

of her 100th birthday, for the very first time an American's portrait was unveiled in the Parliament of Barbados. This is a significant historical fact for all of us to remember.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman again for giving us a chance to lift her spirit up tonight. I wish a happy heavenly 100th birthday to Shirley Chisholm.

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, before we close, I once again recognize BARBARA LEE for all her hard work in Congress. It is so fitting that we celebrate 100 years of Shirley Chisholm and have BARBARA LEE with us. She will be sorely missed. I know Shirley Chisholm is looking down right now and is so proud of BARBARA.

Because of BARBARA LEE and her mentorship, we have a sisterhood in Congress with the CBC women, a sisterhood, a bond that can't be broken. I thank BARBARA LEE for her mentorship, her sisterhood, for everything she has done.

I can't help but think that Shirley Chisholm is looking down at all of us and saying how proud she is that we have gotten here. We have a lot of work to do. What she started has to be finished, I hope by our generation, by working together and all of us recognizing her hard work on both sides.

Mr. Speaker, you have heard from my distinguished colleagues about Ms. Shirley Chisholm, all issues of great importance to the Congressional Black Caucus, our constituents, Congress, and all Americans.

I yield back the balance of my time.

SETTING STUDENTS UP FOR CAREER SUCCESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, for decades, Americans have been sold the line that

a college degree is a prerequisite to success and economic mobility. This can be discouraging to the vast majority of the American workforce without a baccalaureate degree.

However, study after study shows that this narrative no longer holds true. In the face of rising college costs, a new model for stability and success is available. It celebrates hands-on job experience.

A new study of 65 million American wage earners by The Burning Glass Institute, an independent nonprofit research center, found that by the age of 40, one in five workers with only a high school diploma earned above the median income for college graduates—\$70,000—without the drag-down effect of a college degree.

Even more impressive is the nonprofit's finding that 5 percent of them, a cool 2 million Americans, earned six-figure salaries.

How did they get started on these successful careers?

One factor is what Burning Glass calls launchpad jobs. These jobs give high school students and graduates real-world, wage-earning experience that develop skills they can build careers upon. The jobs are widely varied: telemarketer, computer support specialist, software developer, flight attendant, commercial diver, and quarry rock splitter. They all offer this new route to success.

A recent New York Times article profiled two young people whose success is indicative of the value of these launchpad jobs.

One young man worked a summer internship at a local bank the summer after his high school graduation. This earned him a place as a full-time bank teller and soon a loan officer. Now, at the age of 21, he earns \$50,000 a year—with no college debt, mind you.

These launchpad jobs are not antithetical to college, either. That 21-year-old bank teller is currently getting his bachelor of arts while working as a loan officer. His job is helping him build the life he wants.

One huge problem with college is that it pushes young people to study and choose a major when they have no real-world experience that would guide their choice of what and how to study. These launchpad jobs can address this obstacle.

A young woman who participated in a career learning program in her junior year in high school received experience that qualified her for a job at a local pharmacy during her senior year. When she graduated high school, she had a high-earning job that she used to put herself through undergraduate school and beyond, ultimately earning a doctorate in a field she knew from firsthand experience she loved and was good at.

At 28 years old, she now earns \$100,000 a year as a pharmacy operations manager at a teaching hospital. She credits her success to so-called launchpad programs. She said: I never would have known of the opportunity without the work-study program.

If we want to strengthen the American workforce and help young wage earners achieve economic stability and success, we need to stop shunting them into an education model that saddles them with debt and delays their real-world experience. Instead, we need to empower programs that offer high school students experiences that help develop real skills and launch young Americans into successful careers.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, December 4, 2024, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the third and fourth quarters of 2024, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, JOHN NOH, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 4 AND OCT. 12, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
John Noh .....	10/04	10/12	FSM, RMI .....	.....	347.00	.....	9,051.01	.....	819.90	.....	10,217.91
Committee total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	347.00	.....	9,051.01	.....	819.90	.....	10,217.91

<sup>1</sup> Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.  
<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, BEN NAPIER, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 21 AND OCT. 27, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Ben Napier .....	10/21	10/22	Jordan .....	.....	346.00	.....	4,588.90	.....	.....	.....	4,934.90
Ben Napier .....	10/22	10/27	Turkey .....	.....	2,248.00	.....	5,384.83	.....	.....	.....	7,632.83
Committee total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,594.00	.....	9,973.73	.....	.....	.....	12,567.73

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<sup>2</sup> If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MIKE JOHNSON, Nov. 20, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO CROATIA AND AUSTRIA, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 12 AND OCT. 20, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Yvette Wissman .....	10/12	10/15	Croatia .....	.....	802.92	.....	6,510.50	.....	.....	.....	7,313.42
Emily Ackerman .....	10/12	10/15	Croatia .....	.....	802.92	.....	6,510.50	.....	.....	.....	7,313.42
Lori Ismail .....	10/12	10/15	Croatia .....	.....	802.92	.....	6,510.50	.....	.....	.....	7,313.42
Ray Salazar .....	10/12	10/15	Croatia .....	.....	802.92	.....	6,510.50	.....	.....	.....	7,313.42
Anne Gooch .....	10/12	10/15	Croatia .....	.....	714.55	.....	6,510.50	.....	.....	.....	7,225.05
Yvette Wissman .....	10/15	10/20	Austria .....	.....	2,172.39	.....	1,488.01	.....	.....	.....	3,660.40
Emily Ackerman .....	10/15	10/20	Austria .....	.....	2,172.39	.....	1,488.01	.....	.....	.....	3,660.40
Lori Ismail .....	10/15	10/20	Austria .....	.....	2,172.39	.....	3,200.10	.....	.....	.....	5,372.49
Ray Salazar .....	10/15	10/20	Austria .....	.....	2,172.39	.....	1,488.01	.....	.....	.....	3,660.40
Anne Gooch .....	10/15	10/20	Austria .....	.....	2,172.39	.....	1,488.01	.....	.....	.....	3,660.40
Committee total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14,788.18	.....	41,704.64	.....	.....	.....	56,492.82

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HON. MIKE JOHNSON, Nov. 12, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 15 AND OCT. 22, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Ben Napier .....	10/15	10/17	Australia .....	.....	875.00	.....	13,665.21	.....	.....	.....	14,540.21
Jacob Vreeburg .....	10/15	10/17	Australia .....	.....	875.00	.....	20,410.41	.....	.....	.....	21,285.41
Jacob Vreeburg .....	10/17	10/22	New Zealand .....	.....	1,806.00	.....	1,045.50	.....	.....	.....	2,851.50
Committee total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,556.00	.....	35,121.12	.....	.....	.....	38,677.12

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HON. MIKE JOHNSON, Nov. 20, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO CZECHIA, ESTONIA, AND LATVIA, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 17 AND OCT. 25, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Gerald E. Connolly .....	10/18	10/21	Czechia .....	.....	1,310.08	.....	11,071.01	.....	.....	.....	12,381.09
Collin Davenport .....	10/18	10/21	Czechia .....	.....	1,310.08	.....	1,226.21	.....	.....	.....	2,536.29
Hon. Gerald E. Connolly .....	10/21	10/23	Estonia .....	.....	557.69	.....	578.10	.....	.....	.....	1,135.79
Collin Davenport .....	10/21	10/23	Estonia .....	.....	557.69	.....	579.20	.....	.....	.....	1,136.89
Hon. Gerald E. Connolly .....	10/23	10/25	Latvia .....	.....	574.93	.....	545.20	.....	.....	.....	1,120.13
Collin Davenport .....	10/23	10/25	Latvia .....	.....	574.93	.....	546.30	.....	.....	.....	1,121.22
Committee total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,885.39	.....	14,546.02	.....	.....	.....	19,431.41

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HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY, Nov. 14, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO LUXEMBOURG, EXPENDED BETWEEN NOV. 10 AND NOV. 14, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Meghan McCann .....	11/10	11/14	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,694.19	.....	2,657.81	.....	.....	.....	4,352.00
Kate Knudson Wolters .....	11/10	11/14	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,694.19	.....	2,657.81	.....	.....	.....	4,352.00
Committee total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,388.38	.....	5,315.62	.....	.....	.....	8,704.00

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HON. MIKE JOHNSON, Nov. 20, 2024.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JULY 1 AND SEPT. 30, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem <sup>1</sup>		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency <sup>2</sup>
Hon. Steve Cohen .....	7/12	7/16	Brazil .....		1,976.00						1,976.00
	7/16	7/20	Argentina .....		1,178.00						1,178.10
	7/20	7/21	Guatemala .....		214.00						214.00
Hon. Jesús G. García .....	7/14	7/18	Mexico .....		865.00		374.69				1,239.69
Hon. Rick Larsen .....	8/19	8/22	UK .....		1,604.00		1,556.80				3,160.80
Adam Weis .....	8/19	8/22	UK .....		1,604.00		557.00				2,161.00
Christopher Devine .....	8/17	8/19	Zadar, HR .....		605.25						605.25
	8/19	8/20	Ankara, TK .....		349.00						349.00
	8/20	8/21	Istanbul, TK .....		440.00						440.00
	8/21	8/23	Florence, IT .....		794.26						794.26
Hon. Mike Ezell .....	8/17	8/19	Zadar, HR .....		627.30						627.30
	8/19	8/20	Ankara, TK .....		349.00						349.00
	8/20	8/21	Istanbul, TK .....		440.00						440.00
	8/21	8/23	Florence, IT .....		873.07						873.07
Hon. Garret Graves .....	8/17	8/19	Zadar, HR .....		605.25						605.25
	8/19	8/20	Ankara, TK .....		349.00						349.00
	8/20	8/21	Istanbul, TK .....		440.00						440.00
	8/21	8/23	Florence, IT .....		873.07						873.07
Hon. Sam Graves .....	8/17	8/19	Zadar, HR .....		627.30						627.30
	8/19	8/20	Ankara, TK .....		349.00						349.00
	8/20	8/21	Istanbul, TK .....		440.00						440.00
	8/21	8/23	Florence, IT .....		873.07						873.07
Hon. Mike Legg .....	8/17	8/19	Zadar, HR .....		605.25						605.25
	8/19	8/20	Ankara, TK .....		349.00						349.00
	8/20	8/21	Istanbul, TK .....		440.00						440.00
	8/21	8/23	Florence, IT .....		873.07						873.07
Hon. David Rouzer .....	8/17	8/19	Zadar, HR .....		627.30						627.30
	8/19	8/20	Ankara, TK .....		349.00						349.00
	8/20	8/21	Istanbul, TK .....		440.00						440.00
	8/21	8/23	Florence, IT .....		873.07						873.07
Jack Ruddy .....	8/17	8/19	Zadar, HR .....		605.25						605.25
	8/19	8/20	Ankara, TK .....		349.00						349.00
	8/20	8/21	Istanbul, TK .....		440.00						440.00
	8/21	8/23	Florence, IT .....		873.07						873.07
Ryan Seiger .....	8/17	8/19	Zadar, HR .....		605.25						605.25
	8/19	8/20	Ankara, TK .....		349.00						349.00
	8/20	8/21	Istanbul, TK .....		440.00						440.00
	8/21	8/23	Florence, IT .....		873.07						873.07
Abbigail Wenk .....	8/17	8/19	Zadar, HR .....		605.25						605.25
	8/19	8/20	Ankara, TK .....		349.00						349.00
	8/20	8/21	Istanbul, TK .....		440.00						440.00
	8/21	8/23	Florence, IT .....		873.07						873.07
Hon. Celeste Maloy .....	8/25	8/27	Norway .....		1,465.00						1,465.00
	8/27	8/29	Finland .....		910.86						910.86
	8/29	8/31	Sweden .....		891.00						891.00
Hon. Garret Graves .....	8/25	8/28	Buenos Aires, AR .....		1,055.10						1,055.10
	8/28	8/30	Paraguay .....		476.00						476.00
			Chile .....		743.36						743.36
Committee total .....					33,375.64		2,488.49				35,864.13

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HON. SAM GRAVES, Nov. 14, 2024.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-6222. A letter from the Program Analyst, OBPA, Livestock and Poultry Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Soybean Promotion and Research: Adjustments to Representation on the United Soybean Board [Doc. No.: AMS-LP-23-0079] received November 25, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-6223. A letter from the Program Analyst, Rural Development, Rural Utilities Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Policy on Audits of RUS Awardees [Docket No.: RUS-24-AGENCY-0033] (RIN: 0572-AC67) received November 25, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-6224. A letter from the Program Analyst, Rural Development- Rural Housing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Updates to the Off-Farm Labor Housing (Off-FLH), Loan and Grant Rates and Terms; Clarification of Grant Agreement Terms; Announcement of Enforcement Date [Docket No.: RHS-23-MFH-0013] (RIN: 0575-AD36) received November 25, 2024, pursuant to 5

U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-6225. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation and Regulations, Office of Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule — Use of Federal Real Property to Assist the Homeless (RIN: 0991-AC14) received November 18, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-6226. A letter from the President and Chair, Board of Directors, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report on transactions involving exports to Ethiopia, 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-6227. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Lime Manufacturing Plants Technology Review; Correction [EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0015; FRL-5948.2-02-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AV59) received November 26, 2024, 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-6228. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Envi-

ronmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Maryland; Determination of Attainment by the Attainment Date for the 2010 1-Hour Primary Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R03-OAR-2024-0152; FRL-11858-02-R3] received November 26, 2024, 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-6229. 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; North Dakota; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan for the Second Implementation Period [EPA-R08-OAR-2023-0495; FRL-12052-02-R8] received November 26, 2024, 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-6230. 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; Wyoming; Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period [EPA-R08-OAR-2023-0489; FRL-12135-02-R8] received November 26, 2024, 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-6231. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting