

reaches partly into Oregon. There have been four hydroelectric dams that have been there anywhere from 60 to 100 years, creating clean, renewable, CO₂-free, green electricity, something that Americans seem to want and certainly the government is pushing hard for as it tries to electrify everything by mandate: our vehicles, leaf blowers, lawnmowers, stoves, what have you. On the other hand, they want to take away the generation capacity to make all this electricity.

Here you see this plume right here on the Klamath River, where one of the stems of the Klamath still has clean water. What you see here is the plume from where they started to knock down one of the dams so far, as well as release from the bottom, unplugging many, many years of silt and sedimentation that had been built up underneath at the bottom of the various lakes in the chain.

Guess what? We warned them about this. They just glossed over it and said: Oh, the silt will be fine. It will be fine. Well, they are finding out there are high levels of chromium and other heavy metals in that silt. We knew this. They ignored it anyway because these four dams for them are trophies for the environmental movement.

It is not about protecting fish. The latest projection by Fish and Game personnel, just said this week in meetings up in the north—again, you see here a normal part of the river, a tributary coming in. It is winter water there, so it isn't perfectly clear, but that is normal water for the winter.

Here is the dirty plume coming down the Klamath, this brown, mucky stuff that is killing the wildlife in that system.

They are actually expecting, and they said it with a straight face, that it might be 10 to 12 years now for the fish population that they ostensibly are trying to protect to return. The life cycle of a salmon is 3 years, so you are going to be wiping out several generations, hoping, I guess, that the salmon that are out in the ocean that return up the river will somehow find their way back after 10 and 12 years of forgetting about their habitat and where their imprint is to their normal breeding grounds.

Would you have bought into this idea that the salmon are going to be wiped out for 10 or 12 years and think that is an environmental win? I don't think any normal person would think that. That is what they are saying since they started this project of tearing down.

This shows an existing dam that makes hydroelectric power, but you can see the plume right here. It may be hard to see on TV, but this is a gray, blackish, brown crud hitting that dam from up above and coming through at the bottom where they have unplugged it and just let it run. Again, if it is supposed to be about wildlife, it isn't.

The final poster I have to show you here, this shows dead deer that have waded out into that muck that came

from the bottom of the dam. This is not the natural condition of the river, by any stretch, with the dams in place. At least three deer in this photo—there are several more in the larger pull-away of the photo—that wandered out and got stuck, as the Fish and Game Commission helplessly stood on the shore and could hear them bellowing and bleating, being unable to get out.

They had, of course, no means to go out and rescue them. Heaven knows if people would have gone out there or some crazy kids out there mud bogging in their four-wheel drives or something, how they would get anybody out of that. They don't have a plan for that. We will have that plan later. They are working on it as they monitor it, says Fish and Game.

This is what you have, an environmental disaster under the guise of preserving fish. They are trying to differentiate, well, there is a bunch of nonnative fish that are dying off, like yellow perch and others. The salmon they are trying to protect, we still think they are up in the tributaries, hiding out right now. What happens as soon as they come down into that, if they move at all or if they come upstream at all? What happens? They are going to get wiped out on that.

As much as farmers and ranchers there have bent over backward in the Scott and Shasta Rivers, as well as the Klamath River up in Tule Lake Basin, not to mention the refugees that don't get water for ducks, geese, and other waterfowl habitat, what is the answer to them? Oh, I guess we messed up.

Likely, they are going to want to take even more water out of Klamath Lake and cut off agriculture even more so because they have to now clean this mess up here.

Who is going to be held liable for this? Who is going to be held liable for the lies about this whole system here? Is it going to be the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, FERC, which signed off on this 5-0 finally, after we tried to give them facts on what was going on here?

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Is it going to be EPA? Is it going to be NOAA fisheries? Is it going to be the California Department of Fish and Game? Excuse me. It is now known as Fish and Wildlife—politically correct. Will it be U.S. Fish and Wildlife?

Are they just going to keep coming back more and more to agriculture and saying: Well, you are going to have to pay more for your water supply because we screwed up?

The people out there have been wronged by this, and the government needs to do much better, and they are going to have to be paying restitution for the damage.

RECOGNIZING CAPTAIN JEREMY WATKINS

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

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I take this moment to recognize Captain Jeremy Watkins for his 22 years of extraordinary service with the Dearborn Fire Department in Michigan's 12th District Strong.

Captain Watkins started as a firefighter with the Dearborn Fire Department in 2002. He steadily rose through the ranks, serving as engineer, lieutenant, and was promoted to captain in 2024.

Over the years, Captain Watkins has been recognized for his commitment and outstanding public service, achieving five Meritorious Company Commendations, as well as the Fire Chief's Unit Award, the Fire Chief's Life Saving Award, and the John D. Dingell Medal of Freedom Memorial Commendation.

He has also been recognized multiple times, Madam Speaker, for his safe driving record and for his work at the vaccination center.

Captain Watkins has devoted countless hours and energy to serving the people and the families of the city of Dearborn.

Please join me in recognizing his 22 years of commitment to protecting our communities across Michigan's 12th District as we wish him strength in his fight against brain cancer.

ENDING PROFIT FROM WAR

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, ending utility shutoffs, boldly tackling the climate crisis, fully funding Social Security, universal school meals for every child that is hungry in our country, guaranteeing healthcare and clean water is a human right.

Year after year, many colleagues tell me that there is no money for these lifesaving programs, and then they turn around and vote for another record-breaking \$886.3 billion in military budget and massive weapons giveaways for foreign governments, funneling billions of our tax dollars to the very same defense contractors that many of them are invested in and taking campaign donations from.

We should not be voting to send our U.S. dollars to any government that is violating human rights, period. It is disturbing that many of my colleagues in this Chamber are actively profiting financially when they vote to pass more funding for weapons and wars. Literally every bomb dropped makes them money.

The American people deserve Representatives who vote in the best interests of our families. We are all elected to serve the public, not to serve stock portfolios.

I introduced the Stop Politicians Profiting from War Act to put an end to this corruption and ban Members of Congress from owning war and defense stocks. The American people deserve better. We are sick of politicians profiting from death and war.

DEMANDING JUSTICE FOR SYRIANS

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, over 600,000 have been killed. It has been over a decade since the start of the

Syrian civil war, and victims of numerous horrific crimes committed during the conflict are still waiting for justice.

In recent months, regional powers and dictators have sought to sweep the war criminal, Syrian dictator Bashar al-Assad's heinous, horrific crimes under the rug and welcome him back into the international arena. Shame.

Assad's regime committed some of the worst atrocities of the 21st century, including using chemical weapons literally on his own people and widespread use of horrific torture on his own people.

I introduced the Justice for Syrians resolution, and I urge my colleagues to bring it to the floor for a vote. This bill directs the U.S. through the United Nations to finally hold war criminal Assad accountable for crimes against humanity at an ad hoc international court of law.

This is critical. Please join me in demanding justice for our Syrian people and our families that are directly impacted that live here in the United States and push to hold war criminals like Assad accountable for their crimes against humanity.

MAKING MEDICALLY NECESSARY NUTRITION AVAILABLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. RUTHERFORD) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, today hundreds of thousands of children and adults all across America, including over 177,000 just from my State of Florida, live with digestive gastrointestinal liver or pancreatic disease or inherited metabolic disorders, commonly referred to as "IMD," that actually inhibits their bodies from being able to process typical foods.

When left untreated, Madam Speaker, inherited metabolic disease or gastrointestinal conditions actually cause the body to fail to absorb nutrients, and the food can actually become toxic.

Without necessary nutrition, patients can face severe health risks, including unnecessary surgeries, hospitalizations, intellectual disabilities, or death.

Our health system must be structured to support proven treatments so that these patients can continue to live with these diseases.

I recently introduced legislation with Representative MCGOVERN that would make medically necessary nutrition more easily accessible to patients across the Nation.

H.R. 6892, the Medical Nutrition Equity Act, builds on coverage Congress passed for TRICARE and would actually cover medically necessary food, vitamins, and individual amino acids for these Americans with digestive and inherited metabolic disorders and allow them to lead normal, healthy lives.

As co-chair of the Crohn's and Colitis Caucus where I advocate for these di-

gestive disorders, I urge my colleagues to consider supporting this legislation as we work to pass it into law.

HOLDING RULE BREAKERS ACCOUNTABLE

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, as a former sheriff, I dedicated my life to holding rule breakers accountable, and I am here to tell you this morning that President Biden and Secretary Mayorkas are rule breakers.

Their inaction on securing the southern border is not a failed policy, Madam Speaker—it is their policy. For over a thousand days now they have refused to secure our southern border.

The House tried to intervene when we jointly passed H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act, the strongest border security bill in history.

While Senator SCHUMER and President Biden refused to act on this bill, we continue to see record numbers of illegal immigrants at our border, increasing rates of fentanyl poisoning, and an uptick in our national security threats.

Senator SCHUMER and President Biden falsely claim that they need additional authority to fix this situation at the southern border. That is blatantly false.

If the President cared about truly securing the border, Madam Speaker, all he has to do is undo the 94 executive actions that he has taken since becoming President that have created this crisis at the southern border and support States like Texas and others in their efforts to secure their own borders, and he can sign H.R. 2 into law.

I am proud to join with Representative HINSON and my other colleagues in demanding that the President enforce our laws on the books today to immediately address this crisis at the border.

I have to say that the President's inaction is costing American lives and billions of dollars. For 3 years, Republicans have been the balefire to America that our southern border was in crisis—3 years.

It takes a Presidential election and the impeachment of the Homeland Security Secretary to actually get Democrats to finally admit that there is a crisis at our southern border. That should not be.

HONORING KEN MIYAGISHIMA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. VASQUEZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. VASQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Ken Miyagishima on the occasion of his retirement and to recognize his more than three decades of work as a public servant who has tirelessly represented Las Cruces as the longest serving mayor in the city's history.

In 1992, Mr. Miyagishima was the first American of Japanese-Mexican descent to be elected to public office in New Mexico as a county commissioner for Dona Ana County.

He later served on the Las Cruces City Council before being elected mayor of Las Cruces, becoming the first person of Japanese-Mexican descent in New Mexico to be elected to this position.

Mayor Miyagishima has served with integrity and courage. He has fought to improve the lives of the residents of Las Cruces and elevated our city at the national level.

On behalf of the great people of New Mexico's Second Congressional District, I thank Mayor Ken Miyagishima for his life of service to Las Cruces and to Dona Ana County.

His work has made our community and New Mexico a stronger and more equitable place to live. We wish you well in your next chapter, Mayor.

WAR ON AMERICAN ENERGY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, since stepping inside the Oval Office, President Biden has waged war against American energy.

This costly campaign against American energy producers, workers, and consumers has caused prices to skyrocket for almost everything.

Now, signaling his dedication and unwavering support to Green New Deal activists instead of everyday hardworking Americans, President Biden has paused all pending approvals of liquefied natural gas, or LNG, terminals.

His reason for doing so, he claims, is the so-called climate crisis, which he goes on to say is the existential threat of our time.

Madam Speaker, to the hardworking folks of Tennessee, the existential crisis of our time is putting food on the table and keeping the lights on, which have become far more difficult under President Biden and his administration's anti-energy policies.

Thankfully, House Republicans have taken action. Last year, we passed the Lower Energy Costs Act, H.R. 1, which would unleash America's energy dominance and bring back our energy independence by reforming the permitting process and cutting bureaucratic red tape to help drive costs down for all Americans.

Instead of joining Republicans in this commonsense approach to increasing energy production and lowering costs for all Americans, President Biden has instead chosen to raid the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and beg foreign dictators to increase their energy production when we have what we need right here at home under our feet.

The United States of America shouldn't have to rely on foreign dictators for our energy needs, and that is exactly what banning LNG exports will lead to.

That is just one of the many reasons why we are continuing our efforts to fight back against President Biden's war on American energy, this time by