

the tax bill. According to Republicans, current policy baseline is just a fancy word for: We are not really doing what we say we are doing, but it is accounting fraud.

Any way my colleagues cut it, it is accounting fraud. Here is what is going to happen: Republicans are going to pass massive tax cuts, with much of it going to those at the very top of the income scale, those who don't need our help.

The nonpartisan professional economists at the Joint Committee on Taxation and the Congressional Budget Office are going to provide a score. In other words, they are going to tell us how much it is going to cost to do what Republicans want to do. They submit that information to all Members of Congress so that we know what the cost of this tax cut policy will be.

Yet, with what the Senate is doing, the way the Senate majority is setting up this score, the score that has been developed by experienced, nonpartisan officials with Ph.D.'s in economics who provide this good information to us, they are going to have to do some kind of maneuver to figure out how to deal with this new accounting fraud.

They are going to put all of the good work and all of the experience they have to the side because the Republicans don't want us to see what the real score is. The majority doesn't want my colleagues to see the kind of reckless deficits that this bill is going to create.

Mr. SUOZZI said it well:

All of the tax policy that we are talking about is not paid for.

Mr. Speaker, all of the pearl-clutching that went on leading to the election and all of the crying and screaming about the national debt all of a sudden doesn't matter? We are going to put, at a minimum, \$4.6 trillion onto the national debt because of this.

What Republicans will do instead is make up their own score with this new accounting fraud that the majority has developed. The Senate has made it clear what the score will say. It will say that extending the Republican Trump tax cuts costs zero. It is pretending that the tax cuts are free.

Tax cuts, the American people know good and well, are not free. There is a cost associated with those. The ranking member of the Committee on Ways and Means, Mr. NEAL, former chairman, described this magical-thinking tax fraud accounting system that the Republican Senators came up with in a recent editorial in *The Washington Post*. I like his description. This is what he said:

It is like saving your money and paying for three family vacations and then saying: Now all of our future vacations are free. We don't have to save. We don't have to pay for them.

Mr. Speaker, let me assure the whole House and the American people that extending the Trump tax cuts is not free. In fact, we have a recent estimate from the Joint Committee on Taxation that says that extending the Trump tax cuts costs \$4.6 trillion.

This is \$4.6 trillion that will be added to the debt. Not only does extending the Republican Trump tax cuts cost an extra \$4.6 trillion, but because they are pretending that it is free and doesn't cost anything and doesn't need to be offset, every last penny of those tax cuts will be borrowed money.

Borrowed money isn't free either. Who is going to pick up the tab on this? Your kids, your grandkids, and future generations are paying the freight for this irresponsible tax policy that is coming down the way.

On top of that, there is another \$1.5 trillion in tax cuts that the Republicans want to add to that. That is \$6.1 billion of unpaid-for tax cuts. That is \$1.6 billion in debt on our children and our grandchildren just to give a tax cut to the wealthiest people in this country, people who do not need our help.

This is wrong, Mr. Speaker. We need to stand up. Our friends and our colleagues on the other side of the aisle need to stand up and need to show the courage that their voters placed in them to stand up and speak out against this.

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

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. ADERHOLT (at the request of Mr. SCALISE) for today on account of a health consideration.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Mr. JEFFRIES) for today on account of weather delays.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois (at the request of Mr. JEFFRIES) for today on account of flight delays.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 146.—An Act to require covered platforms to remove nonconsensual intimate visual depictions, and for other purposes.

#### JOINT RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported that on May 5, 2025, the following joint resolutions were presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.J. Res. 24. Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Walk-In Coolers and Walk-In Freezers".

H.J. Res. 20. Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to "Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Gas-fired Instantaneous Water Heaters".

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 54 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-879. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in or in relation to the Democratic Republic of the Congo that was declared in Executive Order 13413 of October 27, 2006, 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-880. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 24-105; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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EC-882. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 25-018; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-883. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 24-119; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-884. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a DC Act, "Residential Building Permit Classification Temporary Amendment Act of 2025", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 813); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-885. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting nine (9) notifications of a nomination, action on nomination, discontinuation of service in acting role, and designation of acting officer, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-886. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting a notification of a nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-887. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting a notification of a nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-888. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting two (2) notifications of a vacancy, and a

nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-889. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting a notification of a nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-890. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting a notification of a discontinuation of service in acting role, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-891. A letter from the Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, transmitting the 2024 management report of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Atlanta, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106(a)(1); Public Law 97-258 (as amended by Public Law 101-576, Sec. 306(a)); (104 Stat. 2854); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-892. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a designation pursuant to Section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, pursuant to 8 U.S.C. 1189(a)(2)(A)(i); Public Law 107-56, title IV, Sec. 411(c); (115 Stat. 349); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

#### 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. GREEN of Tennessee: Committee on Homeland Security. H.R. 881. A bill to establish Department of Homeland Security funding restrictions on institutions of higher education that have a relationship with Confucius Institutes, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-87). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 677. A bill to establish a process to expedite the review of appeals of certain decisions by the Department of the Interior, with an amendment (Rept. 119-88). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 377. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 276) to rename the Gulf of Mexico as the "Gulf of America", and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 881) to establish Department of Homeland Security funding restrictions on institutions of higher education that have a relationship with Confucius Institutes, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-89). Referred to the House Calendar.

#### 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. BEGICH:

H.R. 3176. A bill to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and

Recreation Act to reauthorize the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. EZELL (for himself, Mr. CARBAJAL, and Mr. BUCHANAN):

H.R. 3177. A bill to require the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to ensure that cost estimates, acquisition of proper materials, and any other activity related to certain projects under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act are performed by professionals licensed in the relevant State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania (for herself and Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS):

H.R. 3178. A bill to protect hospital personnel from violence, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BABIN (for himself, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. CRENSHAW, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. HUNT, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. ROY, and Mr. MCCAUL):

H.R. 3179. A bill to rename the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge located in the State of Texas as the "Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge"; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BACON (for himself and Mr. PAPPAS):

H.R. 3180. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to seek to enter into negotiations with the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office to rename its office the "Taiwan Representative Office", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. BALINT:

H.R. 3181. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate the Nulhegan River and Paul Stream in the State of Vermont for potential addition to the national wild and scenic rivers system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BRESNAHAN:

H.R. 3182. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to prohibit Members of Congress and their spouses from trading stock, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. BUDZINSKI (for herself, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. BERGMAN, and Mr. BILIRAKIS):

H.R. 3183. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish the Office of Falls Prevention of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. DINGELL (for herself, Mr. GRAVES, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. TITUS, Mr. KEAN, Mr. IVEY, and Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 3184. A bill to drive innovation in developing next-generation protection for firefighters by accelerating the development of PFAS-free turnout gear, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida:

H.R. 3185. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to require a notation in the per-

sonnel record file of certain employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs who resign from Government employment under certain conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. HARSHBARGER:

H.R. 3186. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create Universal Savings Accounts; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HILL of Arkansas:

H.R. 3187. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey a parcel of property of the Forest Service to Perry County, Arkansas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 3188. A bill to amend the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to affirm that the prohibition on the unauthorized take or killing of migratory birds of that Act includes incidental take, and to direct the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to authorize such incidental take, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 3189. A bill to implement the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HUIZENGA (for himself, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mrs. WAGNER, and Mr. MOULTON):

H.R. 3190. A bill to amend the Burma Unified through Rigorous Military Accountability Act of 2022 to extend the sunset, to require a determination with respect to the imposition of sanctions on certain persons of Burma, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HUIZENGA:

H.R. 3191. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow an above-the-line deduction for qualified motor vehicle interest, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. MENG:

H.R. 3192. A bill to provide back pay to reinstated employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia (for herself, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. YAKYM, and Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas):

H.R. 3193. A bill to authorize the appropriate administrative authorities to impose certain restrictions with respect to the Republic of Korea, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MOOLENAAR (for himself, Mr. OBERNOLTE, and Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas):

H.R. 3194. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit State standards relating to the control of emissions from existing locomotives and engines used in locomotives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MOORE of Alabama (for himself, Mr. ELLZEY, and Ms. SEWELL):

H.R. 3195. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to include surviving children in the definition of small business concern owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans,