

pay for. We pay for it here by creating money that doesn't exist digitally. We can't even print it fast enough.

We get nothing for it. All we are paying for is interest on the debt. We don't get any new government programs, and we don't get any new and better military programs. We don't get anything for it. It is just debt and interest payments that we are paying for things that we bought in the past.

All that we are saying is, look, if you have a better plan than we do, God bless it. Let's see it, and let's see the real cuts.

Like I said, I am with CHIP. We want to pay for the border and our military, and we want to use things like EV mandates to pay for that stuff.

As far as student loan giveaways that aren't constitutional, which the Biden administration is offering, we are saying, look, let's repurpose that money for things that we do need to pay for, like the border and the military.

Let's have some reasonable cuts. Let's increase the debt ceiling as necessary, but only as necessary. We are not even asking for dollar for dollar on the debt ceiling.

If you have something better and more reasonable, I am standing here, so let's see it.

The clock is ticking. The President is inaugurated in a couple of days here. We are supposed to be after this, and here we stand.

As far as I know, with all due respect to everybody in the Chamber, the only plan I have seen is the one we have offered.

We stand ready to save our country in any way that we can, but the clock is ticking, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Pennsylvania for his remarks.

Mr. Speaker, he is right. The clock is ticking. We can't let another legislative day go and another legislative day go in which we don't deliver. The American people expect us to deliver.

We can and will deliver tax policy that is progrowth and that extends what we did in 2017. We will deliver spending cuts if we get in the room and work, but it is going to take time.

It is going to take time to undo the damage of the Biden administration and for us to go through everything that we need to go through to identify the cuts that we can all work through,

but we will do it if we have the willpower to do it and if we can do math and understand that we need deficits to go down.

What we are saying is, let's deliver right now. Do not risk border security by pushing it off months into the future.

Mr. PERRY. Right now, while we are talking about it, there are criminal aliens convicted of murder in their country, some more than one time, walking around our country. They are going to stay here until we can deport them, and we are not offering the money to the incoming administration to do that work.

Mr. ROY. We could do that right now if the House would act. Right now, pass the budget, pass the instructions, and do exactly what we just laid out. Do the debt ceiling increase, do the funding for the border, and give it to Tom Homan tomorrow.

In a matter of 1 or 2 weeks, we can get that out of this Chamber and over to the Senate. By February, they would have money for defense, money for the border and a fence, and a debt ceiling that is gone.

We would have undone some of the worst Biden policies and paid for all of it. That is precisely what the American people sent us here to do.

Instead, this Chamber currently is locked in a cycle of talking about what we might do. We have to move for the American people. That is why we put forward an approach that we believe will work.

It is really important—really important—for the American people to understand that what is happening in this town is that games are being played by people who want to try to leverage those of us who want to cut spending. That is the bottom line.

I am speaking for myself right here. There are some of my colleagues who want to attach the border funding to the bills that we are moving forward without—they don't believe that we will get to the spending cuts that will make those of us who believe we need deficits to go down happy. They want to try to force us to eat increased deficits in order to achieve the border security funding.

I don't think we should play games with the border security. I don't think we should play games with defense. I don't think we should play games with

getting the debt ceiling cleared off without giving more power to CHUCK SCHUMER and Democrats to mess with us in March.

We can win across the board if we adopt this plan, and I would strongly recommend that we move forward with this plan so that we can deliver for the President and deliver for the American people.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, I agree with the gentleman from Texas. We don't have much time to do this. While we talk and talk, we have also been given a mandate for transformational change.

To my good friend from Texas, transformational change doesn't include doing the same thing we always do around here, which is cram a bunch of garbage into one big bill, put one thing in that somebody has to have, that we have to have it, which is border security, and say: Suck down all that garbage for the one thing that you need and force the American people to do it, too.

We don't have to accept bad choices for the one thing that we need. We can have all good choices.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I would remind people that what happened before Christmas was precisely that, trying to cram down a bunch of stuff in a big bill, and it met with resounding failure.

Let's not do that. Let's make the 119th Congress be about success, delivering on the President's agenda and on the Republican agenda, the agenda we ran on, and, most importantly, delivering for our kids and grandkids a world in which they can actually live free from worrying about China, free from worrying about debt, and free from worrying about open borders and criminals on the streets.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Pennsylvania for his remarks, and I yield back the balance of my time.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 23 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 9 a.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

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

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO LUXEMBOURG, EXPENDED BETWEEN DEC. 12 AND DEC. 15, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Michael McCaul	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	(3)	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Hon. Gary Palmer	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	(3)	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Hon. Mike Bost	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	(3)	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Hon. Nancy Pelosi	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	(3)	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO LUXEMBOURG, EXPENDED BETWEEN DEC. 12 AND DEC. 15, 2024—Continued

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Hon. Mark Takano	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	(3)	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Hon. Joe Wilson	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	(3)	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Hon. Ann Wagner	N/A	N/A	Luxembourg .....	.....	882.00	.....	N/A	.....	.....	.....	882.66
Hon. Brian Babin	N/A	N/A	Luxembourg .....	.....	882.00	.....	N/A	.....	.....	.....	882.66
Hon. Salud Carbajal	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	(3)	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Hon. Neal Dunn	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	(3)	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Hon. Lloyd Smucker	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	(3)	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Hon. John Joyce	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	(3)	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Hon. Andrew Clyde	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	(3)	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Hon. Scott Fitzgerald	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	(3)	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Hon. Scott Franklin	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	(3)	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Hon. Mariannette Miller-Meeks	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Hon. Jake Elizey	N/A	N/A	Luxembourg .....	.....	882.00	.....	N/A	.....	.....	.....	882.66
Hon. Tom Kean, Jr.	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Hon. Nathaniel Moran	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Hon. Keith Self	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Hon. Derrick Van Orden	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Garrett Fultz	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Ashley Callen	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Alison Babb	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Cullen Murphy	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Jordan Dayer	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Griffin Neal	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Emily Cassil	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Steven Bertolini	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Terri McCullough	12/12	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	1,140.66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,140.66
Kate Knudson	12/9	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	2,539.38	.....	(3) 13,605.00	.....	.....	.....	16,144.38
Meghan McCann	12/9	12/15	Luxembourg .....	.....	2,539.38	.....	(3) 13,605.00	.....	.....	.....	16,144.38
Committee Totals .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65,734.56

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.
² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.
² Military air transportation.

HON. MIKE JOHNSON, Jan. 8, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
HOUSE COMMITTEES											
Please Note: If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return. <input type="checkbox"/>											

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

HON. GLEN THOMPSON, Jan. 7, 2025.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2024

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
HOUSE COMMITTEES											
Please Note: If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return. <input type="checkbox"/>											

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HON. BRYAN STEIL, Jan. 2, 2025.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-32. A letter from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's advisory opinion rescinding previous advisory opinion — Truth in Lending (Regulation Z); Consumer Credit Offered to Borrowers in Advance of Expected Receipt of Compensation for Work [Docket No. CFPB-2024-0032] received January 8, 2025, 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-33. A letter from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's Fair Hiring in Banking Act Report to Congress, pursuant to Public Law 117-263, Sec. 5705(c)(3); (136 Stat. 3411); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-34. A letter from the Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Emergency Listing of the Blue Tree Monitor as an Endangered Species [Docket No. FWS-HQ-ES-2023-0033; FXES1113090FEDR-256-FF09E22000] (RIN: 1018-BH98) received January 7, 2025, 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-35. A letter from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's Major final rule — Civil Penalty Inflation Adjustments received January 8, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following

titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. CLINE (for himself, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. ESTES, Mr. MOORE of West Virginia, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. OWENS, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. HUDSON, Mrs. LUNA, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. PERRY, Mr. BOST, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. MCGUIRE, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. MCDOWELL, Mr. HARRIS of Maryland, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. CRANK, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. HERN of Oklahoma, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. BABIN, Ms. MALOY, and Mr. COMER):

H.R. 404. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove silencers from the definition of firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means,