; State of Missouri; Confidential Information [EPA-R07-OAR-2023-0214; FRL-10875-02-R7] received June 29, 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-1423. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Revisions; California; Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District [EPA-R09-OAR-2018-0160 FRL-10867-02-R9] received June 29, 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-1424. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval; Missouri; Revision to Sulfur Dioxide Control Requirements for Lake Road Generating Facility [EPA-R07-OAR-2023-0201; FRL-10839-02-R7] received June 29, 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-1425. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Revisions; California; Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District [EPA-R09-OAR-2023-0036; FRL-10790-02-R9] received June 29, 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-1426. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Accounting and Reporting Treatment of Certain Renewable Energy Assets [Docket No.: RM21-11-000; Order No.: 898] received July 7, 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-1427. A letter from the Biologist, Branch of Recovery and Conservation Planning, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Designation of Experimental Populations [Docket No.: FWS-HQ-ES-2021-0033; FF09E41000 234 FXES111609C0000] (RIN: 1018-BF98) received July 11, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1428. A letter from the Director Corps Water Infrastructure Financing Plan, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, transmitting the Corps' final rule — Credit Assistance and Related Fees for Water Resources Infrastructure Projects [Docket Number: COE-2022-0004] (RIN: 0710-AB31) received July 11, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

## 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. YAKYM (for himself and Mrs. SYKES):

H.R. 4762. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the non-premium war risk insurance program; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself, Mr. HILL, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. DAVIDSON, and Mr. EMMER):

H.R. 4763. A bill to provide for a system of regulation of digital assets by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. ARMSTRONG (for himself and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 4764. A bill to establish a standard of identity for honey, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, 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. LYNCH (for himself and Mr. NUNN of Iowa):

H.R. 4765. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to carry out a study on Chinese support for Afghan illicit finance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. MCHENRY:

H.R. 4766. A bill to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. STEIL:

H.R. 4767. A bill to make revisions to the Federal securities laws with respect to shareholder proposals, proxy voting, and the registration of proxy advisory firms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. WATERS (for herself and Mr. NUNN of Iowa):

H.R. 4768. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to instruct the United States Executive Directors at the international financial institutions to advocate for investment in projects that decrease reliance on Russia for agricultural commodities; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. DINGELL (for herself, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, Ms. TITUS, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Mr. IVEY, and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 4769. A bill to drive innovation in developing next-generation protection for firefighters by accelerating the development of PFAS-free turnout gear, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security, and in addition to the Committees on Science, Space, and Technology, and Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. SARBANES (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. WITTMAN, and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia):

H.R. 4770. A bill to reauthorize the Chesapeake Bay Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. BARRAGÁN:

H.R. 4771. A bill to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to permanently extend the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. BICE (for herself, Mr. EDWARDS, Ms. MACE, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DE REMER, Mr. CARTER of Georgia,

Mr. DONALDS, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. FLOOD, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. BABIN, Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. GUEST, and Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky):

H.R. 4772. A bill to require that a State be ineligible to receive funds under certain Federal programs unless the State has in effect a State law restricting the purchase of agricultural land by certain foreign persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Energy and Commerce, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. CRENSHAW, and Mrs. TRAHAN):

H.R. 4773. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to fund detection and testing activities, such as wastewater surveillance, to detect synthetic opioids, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself and Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN):

H.R. 4774. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to issue guidance on extreme temperature events and resilience goals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 4775. A bill to amend title XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide coverage of comprehensive tobacco cessation services under such titles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. BOEBERT (for herself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina, Mr. GOSAR, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. MEUSER, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. OGLE, and Mr. PERRY):

H.R. 4776. A bill to terminate the Disinformation Governance Board of the Department of Homeland Security and to prohibit the use of Federal funds to establish any other similar Board, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BEYER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. GRIMALVA, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. MENG, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. NADLER, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SChAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. VARGAS, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ):

H.R. 4777. A bill to require regulation of wastes associated with the exploration, development, or production of crude oil, natural gas, or geothermal energy under the Solid Waste Disposal Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BEYER, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. CLARKE