

not living together; be it the TANF grants, which also seem to be disproportionately doled out to families in which they get the man out of the picture. If you add up all these programs—I am told there are over 70 programs which, in essence, penalize couples who decide to get married. It varies from person to person, obviously, how many different programs they take advantage of, but it certainly is not unusual to have people suffer a \$20,000 penalty if a couple who have had a child get married rather than living apart. Perhaps in the first couple years of these programs people were not aware of the effect of them, but they have unquestionably, over the next 30 to 40 years, greatly reduced the number of children without a mother and father at home.

There was some progress made during the Clinton administration when Newt Gingrich forced Bill Clinton reluctantly to pare back some of these programs, but the programs are taking off again. Again, in his proposed budget, President Biden, and presumably, certainly KAMALA HARRIS, have tried to grow these programs which are kind of conditioned upon not having two working adults in the home.

I hope the press talks about this marriage penalty and forces our candidates to take a side one way or the other as to whether this is a good thing or a bad thing. In any event, it has fundamentally changed the American family. I think in many ways it has made America a less livable place since these programs went into effect, since the Great Society went into effect, and the question is: Should Congress, when they return in January, consider the fact that we are spending so much money to try to destroy the nuclear family as the great feminists thought we should, as Karl Marx thought we should, as the French revolutionaries thought we should, or should we step back from these programs, try to tailor them a little bit more to not display the hate for the old-fashioned American, westernized, nuclear family?

I would hope that we would get some commitments that we are going to look at these programs.

One more thing I want to address here for the American public that I think we have not dealt with to the degree to which we should is a lot has been said about the so-called Inflation Reduction Act. For whatever reason, as we write the history of the last 4 years in this building, we have focused on the Inflation Reduction Act but not on other acts that also passed during that time period that are responsible for the huge amount of inflation that Americans are dealing with—inflation that I think is weakening American families because in an old-fashioned, American family you would have a house with backyard for the children to play in. Now it has become increasingly difficult to afford a house, much less even afford food.

So we have to remember there were actually three programs that were

passed. Under normal circumstances every year in this institution we pass a regular appropriation bill or what people back home would refer to as a budget bill of about \$1.7 trillion. That is really too much because we keep driving our country more and more into debt. But in addition to the regular \$1.7 trillion program, there were three other bills that were passed: an American Rescue Plan of \$1.8 trillion; an infrastructure bill—and a few irresponsible Republicans voted for that as well—of \$1.2 trillion; and an Inflation Reduction Act of another \$1.2 trillion.

What is not reported on and should be reported on is as outlandish as these spending bills were, the Inflation Reduction Act was originally called the Build Back Better Act, and that asked for \$3.5 trillion. If it weren't for the Democrat Senator from West Virginia paring that \$3.5 trillion down to \$1.2 trillion, it would have been literally \$2 trillion more.

I think our slumbering press corps ought to be asking the people in this building: Do you wish that that act which started out at \$3.5 trillion and was reduced to \$1.2 trillion, should we be adding another \$2 trillion to that figure or not?

Do you think it was a good or bad thing that Senator MANCHIN wound up weighing in and reducing that act to a still irresponsible \$1.2 trillion?

I think it is important for the American public to know there was not reticence among the Democrat Party in passing it. They wanted a significantly higher spending amount, and I can't imagine what the cost of a house or the cost of a dozen eggs or whatever would have been had they gotten that \$3.5 trillion that they all seemed to want at that time.

In any event, we have covered five issues that all candidates should be asked to respond to, issues that the press corps should be bringing forth so that they force Congress here to deal with these issues.

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I think when our forefathers wanted a free press, they anticipated the press doing a little bit of work on their own. So we hope when we return next week we read a little bit more on the difference in immigration laws for immigrants coming across our southern border between today and where we were at 4½ years ago.

I wish we would have more discussion as to whether penalizing people over \$20,000 per couple for getting married is good public policy.

I think we should be asking people if they come back here next January: Are they going to want to add the other \$2 trillion that Senator MANCHIN pulled out of the Inflation Reduction Act or Build Back Better Act?

Is there concern that a growing number of Americans, including, by the way, the Biden administration, have apparently leaned on Mark Zuckerberg to restrict free speech?

Additionally, are we going to see any more of this from those politicians who get re-elected and are returned here in January?

Hopefully, over the weekend some of these members of the press corps can wake up and cover these issues.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, September 16, 2024, at 4 p.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-5279. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; Public Law 97-258, Sept. 13, 1982; (96 Stat. 927); to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-5280. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting an interim response for a report on the Defense Production Act (DPA) Title III Fund for Fiscal Year 2023, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 4534(f)(3); Sept. 8, 1950, ch. 932, title III, Sec. 304 (as added by Public Law 111-67, Sec. 7); (123 Stat. 2017); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-5281. A letter from the President and Chair, Board of Directors, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to India, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3); July 31, 1945, ch. 341, Sec. 2 (as added by Public Law 102-266, Sec. 102); (106 Stat. 95); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-5282. A letter from the President and Chair, Board of Directors, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to South Korea, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3); July 31, 1945, ch. 341, Sec. 2 (as added by Public Law 102-266, Sec. 102); (106 Stat. 95); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-5283. A letter from the President and Chair, Board of Directors, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to Morocco, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3); July 31, 1945, ch. 341, Sec. 2 (as added by Public Law 102-266, Sec. 102); (106 Stat. 95); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-5284. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's reports titled "Community Services Block Grant Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2021" and "Community Services Block Grant Performance Measurement Report"; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-5285. A letter from the Executive Director, Southeast Compact Commission for Low-Level Radioactive Waste, transmitting the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Reports of the Southeast Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Commission that include the Annual Commission Audit; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5286. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Ukraine that was declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5287. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Venezuela that was declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5288. A letter from the Congressional and Public Affairs Specialist, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Additions of Entities to the Entity List [Docket No.: 220818-0172] (RIN: 0694-AI79) received August 20, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5289. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Report of Proposed Exports, Department Notification Number: DDTC 24-066, pursuant to section 40(g)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780 (g)(2)); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5290. A letter from the Executive Director, Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin, transmitting the Commission's audited Eighty Third Financial Statement for the period of October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-5291. A letter from the Branch Chief, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Atka Mackerel in the Central Aleutian District of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 230306-0065] (RTID: 0648-XD231) received August 20, 2024, 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-5292. A letter from the Branch Chief, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 230306-0065; RTID: 0648-XD208] received August 20, 2024, 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-5293. A letter from the Branch Chief, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's notification of quota transfers — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Bluefish Fishery; Quota Transfers From VA and DE to NC [Docket No.: 221215-0272; RTID: 0648-XD447] received August 20, 2024, 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-5294. A letter from the Branch Chief, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Ocean Perch

in the West Yakutat District of the Gulf of Alaska [Docket No.: 230224-0053; RTID: 0648-XD061] received August 20, 2024, 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-5295. A letter from the Branch Chief, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Blackspotted and Rougheye Rockfish in the Central Aleutian and Western Aleutian Districts of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 230306-0065] (RTID: 0648-XD147) received August 20, 2024, 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-5296. A letter from the Branch Chief, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's notification of quota transfer — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer From NC to RI [Docket No.: 221223-0282] (RTID: 0648-XD123) received August 20, 2024, 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-5297. A letter from the Branch Chief, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Fishing Year 2023 Recreational Management Measures [Docket No.: 230808-0187] (RIN: 0648-BM22) received August 20, 2024, 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-5298. A letter from the Branch Chief, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; 2024 Commercial Closure for Gag in the South Atlantic [Docket No.: 140819686-5999-02; RTID: 0648-XE065] received August 20, 2024, 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-5299. A letter from the Branch Chief, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Recreational Management Measures for the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries; Fishing Year 2023 [Docket No.: 230804-0184] (RIN: 0648-BM09) received August 20, 2024, 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-5300. A letter from the Branch Chief, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands; Revised Final 2023 and 2024 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish [Docket No.: 231129-0281; RTID: 0648-XC365] received August 20, 2024, 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-5301. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries Off West Coast States; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Electronic

Monitoring Program; Correction [Docket No. 1511169999493-03] RIN 0648-BF52) received August 20, 2024, 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-5302. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Pacific Halibut Fisheries; Catch Sharing Plan [Docket No.: 171205999-8274-02] (RIN: 0648-BH45) received August 20, 2024, 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-5303. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a social security totalization agreement with Romania, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 433(e)(1); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title II, Sec. 233(e)(1) (as amended by Public Law 95-216, Sec. 317(a)); (91 Stat. 1539) (H. Doc. No. 118—166); to the Committee on Ways and Means 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:

Mr. STEIL:

Committee on House Administration.

H.R. 8399. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to further restrict contributions of foreign nationals, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-663 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. MCCAUL:

Committee on Foreign Affairs.

H.R. 3334. A bill to provide for the imposition of sanctions on members of the National Communist Party Congress of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-664 Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN:

Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R. 1657. A bill to provide for a land exchange in the Chippewa National Forest, Minnesota, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-665). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN:

Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R. 4094. A bill to amend the Central Utah Project Completion Act to authorize expenditures for the conduct of certain water conservation measures in the Great Salt Lake basin, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-666). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN:

Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R. 5490. A bill to amend the Coastal Barrier Resources Act to expand the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-667). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN:

Committee on Natural Resources.

H.R. 2468. A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Utah certain Federal land under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management within the boundaries of Camp Williams, Utah, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-668). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.