

brought it. It is probably a diesel-powered truck.

You see so many failed efforts to electrify vehicles, cars, trucks, et cetera. There are a few out there getting around, yes, but not on a dependable basis to keep our supply chain going.

What we keep learning is that you have elites over at conferences like this saying that we need to cut back on meat, cut out agriculture. They want us to cut 30 percent of our agriculture. There is already a food shortage in much of the world, and even in some of our urban areas in this country, what we call food deserts.

What is their reality with that? There is no reality to this. This is a way to control our lives, our choices, as they want to phase out meat and agricultural products grown in this country.

Do you want to depend on it coming from somewhere else? That works really great. Wait until they have a food embargo like the fuel embargoes we had in the 1970s. The rest of the world does not look out for the needs of the United States like we do ourselves.

It is about time we put aside this nonsense of getting to some kind of zero output of carbon by 2035 or 2050 or whatever round number they dream up as a goal. Like my home State of California, they do it all the time.

At the same time that they are saying less carbon, they are also taking away the means to produce carbon-free electricity, such as tearing out the dams on the Klamath River and other dams up in Oregon and Washington that make clean hydroelectric power, low-cost power.

Why do we need to have our electricity cost so much because of some people's wild dream, and controlling dream, on eliminating CO<sub>2</sub>, which is really not a problem? It is not a poisonous gas. It is not negative. Carbon is a building block of all of what we have and what we do.

That isn't talked about a lot. Instead, we hear this side of the room half the time—it is all about carbon. Every conversation, every committee has to filter something through climate change. Climate change is a constant in our lives and on our planet. That reality doesn't get talked about, it is just hype, hype, hype.

Czar Kerry comes back with more and more ideas on how to control us and take away the basic sustenance that makes this country strong with its energy and self-provision of food that keep us strong.

#### PROTECTING THE UNBORN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves—the unborn.

Since 1973, over 60 million American children have lost their lives to the

atrocities of abortion, the greatest human rights violation in history.

We often boast that we are a nation of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Yet, we deny this sacred right to the most innocent among us.

Last year, the Supreme Court gave the unborn a monumental victory with the Dobbs ruling, returning the issue of abortion to Congress and the States. That is why today I am introducing a series of three bills designed to further protect the most vulnerable among us—the unborn.

First, the Love Them Both Act would prevent the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission from exploiting the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act to cover abortion or abortion-related services. The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act is designed to protect pregnant women from discrimination in the workplace, and it should not be used for political purposes.

We have a responsibility to ensure both women and their unborn children are treated equally and fairly, and the Love Them Both Act does exactly that.

Second, the Pregnancy Is Not an Illness Act would correct a longstanding but erroneous conclusion of the FDA. In 2000, the FDA fast-tracked approval of dangerous abortion-inducing drugs. To do so, they declared abortion to be a life-threatening illness. As a mother of seven, I can assure you that pregnancy is very much not an illness or disability, but rather, nothing short of a miracle from the hand of God. The Pregnancy Is Not an Illness Act would prohibit the FDA from ever calling pregnancy an illness again for the purpose of approving abortion-inducing drugs.

Lastly, I am introducing the Woman's Right to Know Act so that women seeking abortions are fully aware of the consequences of their actions. This bill would require an abortion provider to perform an ultrasound and then describe the development of the unborn child to the mother. My bill would also ask for a 24-hour waiting period before an abortion is performed. These are simple, commonsense steps aimed to prevent a woman from making a decision she will regret for the rest of her life.

In Psalm 139:13–16, David writes: “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the Earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”

Life is the most precious gift we have. Without it, we have nothing. If we don't protect the right to life, all of our other rights are in danger of being taken away. We cannot call ourselves a nation of liberty and justice for all when we deprive this most sacred right from the most vulnerable among us.

We are in the midst of the most joyous time of year, Christmas. Although this is the season of parties, concerts, and family time, that is not why we celebrate. We celebrate Christmas because of God's greatest gift to mankind, Jesus. Without him, there would be no Christmas. What better time to protect the cause of life than this special season of Christmas?

Make no mistake, the world is watching, and so is Almighty God. They are watching to see if we will live up to our promise of providing freedom and a bright future to anyone born here. They are watching to see if we truly want everyone to achieve the American Dream. They are watching to see if we really are that shining city set on a hill that John Winthrop and Ronald Reagan proclaimed us to be.

To quote one of my favorite Presidents, and accurately, I might add, Ronald Reagan famously said: “I have noticed that everybody that is for abortion has already been born.”

Mr. Speaker, you and I had the chance at life. We have been given the chance to live fulfilling lives, and I believe God has called each one of us to this body for a specific purpose.

Mr. Speaker, 60 million of our children have not had that chance, and if we really want to create a bright American future, that is the least they deserve.

I believe these three bills will go a long way toward protecting the most vulnerable among us, and I urge the House to act swiftly in passing them.

#### CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF DR. LES GUICE, PRESIDENT OF LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Louisiana (Ms. LETLOW) for 5 minutes.

Ms. LETLOW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the retirement of a dear friend and respected member of the Ruston, Louisiana, community, the president of Louisiana Tech University, Dr. Les Guice.

President Guice has tirelessly served Louisiana Tech in multiple capacities over the course of 45 years and recently completed his 10th year as the university's president.

He graduated from Louisiana Tech in 1976 with a bachelor of arts in architecture, earning a master's degree in civil engineering in 1978, and served as an assistant professor in the Department of Civil Engineering. He was promoted to associate professor in 1981. After obtaining his Ph.D. in civil engineering from Texas A&M in 1988, he earned a full professorship and became the permanent department head of civil engineering.

President Guice impacted countless students in the classroom before serving as the dean of the College of Engineering and Science in the late 1990s. His extensive and impressive list of accomplishments at Louisiana Tech

speaks to President Guice's dedication to students and faculty, as well as his unwavering commitment to excellence and higher education.

His leadership facilitated groundbreaking faculty and student research, multiple national and global rankings, historic enrollments and graduations, notable philanthropic campaigns, and the innovative expansion of the school's campus.

President Guice kindled public and private partnerships, bridging the gap between government resources and private-sector efficiency. He truly understood the concept of "town and gown" by working diligently with Ruston local officials to make sure it always felt like that special college town where students could enjoy both the campus as well as the beautiful amenities the city of Ruston has to offer.

He consistently inspired both students and faculty to seize their potential, ultimately enabling the university to achieve higher goals year after year. He promoted diverse perspectives among his teams and encouraged each person around him to pursue their passions, and then he would give them the runway to fly.

I remember attending an event where President Guice was giving a campus update to the community. He asked all of his faculty and staff to stand up. He gave all the credit for every success that Louisiana had under his presidency to them. That is the kind of man President Guice is: always working behind the scenes, giving credit to others, and delighting in their successes.

There is a reason people call Louisiana Tech a family. You can't help but feel it when you are on their campus. That kind of culture comes from the top down.

Kristi Stake, a professor at Louisiana Tech, said it best when I asked her about him. She said that Dr. Guice never wanted the focus to be on him. He always put the spotlight on the people around him, especially the students. He accomplished a lot that people will probably never know.

President Guice continuously put students' success as his top priority as he created a thriving environment where students felt welcome. He supported the development of strong academic programs, a robust school culture, and a place where students could be successful.

We know that beside every strong man is often an equally strong woman. Kathy Guice has served selflessly by his side as the first lady of Louisiana Tech. They have opened their home to countless students, faculty, and staff, helping to cultivate that warm family environment.

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Also not lost on me are the sacrifices a person makes when they are in public service, especially the toll it takes on your family life. Nevertheless, Kathy was always up for the challenge, making everyone feel welcome. She is the

ultimate steel magnolia, and I thank her for her service.

Today, I echo thousands of Louisianians in celebrating President Guice's retirement from his influential career at Louisiana Tech University and his extensive legacy that will continue to grow and thrive because of programs, innovation, and partnerships that he helped to form during his tenure. He will be fondly remembered by friends, faculty, and students, and his work will continue to benefit the community. He may be retiring, but we know he will always be there cheering on the Bulldogs.

I thank Dr. Guice. He transformed an entire region, and for that we will be forever grateful.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 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 pro tempore (Mr. ROUZER) at noon.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Yours is the spirit, O Holy One, that at creation brought order from chaos, that separated the waters from the dry land, and breathed Your very breath into humanity.

On this new day, inspire us anew. Open our hearts to Your transforming power in our lives and in this place. Where there is disorder, reveal Your direction. Where there is darkness, shed Your light. Where there is indifference, stir us with purpose. Divide all bitterness and allow civility to establish a foothold.

Create a new heart within us, O God, our creator. Renew a steadfast spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your redeeming spirit but restore to us the joy of Your salvation. Grant us a willing spirit to sustain us in our service to You and to this Nation and to Your people.

To You, O Lord, does everything on Earth owe its life. May all that lives and breathes, glorify Your holy name this day.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI 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.

#### 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.

#### BORDER SECURITY IS NATIONAL SECURITY

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, it should be obvious and common sense, but border security is national security. President Biden's open border policies have incentivized this historic surge in illegal immigration at our southern and northern borders.

Since taking office, over 6.4 million illegal crossings have happened at our southern border; 1.7 million known gotaways have evaded U.S. Border Patrol and are now in our country.

Every State is now a border State. Every town is now a border town. They are living in New York. Democrats are proposing that our national parks be used not for people to enjoy but to house illegal immigrants, which will only further encourage this crisis.

Republicans and Democrats alike have condemned Biden's border crisis, but we must stop incentivizing further waves of illegal immigrants by providing them with free housing.

House Republicans will continue to fight to secure our border and eliminate the financial burden illegal immigrants are putting on American taxpayers and our institutions, our towns, our States. That is why we passed H.R. 2 to secure the border, which is the strongest border security package in American history.

#### SUBMINIMUM WAGE PAID TO AIRPORT WORKERS

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

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI. Mr. Speaker, thousands of janitors, bag handlers, wheelchair attendants, and others at our Nation's airports work for wages as low as \$2.13 plus tips.

That is not a typo. This is called the national subminimum wage, and it is unacceptable. Workers who help more