

what is happening in these committees and what is being cut. We have to turn all the lights on and talk about all of the cuts that are coming in this reconciliation package. Yes, we have to point the fingers and point the blame at the people who plan to make these cuts and kill the American people.

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

LIBERTY VERSUS DICTATORSHIP

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Ms. KAPTUR of Ohio was recognized for 30 minutes.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to place remarks on the RECORD this evening focusing on liberty versus dictatorship.

We have several Members who wish to submit comments for the RECORD. Congressman MIKE QUIGLEY is here this evening. Congressman EUGENE VINDMAN is in a committee markup right now, and Congressman STEVE COHEN will also have remarks for the RECORD.

I will begin briefly, and then I will yield to my fellow Congressman from Illinois.

China's dictator Xi was recently at the historic military parade that fellow dictator Vladimir Putin celebrated in Moscow. The purpose of the celebration was to honor the anniversary of Europe's defeat of Nazi Germany, signaling Putin's intent to actually use that occasion to turn his binoculars on capturing more free territory to control Ukraine and beyond.

Putin and Xi together in that situation was rather hard to look at. Yet, their presence underscored the danger stemming from their close and increasing cooperation, enlarging the spiderweb of tyranny led by Russia, China, North Korea, and Iran, all of them acting against liberty around the world.

Xi said that Russia and China should be friends of steel. He said that they would deepen relationships in all areas, including military ties, and strengthen coordination in order to decisively counter Washington's course of dual containment of Russia and China.

What is more, North Korean troops who have been fighting against Ukraine's freedom and their freedom fighters for months were fully on display in Red Square, where Putin embraced them.

America, pay attention.

While Iran was not present at the parade, it continues to be omnipresent in the skies above Ukraine. Ukrainians can't avoid the Shahed drones that Russia is using and buying from Iran to kill innocent Ukrainian civilians who are fighting for their very liberty.

This military parade took place at a critical moment in Moscow's aggression on Ukraine as American efforts proceed to negotiate an end to it. To be clear: Vital NATO interests are at stake in central Europe, where Ukraine serves as the scrimmage line for liberty across Europe today.

Russia is the free world's only peer in terms of its nuclear capabilities, and Russia's national security doctrine declares our country and our people as its principal foe.

America, pay attention.

Putin has made clear that he wants effective political control in Ukraine and other free nations that used to be part of the Soviet Union. Putin also wants a veto over defense measures being taken in the former Warsaw Pact states that want to remain free. Putin doesn't want that. This means he wants to dictate the fate of many of our NATO allies in Europe and beyond.

Instead of strategically pushing back on Putin's unchanged goals of European and global domination, this administration has steadily given Russian exactly what it wants, both in Ukraine and well beyond. If Putin had a checklist of things he wanted America to do, I will in a brief time tell you what it would look like, and it is exactly what the Trump administration is doing.

Before I get into that, I am going to call on my dear colleague from the great city of Chicago, Congressman MIKE QUIGLEY, to enter his remarks.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, for 1,176 days, people of Ukraine have lived under constant threat of attack and attack. As the war has dragged on for over 3 years, Ukrainians have refused to submit to Putin's violence. At every turn, they have shown the world what it means to be fighting on the front lines for democracy. At every turn, the Ukrainian people have been willing to do what is necessary for protection and for peace.

When their sovereignty was threatened by Putin, they defended their country courageously. When the opportunity for diplomatic negotiations arose, they were willing to come to the table. In exchange for their bravery and sacrifice, all they have asked for is respect for their independence, their autonomy, and their democracy.

Peace between Ukraine and Russia must not come at Ukraine's expense. We want peace. Ukrainians desperately want peace, but it cannot be a Russian victory. In order to have a just and lasting peace, we must return Ukraine to its 1991 borders. Ukraine must also have serious security assurances from the U.S. and NATO so that Putin is deterred from ever threatening the country again.

Russia must alone help fund this great construction after targeting civilian infrastructure, including energy facilities, hospitals, and schools. We must also hold Putin accountable for his army's war crimes, like those in Bucha, which I witnessed, and for the kidnapping of thousands of Ukrainian children.

As the Trump administration continues to push for negotiations between Ukraine and Russia, we must all keep in mind exactly who we are dealing with. Putin has refused to negotiate in

good faith, reportedly violating the very same cease-fire he unilaterally declared last week. So far, he has refused to even direct negotiations with President Zelenskyy in Türkiye.

This is the same man who has welcomed China's, Iran's, and North Korea's support for his war effort. He has shown contempt for all international democratic norms, both in his own country and in dealing with others.

This is why the only way to deal with Putin is by sending a clear message—a message of strength and of unity. As the United States has for the better part of a century, we must continue to stand up to tyrants and defend freedom. We have learned that isolationism and appeasing autocrats is a losing strategy. As President Trump and his administration continue to push for negotiations between Ukraine and Russia, I encourage them to remember history. Remember the reasons we fought the Second World War and the reasons we founded NATO.

Now is not the time to abandon our values or our position as a leader of the free world. Now is the time to pressure Putin to end this brutal war for good. The future of the Ukrainian people, the future of Europe, and the future of democracy are dependent on how we meet this moment. This is a moral, tactical, and strategic imperative.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I thank our co-chair of the Ukrainian Caucus, Congressman MIKE QUIGLEY of Chicago, for participating this evening.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BAUMGARTNER). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I will go back to discussing some of the actions the administration has taken that have undermined America's position globally.

First of all, the Trump administration has sided with Russia over Ukraine, most especially by pausing military assistance to Ukraine. Mr. Speaker, 75 percent of those dollars are spent in this country on weaponry to help Ukraine repel the enemy.

Ukraine has been courageously standing and fighting in the breach between liberty and dictatorship. This has come at great cost to her people, her prosperity, and her aspirations.

The poorest country in Europe, Ukraine is holding back Putin's covetousness and aggression against the Continent of Europe. Ukraine wants nothing more than to finally and permanently ascend to the community of free nations in the European Union and join as a strong ally in NATO. For that aspiration, Putin attacked Ukraine and

is eating her territory, and the Ukrainians are holding her off—can you imagine—the third largest military in the world.

Despite Ukraine being aligned with our values in its historic fight to regain its freedom, President Trump has time and again spouted Russian talking points by admonishing Ukraine and falsely suggesting that she started the war.

That is false.

Russia initiated its invasion of Crimea in 2014 and the larger full scale of invasion of Ukraine in 2022. It is just amazing what the Ukrainians are doing. In trying to negotiate a cease-fire between Ukraine and Russia, President Trump and Vice President Vance have squeezed concession after concession out of Ukraine, even its mineral wealth. At times, the Trump administration has effectively held Ukraine's economic future ransom for more military aid.

This includes the dastardly moment when President Trump suddenly withheld U.S. support and intelligence sharing that Ukraine relies on to defend itself from Russia's onslaught. Such a pause undoubtedly cost Ukrainian lives.

Trump has stated that Putin wants peace in Ukraine. Surely he can't believe this. Putin has failed to uphold any cease-fire agreement, including those struck with the United States of America. Dictator Putin doesn't want peace. He wants Ukraine, all of Ukraine, and beyond.

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Secondly, the Trump administration has been dividing democratic alliances.

Yesterday, President Trump astoundingly said the European union is worse than China. He even has said that the European union was created to "screw America."

In what world does he live? He seems not to know our history.

Our Nation and European nations that won World War II created NATO to sustain liberty's alliance and as a shield against future invasions. Together, we comprise a formidable force. In doing so America was guaranteed strong security partners to defend against a world war and new threats of tyranny like that of Putin, North Korea, and Iran today.

That is why we have the European allies. They are our oldest friends and partners and we share a love of liberty. Rather than stand united as we have been for decades, the Trump administration has threatened to—are you ready for this—annex Canada and invade Greenland, which is part of Denmark.

Both are current NATO allies. Canada fought nobly with our troops on the shores of Normandy on D-day and many other places. Both nations served honorably alongside our Armed Forces in Afghanistan in response to 9/11. Threatening our neighbors and allies in such a manner is taking a page out of

the very playbook of lies Putin has used repeatedly against Ukraine. Our partnerships have been won and developed as liberty's umbrella with the democratic nations of Europe.

Putin knows that. He cannot defeat our alliance if we stand united. Instead, he now waits for Trump to break apart our own security blanket so he can pick liberty's shield off one by one.

Thirdly, the Trump administration has weakened our cyber defense. U.S. top intelligence officers recently released the annual threat assessment, which states the following: "Russia's advanced cyber capabilities, its repeated success compromising sensitive targets for intelligence collection, and its past attempts to pre-position access on U.S. critical infrastructure make it a persistent counterintelligence and cyberattack threat. Moscow's unique strength is the practical experience it has gained integrating cyberattacks and operations with wartime military action, almost certainly amplifying its potential to focus combined impact on U.S. targets in time of conflict."

So yes, Russia is a real threat to our freedom. Its cyber capabilities are a unique threat. Despite knowing this to be true, Trump has taken steps to tear down our cyber capabilities in a comprehensive manner. Why?

Since taking office, Elon Musk and DOGE have decimated cybersecurity, CISA, our premier cybersecurity agency, with personnel cuts and stop work orders.

Why would anyone do that?

In March, President Trump and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth abruptly ended U.S. cyber operations against Russia. This was done without warning and without consulting Congress.

Then in April, at the beck and call of a far-right, online opinion influencer, President Trump fired four-star General Timothy Haugh without warning from his position leading our military cyber forces. General Haugh—get ready for this—served our Nation honorably with distinction for 34 years.

The Trump administration has left America's cyber gates unlocked at a time when cyberattacks are rapidly on the rise. Putin will make our Nation pay dearly for that set of serious errors.

Fourthly, Trump administration policies threaten U.S. global economic standing. Through American ingenuity and hard work, the likes of wish Russia cannot compete against, our Nation's financial systems are a privileged place at the center of a global economic system.

The United States has the largest economy in the world. Most other nations rely on the U.S. dollar to hold their savings and reliably conduct international trade. Putin wants to end that. Trump's unprecedented and irresponsible reciprocal tariff regime is helping Putin achieve that goal. Not only has Trump's costly universal tariffs endangered our good trade relations with our closest economic allies,

moreover, they are also making others think twice about using and trusting the U.S. dollar.

These costly economic taxes on U.S. consumers will be very difficult to reverse, even if Trump pulls back his tariffs, supply chains are clogged already.

Putin has long spoken about his interest in reducing the world's reliance on America's economic strength and the U.S. dollar. Such a world leaves each American poorer and with fewer economic opportunities. Just as Russia relies on oil exports to finance and undercut the financial sanctions that have been placed on that country due to its invasion of Ukraine, Putin has called for the world to adopt untraceable cryptocurrency to protect his assets. He prefers this unregulated alternative as he pushes the world to abandon the dollar.

Now, Trump is one of the world's biggest promoters of cryptocurrency and has even started his own cryptocurrency to avoid regulated financial markets to enrich himself and his family.

Fifthly and finally, the Trump administration's actions to date are upending America's global reputation. Perhaps most damaging, Trump has upended our global reputation as a responsible partner and guardian of liberty across our world. He leans toward dictators.

What is that all about?

It took 80 years for America, with our leaders like Franklin Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, Ronald Reagan to meticulously secure our place as leader of the free world. We didn't seek it, but we did our job.

America is the global beacon of liberty and justice for all. Our reputation has been earned by tremendous sacrifice and vision. Our commitment to liberty has been built on the sacred graves of over 500,000 Americans who sacrificed their lives for the first time in history and fought not for power or land, but for the liberation of others from tyranny during World War II.

Over 2 million of our fellow citizens bore the injuries from that conflict. In the decades that followed, our Nation and our allies became prosperous not by closing our doors to the world or hiding from the challenges of the Communist bloc, our forebearers met tyranny head-on. We met the threats that we faced and stood together on our Nation's founding commitment of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, year after year, in the face of constant threats.

American liberty has been a multigenerational effort, admired around the world with each generation standing firm. In just over 100 days, Donald Trump, whose family has no record anywhere of military service or sacrifice for this Nation, is carelessly throwing liberty to the wolves. He seems to enjoy dictatorship, plutocracy, and wealth over principle. Russia celebrates as America retreats from the world, so does Iran and North Korea.

Trump has taken Putin at his word. Putin's word can never be trusted. As long as President Trump keeps trusting Putin over our allies, then he will continue to do Russia's bidding at the expense of the American people.

If America doesn't lead, then Putin and Xi and all of their dictator buddies will rule the day, and in their world, liberty cannot survive.

America must pay attention. Pay attention not just to what is happening inside our borders but outside our borders. I can tell you there are enemies to liberty across this world. We have to hold our ground. We have to tell our own President pay attention, learn from history, appreciate the relationships that had been won at such a high price.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressmen QUIGLEY, COHEN, and VINDMAN, all of whom will contribute remarks to the RECORD this evening.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. KAPTUR. 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, Wednesday, May 14, 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-922. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to securing the information and communications technology and services supply chain declared in Executive Order 13873 of May 15, 2019, is to continue in effect beyond May 15, 2025, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1255) (H. Doc. No. 119—51); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-923. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, as modified, is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2025, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1255) (H. Doc. No. 119—52); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-924. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 23-080, pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-925. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 24-094, pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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. ROY: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 405. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2240) to require the Attorney General to develop reports relating to violent attacks against law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2243) to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act and provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2255) to allow Federal law enforcement officers to purchase retired service weapons, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-95). 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. STEIL (for himself and Mrs. WAGNER):

H.R. 3323. A bill to update the definition of an emerging growth company, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. EZELL (for himself, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, and Ms. LETLOW):

H.R. 3324. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for the inspection of foreign facilities that manufacture, process, pack, or hold shrimp for consumption in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LAHOOD (for himself, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. TENNEY, and Ms. DELBENE):

H.R. 3325. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat energy efficient kegs as efficient commercial building property for purposes of the energy efficient commercial buildings deduction; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. ANSARI:

H.R. 3326. A bill to prohibit the use of Federal funds to rename the Persian Gulf, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

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

H.R. 3327. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount excluded from gross income by reason of distributions from governmental retirement plans for health and long-term care insurance for public safety officers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BERA (for himself, Mr. AMODEI of Nevada, and Mr. LARSEN of Washington):

H.R. 3328. A bill to establish an Ambassador-at-Large for Arctic Affairs; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. BEYER (for himself and Mr. BUCHANAN):

H.R. 3329. A bill to provide for the conservation and designation of habitat connectivity areas, with support from the voluntary conservation programs administered by the Secretary of Agriculture, as American wildlife corridors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, 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. BRECHEEN (for himself, Mr. ROY, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. PERRY, Mr.

MOORE of Alabama, Mr. CRANE, and Mr. DAVIDSON):

H.R. 3330. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal green energy tax subsidies; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

H.R. 3331. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, with respect to merchant mariner credential examination working groups, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CASE (for himself, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. MOYLAN, Ms. KING-HINDS, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. LIEU, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. BERA, Ms. TITUS, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. SHERMAN, and Mrs. KIM):

H.R. 3332. A bill to bolster United States engagement with the Pacific Islands region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. COSTA (for himself and Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia):

H.R. 3333. A bill to require the National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice to examine and report on the growing nursing shortage across the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CRANE (for himself, Mr. PERRY, and Mr. MOORE of Alabama):

H.R. 3334. A bill to authorize the United States Capitol Police to take action with respect to threats from unmanned aircraft systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Judiciary, 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 Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Ms. CHU, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. TAKANO, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. NADLER, Mr. MAGAZINER, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. POCAN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois):

H.R. 3335. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to prohibit employment of children in tobacco-related agriculture by deeming such employment as oppressive child labor; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. DELUZIO (for himself, Mr. CLOUD, and Mr. MOORE of Utah):

H.R. 3336. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to modify the minimum capital investment for certain depots of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. EVANS of Colorado (for himself, Mr. CRANK, Mr. HURD of Colorado, Ms. BOEBERT, and Mr. NEGUSE):

H.R. 3337. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3344 11th Avenue in Evans, Colorado, as the "Deputy Samuel Kent Brownlee Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

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

H.R. 3338. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate certain fuel excise taxes and impose a tax on greenhouse gas emissions to provide revenue for maintaining and building American infrastructure, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Natural Resources, Education and