

As we reflect on our past, let us commit to building a future where justice prevails and every American enjoys the full promise of freedom.

CALLING OUT DTE ENERGY'S RATE HIKES AND CORPORATE GREED

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I am getting tired of coming to the House floor to call out DTE Energy's corporate greed in my district.

My residents cannot afford DTE's ridiculous rate hikes and terrible, unreliable service.

Check this out: They increase rates between the hours of 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. when the majority of our families are home, literally in the middle of a deadly heat wave with temperatures of nearly 100 degrees.

Despite DTE making more than a billion dollars in rate hikes in the last decade and \$313 million in the second quarter of this year, DTE is never satisfied.

DTE is one of the worst utilities in the Nation for power outages and restoring power. Yet we pay 16 percent more than the national average for this failing service.

As long as a for-profit company controls our electrical power, it will be unaffordable and unreliable.

We need public power. DTE and other for-profit utilities should be turned into publicly-owned and operated services so our families can live safely and have livable conditions in our country.

NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a proud descendant of dairy farmers to honor National Dairy Month.

As the first chairman of the House Agriculture Committee from Pennsylvania in nearly 170 years, I know the importance of America's dairy industry.

Our Commonwealth is home to more than 5,000 dairy farms with more than 470,000 cows. We produce nearly 10 billion pounds of milk each year and for every cow, we generate \$24,000 in economic revenue.

The American dairy industry is an economic powerhouse, home to nearly 10 million dairy cows, supporting over 3 million jobs, and generating nearly \$42 billion in direct wages.

America's dairy farmers produce more than 200 billion pounds of milk each year, ensuring that there is a consistent and reliable supply of essential nutrients.

However, the story of American dairy goes deeper than just statistics and numbers. It is a story of family farms

and hardworking producers. Dairy producers work tirelessly every day of the year to provide nutritious products for consumers here and around the world.

American dairy is a robust and dynamic sector that supports our economy, nourishes our population, and embodies the values of hard work and determination.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all of our dairy farmers and producers across the Commonwealth and around the country.

HONORING POLICE CHIEF ROBERT LUCCHESI ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a pillar of our New Paltz community, Police Chief Robert Lucchesi, as he retires after over three decades serving our community on the force.

Chief Lucchesi is everything a community could want in a leader: He brought a zeal for service to every moment spent in uniform, a devotion to neighbors and strangers alike, and the profound ability to constantly reflect on how his team could better protect, serve, uplift, and empower our community.

He set the standard and built a culture based on trust not only in his department, but throughout our entire region by serving on the Police Chiefs Association of Ulster County and Mid-Hudson Chiefs of Police Association.

Chief Lucchesi has more than earned a relaxing retirement, but that is not who he is. Fully grounded in a life of service, he is already back in public service sitting on the New Paltz Zoning Board of Appeals, serving as a volunteer firefighter, and in his spare time, somehow, coaching youth sports in New Paltz and our community.

Mr. Speaker, it has been an honor to serve and work with Chief Lucchesi. On behalf of our entire community, I thank him for his decades of service past, present, and future.

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S OPEN-BORDER POLICIES ARE DANGEROUS TO AMERICAN WOMEN AND GIRLS

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

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Mr. Speaker, 2 weeks ago, a 13-year-old girl was raped in New York City by an illegal immigrant from Ecuador released into our country by Border Patrol thanks to Joe Biden's open-border policies.

In Texas, 12-year-old Jocelyn Nungaray was raped and murdered by two illegal immigrants from Venezuela, again, released into our country at the direction of the Biden administration.

Laken Riley's killer, a Venezuelan gang member, was granted parole by the Biden administration, then repeat-

edly arrested and released by sanctuary city New York, the only reason Laken is not alive today.

Rachel Morin's killer, an illegal immigrant from El Salvador, crossed Biden's open border, successfully evading CBP custody.

Kayla Hamilton's killer from El Salvador was allowed to enter by the Biden administration, despite associations with the violent MS-13 gang.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask how many more American women and girls will suffer the same fate before President Biden reverses his policies? I also ask: Where are our colleagues on the other side of the aisle that claim to be champions of women?

HONORING WORLD WAR II VETERAN ROBERT "AL" PERSICHI

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

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Robert "Al" Persichitti, a World War II veteran and beloved member of my community who recently passed away while en route to Normandy for the 80th anniversary of D-Day.

I had the honor of meeting Al several years ago, and we became fast friends. I loved hearing him talk about his time in the United States Navy where he served in Guadalcanal, the Battle of Okinawa, and the fight at Iwo Jima, landmark moments in our country's history.

At the spry young age of 102, Al's dedication to his country never wavered. Al embodied the very meaning of the word "patriot," and his commitment to service over self should inspire us all.

May we follow the famous advice of General George Patton by not mourning the death of Al Persichitti, but instead thanking God that such a remarkable man lived.

Mr. Speaker, may Al rest in peace. He certainly earned it.

RECOGNIZING SMALL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH, NOBLE CONCRETE AND PRECAST

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

Mr. ALFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Fourth District of Missouri's Small Business of the Month for June, Noble Concrete and Precast, a female-owned concrete business that sells top-of-the line products, built by experienced farmers who are committed to providing the best experience to all customers.

Located in Lamar, Missouri, Noble Concrete and Precast is a local go-to source for high-quality concrete cattle feeders, raised beds, stock tanks, retaining walls, and much more.

As a family-owned and operated business since 1990, their affiliations speak

to the amazing things they are accomplishing. They are affiliated with the Cattlemen's Association, FFA, 4H, Girl Scouts, Contractors Association of the Ozarks, and so many more amazing national and local affiliates.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Noble Precast on the well-deserved recognition of Small Business of the Month. Keep up the much-appreciated work.

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION CONTINUES TO OVERSPEND AND OVERREGULATE

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

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, since President Biden has taken office, prices have risen 20.1 percent. That means the average American household is spending an average of \$13,000 more a year for common household items.

Despite this out-of-control, spending-induced inflation, the Biden administration continues to overspend and overregulate.

In fact, in just 3½ years, this administration has finalized 991 new regulations. Those regulations will result in an estimated 300 million additional hours of paperwork every year for Americans and bring with them a total finalized cost of \$1.6 trillion.

This comes as small business owners struggle to remain competitive and keep up with these rising costs.

Madam Speaker, it is past time the Biden administration ends its regulatory war against small businesses and unleash the American ingenuity and capitalism that has traditionally given Americans the highest standard of living in the world.

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ENSURING STABILITY IN LEBANON

(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, as tensions boil in the Middle East, I rise today to bring attention in this Chamber to the alarming situation in Lebanon.

Lebanon is strategically significant to the United States, given its central location in the Middle East and its border with Israel. Ensuring stability in Lebanon and neutralizing Hezbollah will bolster regional security, creating a conducive environment for Israel to negotiate peaceful treaties.

U.N. resolutions already on the books should be enforced, like Resolution 1559 for the disarmament of militias in Lebanon and Resolution 1680 to protect the Lebanese borders and prevent smuggling by Iran's proxies in the Middle East. This need is underscored by a recent incident on May 20 when a Syrian truck loaded with weapons was intercepted in northern Lebanon.

The people of Lebanon are hurt the most by Hezbollah and the Iranian proxies, and what is happening there is an absolute disgrace. We must empower the people of Lebanon and continue to push for a presidential election that is free and fair of interference from the Iranian regime.

IT IS TIME TO GET TO WORK

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

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, the American people don't go home before their job is done, so why should Congress? In the nearly five decades that our current appropriations process has been in place, Congress has passed all 12 appropriations bills only four times—four times in almost 50 years.

The American people have been far too generous with us, and their patience is wearing thin. We are here to represent their interests and to keep this government running.

It is high time that we take our responsibilities seriously, put our heads down, and get to work passing appropriations bills each year.

Congress is broken, and I intend to fix how Washington works. Today, I am introducing the Do Our Job Act. If our appropriations work is not done, we don't go home. Simple as that.

The American people deserve better than an 8 percent success rate for funding our government.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8774, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8771, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, FOREIGN OPERATIONS, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8752, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1316 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1316

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8774) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. After general debate the

bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. An amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118-40 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived.

SEC. 2. (a) No further amendment to H.R. 8774, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution, and pro forma amendments described in section 4 of this resolution.

(b) Each further amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 4 of this resolution, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

(c) All points of order against further amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution are waived.

SEC. 3. It shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this section shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 4 of this resolution, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

SEC. 4. During consideration of H.R. 8774 for amendment, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate.

SEC. 5. At the conclusion of consideration of H.R. 8774 for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommend.

SEC. 6. At any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8771) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute