

Well, the problem is, whoever is working there is not allowed under current law to ask for proof of that citizenship. If somebody checks the box, they can't stop them and say, hey, do you have any paperwork to prove that? Where are you from? You have a funny accent. Oh, you don't speak English? Are you a citizen? They don't have any way to prove it.

I believe I stand with the American public when I say our elections are just too important to simply rely on the honor system by people who have already proven they have no regard or respect for our laws.

Would we be so foolish as to think every one of the 500 got-aways sneaking through our southern border every single day have good intentions? Come on. We have got to apply reason and common sense.

Would we prefer to wait for fraud to happen and only do something after elections are finalized? No. We have to catch the fraud on the front end so there is no question about the integrity of our votes. Again, this is our duty to do so.

If we don't catch any unlawful voters, great, that is wonderful. It means our systems are secure. If we do catch unlawful voters, then good, we stop them from voting. We did what was right by the Constitution, right by our Federal law, and right by the people that we represent.

There should be no objection to this legislation at all.

I will conclude with this: I have been here 8 years. Every so often in this Chamber, we take a vote that clearly reveals what we think about the world. There are important votes every day, but there are some votes that define who we are. It defines our world, and it defines what we believe about the Constitution and about the rule of law. It defines our careers, and it defines our character. It is a signal to the voters fundamentally about what we believe about our country.

Republicans want 100 percent participation by citizens in our elections, eligible citizens who can vote. We want everybody to vote. We want 100 percent participation, but we want zero percent fraud. We want American citizens to be the lone people who decide our elections.

Here is the question that is about to be answered on this floor: Do Democrats want that same thing, or do they want to hand over our country to the worst impulses and nefarious plans of foreign spies and criminals who will exploit the system for their own gain?

Republicans are anxious to get this done. We are anxious to take the necessary steps to protect the integrity of every single vote, and we will ensure that we have free and fair elections, and we will ensure that only Americans decide American elections.

The question that will be answered—and it is not a rhetorical question; this is a real live exercise—can Democrats say the same thing? Is there any meas-

ure that they will take to reduce the opportunity for fraud? Today is their chance, and, unfortunately, I am not that hopeful that they are going to do the right thing, but you are about to find out.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair reminds Members not to refer to persons in the gallery.

COMMENDING THE DEDICATION AND HARD WORK OF STELLA JIMENEZ

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

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the dedication and hard work of Stella Jimenez, my outstanding district director, as I bid her farewell as she moves on to the next step of her career.

Stella Jimenez brought a wealth of experience and an unwavering commitment to community service and a dedication to enact positive change.

Stella had a pivotal role in leading diverse initiatives aimed at enhancing the well-being of residents in Imperial and Riverside Counties.

Stella demonstrated a profound understanding of the community's needs and challenges. Her leadership, characterized by a unique combination of grace and effectiveness, garnered admiration and respect from colleagues and constituents alike.

Stella's dedication to community engagement was unparalleled. Whether it was championing the proposed Chuckwalla National Monument or ensuring full stakeholder engagement in Imperial County, she approached each initiative with unwavering determination.

Under her guidance, these events not only achieved success but also carried a deeply personal touch reflecting Stella's commitment to meaningful connection.

I am profoundly grateful for the privilege of working with Stella Jimenez, and I wish her the best in her next life adventure.

RECOGNIZING SOLDIERS REUNION

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

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, next month we celebrate the 134th annual Soldiers Reunion celebration in Newton, North Carolina, which I am proud to represent. It is believed to be the longest running patriotic celebration in the country that is not based on a holiday.

Thousands of people will gather for various events including concerts, a car show, a bike ride, and a 5K. The sidewalks will be packed with families from August 10 through 15 for the annual parade and the festival surrounding Newton's 1924 courthouse. It is a special celebration.

Our veterans and active servicemembers will be honored and recognized throughout the week, as they have been recognized since this tradition began in 1889.

I thank and congratulate the citizens of Newton and the local organizations who spend many months each year planning for the Soldiers Reunion. They deserve our recognition for this annual reminder of the debt and gratitude we owe those who serve our Nation.

NASH COMMUNITY COLLEGE PRE-APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight the exceptional apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs Nash Community College offers.

The STEPS4GROWTH Pre-Apprenticeship is an incredible opportunity for individuals interested in advanced manufacturing or clean energy vehicles.

Imagine not just learning but actively engaging with industry-experienced instructors, gaining hands-on experience, and working on real projects that can kickstart a career.

These programs don't just benefit students. Local organizations can also boost their productivity and profitability by participating.

It is an exciting chance for students to dive into their passions and for local communities to nurture the next generation of talented workforce-ready individuals. We have seen the benefits and the results across the region at places like OIC.

I commend Nash Community College for its commitment to keeping the American Dream within reach for eastern North Carolinians.

INFLATION

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, month after month, the American people endure higher utility bills and rising costs at the grocery store and the gas pump.

Inflation has risen by more than 20 percent since President Biden took office. That is just an average. Every day, folks are actually paying 35 percent more for flour, 40 percent more for eggs, and 27 percent more for butter. That is on top of paying 29 percent more for electricity, about 55 percent more for a gallon of gas, and 21 percent more in monthly rent.

It adds up to more than \$1,000 a month for the same goods and services that American families were buying before these historic price increases. This is a direct result of the Biden administration's overspending and overregulation.

While we hear White House officials continue to dismiss the sticker shock that Americans face every day, House Republicans are committed to reining in the reckless spending in Washington and restoring fiscal sanity.

DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, 8 months ago, the President put forth a supplemental disaster recovery funding request, and while Congress has failed to act, wildfires, hurricanes, and extreme weather conditions have continued to strike.

On June 28, the President submitted to Congress an updated request for \$700 million for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery program. These funds play an essential role in communities across the country in towns like Lahaina that have been devastated by fire and help to rebuild housing, infrastructure, and other facilities.

The need for this request is urgent. As we look ahead to a hyperactive hurricane and wildfire season, working families and communities across the country are still struggling to rebuild homes and businesses ravaged by the impacts of the last storm cycle.

Mr. Speaker, disaster does not discriminate, and it does not wait. I urge this House to immediately bring the disaster supplemental request up for a vote before we depart for the August recess. Doing so ensures we get the work of the people done and deliver much-needed relief to our communities across the country.

BUREAUCRATIC WASTE

(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, so far Congress has provided \$7.5 billion for electric vehicle charging stations via the so-called infrastructure bill.

Mr. Speaker, \$5 billion of that money is allocated to individual States to build a network of fast chargers along major highways in the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure program.

This outpouring of funds, the intense focus of the Department of Transportation and the Biden administration has only managed to finish seven of these stations in only four States.

Investment seems to be the term used on this topic to get around the fact that nothing is getting done and an incredible amount of taxpayer money is being spent.

There is a consistent pattern of electric vehicle charging stations being exempted also from the Buy America provisions that were expanded in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

We are buying these components from China because most are not sourced from U.S. manufacturing because we are in a big hurry, it seems, to not actually build them.

This is a pathetic and embarrassing show of bureaucratic waste and a slap in the face to American workers.

The whole Biden administration at every level, be it funding or regulation, have forced electric vehicles and have forced the demand that the infrastructure isn't even close to being in place for.

Mr. Speaker, 7 in 10 Americans said they don't want to buy an EV and are already trying to give back what they have.

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BELTED GALLOWAY JUNIOR NATIONALS

(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 to recognize three outstanding young people from Venango County, Pennsylvania, who competed in the first-ever Belted Galloway Junior Nationals event at the Medina County Fairgrounds in Medina, Ohio.

The Belted Galloway is a traditional Scottish breed of beef cattle. The Buckeye Battle of the Belts took place June 26 through June 30. I proudly recognize these livestock enthusiasts from Venango County:

Mark Snyder, 18, of Titusville, won the grand champion overall pure breed Belted Galloway bull, fourth overall intermediate sales talk, third intermediate team fitting, reserve grand champion overall purebred Belted Galloway heifer, and two class winners Belted Galloway heifer.

Coltin Cross, 16, of Rockland, won Belted Galloway class winner heifer, third intermediate overall cattlemen's quiz, third intermediate team fitting, and 10th overall intermediate points.

Marie Schwab, 13, of Oil City, won third junior public speaking, fifth junior sales talk, reserve team fitting, fourth junior judging contest, seventh overall junior points, champion Belted Galloway immediate heifer, champion Belted Galloway prospect steer, champion overall purebred Belted Galloway steer.

Mr. Speaker, I am so impressed with these young people. The Belted Galloway Junior Nationals provide a platform for youths aged 18 to 21 to showcase their skills, dedication, and passion for agriculture. I congratulate them all.

HONORING BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ASSISTANT CHIEF MATTHEW TOBBEN

(Mr. ALFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart today that I rise to honor the life and service of Boone County Fire Protection District Assistant Chief Matthew Tobben, who lost his life in the line of duty this week during a high-water rescue.

Prior to joining the Boone County team this year, Matt spent 19 years with the Union Fire Department and was part of Missouri Task Force One for 12 years.

Today, we honor and remember Matt, especially his selfless dedication to others and his courage to always answer the call. He never turned down an opportunity to make a rescue or help his community.

Our sincere condolences are with his family, friends, and loved ones. The Fourth District of Missouri will forever be grateful to Matt for his service and heroism.

PROTECTING HOME APPLIANCE CHOICE

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

Ms. LEE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to state my support for H.R. 7700, the Stop Unaffordable Dishwasher Standards Act, and H.R. 7637, the Refrigerator Freedom Act, which passed the House this week.

Since his first day in office, President Biden has repeatedly advanced burdensome rules, regulations, and mandates that have made Americans' lives more difficult and caused prices to skyrocket. Across the board, prices are up 20 percent because of President Biden's failed and inflationary policies.

Families in Florida cannot afford Bidenomics. House Republicans are fighting to protect families from burdensome mandates, safeguard consumer choice, and defend cost-effective energy solutions.

That is what these important bills will do. President Biden's war on everyday household appliances only hurts hardworking Americans and small businesses. People in Florida, not bureaucrats in Washington, should be able to decide what appliances they want in their homes.

These bills will protect affordability and choice, allowing all Americans the ability to make the right decision for themselves and their families.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RELATING TO "STAFF ACCOUNTING BULLETIN NO. 121"—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of June 3, 2024, the unfinished business is the further consideration of the veto message