

This has to stop. The Trump administration needs to do what they said they were going to do: Go after criminals, not innocent people.

BOOSTING AMERICA'S HOUSING SUPPLY

(Mr. FLOOD of Nebraska was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight just one way the House-passed One Big Beautiful Bill Act will help more people live the American Dream.

As the chairman of the Housing and Insurance Subcommittee, I am very concerned about the housing crisis that America is experiencing. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which this House passed last month, includes a key provision that expands tax credits to incentivize the building of more workforce housing. While increasing housing supply has no silver bullets, expanding the low-income housing tax credit is a major step in the right direction.

According to the National Association of Realtors, there is a 5-million-unit gap between housing demand and housing supply in this country. Once the bill is law, the expanded tax credit will boost America's housing supply.

I look forward to continuing to work together to tackle the housing issues facing America with creative solutions.

RECOGNIZING RANDY GATES

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work and dedication of one of the First District's most dedicated public servants, the city of Norfolk's finance officer, Randy Gates.

I have known Randy almost my entire life. He has served Norfolk for over four decades, and his career has been defined by a deep commitment to growing and maintaining Norfolk's economic success while using sound accounting principles and conservative fiscal planning.

Thanks to his steady leadership and smart fiscal policies through the years, Norfolk has become a shining example for communities across our State. Earlier this month, Randy was honored with the League of Nebraska Municipalities' prestigious LEAD Award, presented at the 2025 Municipal Accounting and Finance Conference. This award is just one more testament to Randy's success and the enduring impact his work will have.

I congratulate Randy on this well-deserved recognition. I look forward to his continued success and leadership on behalf of Norfolk.

HONORING ANDREW OZAKI

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a giant in Nebraska journalism, Andrew Ozaki.

Over the course of his 43-year career, Ozaki led KETV's Lincoln bureau and built a reputation for both tenacity and kindness.

Whether he was covering the unicameral, the Governor's office, sports, or more, Andrew Ozaki was everywhere covering everything. From staking out legislative hearings to running up and down the sidelines of Husker football games, Ozaki relentlessly chased stories that have shaped public policy, entertained crowds, and brought our entire State together.

As he prepares to retire from KETV, his absence will be noticed not just by the numerous people he covered but by the audiences who relied on his accurate stories.

Wherever Andrew's next chapter takes him, his integrity, compassion, and commitment to storytelling have left a mark on our State that will endure for years to come.

ICE TURNS COURTHOUSES INTO TRAPS

(Ms. BALINT of Vermont was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, right now, ICE is showing up at courthouses across the country, waiting to arrest people after their official immigration hearings.

Is this what we thought we would see in America? ICE officials lying in wait to grab people who are actually following the rules? In some cases, these people had just had their cases dismissed.

They walk into court, following the rules, doing what they were told, following the legal pathways, and they are being taken into unmarked cars and fast-tracked for deportation.

Let's be clear: This isn't about catching dangerous criminals. It was never about catching dangerous criminals.

These are moms, dads, students, grandparents, workers, people who are trying to get through the legal process the right way, but ICE is turning our courthouses into traps.

The very places that immigrants are supposed to go to follow a legal path to citizenship have now become traps to lure people in so that they can be arrested, detained, and disappeared.

ICE tricked a Vermonter, Mohsen Mahdawi. He has been legally in our State for 10 years. He showed up for the final step in his citizenship process only to have masked men detain him after he exited the courthouse. He knew it was a risk to show up, but he decided it was worth the risk to maybe finally become an American.

Imagine going to court, following the process, and then getting arrested the second you step outside. That is what is happening in America right now.

Last month, in San Francisco, four asylum-seekers were taken by ICE after their hearings were over. In New York City, even a city official, Comptroller Brad Lander, was detained by ICE while trying to support an immigrant friend.

If they are willing to rough up city officials, mayors, and even a sitting

U.S. Senator, what does that mean for the rest of us? These tactics are to scare people. People are now afraid to go to court.

How does that possibly make our country more safe? People are skipping hearings, risking automatic deportation, because they don't trust the system anymore. How is anyone supposed to follow the legal steps if even those are now a risk?

Republicans claim over and over again in committees that this is only about illegal immigration. It is not. If that were the case, then they would be just as outraged as I am that people are being snatched outside of their court hearings.

It is an attack on due process, plain and simple. It is an attack on the idea that we all deserve a fair shot in this country. It is also a clear tactic to instill fear in all of us so that we will be intimidated into submission and stop standing up for our neighbors.

ICE agents without visible ID, without any official markings on them, and with masks are acting more like vigilantes than agents of our government.

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Mr. Speaker, how can we even trust that these are government officials? It is nothing more than kidnapping, and it needs to stop. There should be no more secret arrests and no more plainclothes agents waiting outside of courtrooms. This kind of thing does not happen in democracy. It doesn't.

The only way to protect Americans from these abuses is to provide due process to anyone facing deportation. Due process exists to protect American citizens and to protect all of us from wrongful deportation and wrongful detention.

This administration does not seem to care about this complete and total violation of our constitutional rights, a right that we are all entitled to, regardless of status.

Under Trump, ICE and DHS have become a means to carry out political arrests and to silence anyone that disagrees with their extreme agenda. That is what we are looking at right now. It has never been about removing the criminals. It has always been about creating mass fear and mass intimidation so they can retain more power.

This is not what Americans want. I need my Republican colleagues to fight for everyone in their district. I need them to speak up.

Mr. Speaker, where is your line?

INCREASING GAS PRICES

(Mr. LAMALFA of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, in my home State of California, gas, fuel, is about \$1.44 more than the national average. Let's talk about where that money goes based on this graphic we have from California Energy.

Right here at the top, over a third of the costs are imposed by the State.

Let's go to the bottom here. Let's see what it takes to get a gallon of fuel to a station.

Down here at the bottom, we have the crude oil cost itself, to explore and get it out of the field. Next, we have the refinery costs. We see at the bottom it is about \$1.83 or so in California and 86 cents for the refinery. Then it is 47 cents on top of that to get it to the retailer and be able to pump it into the vehicles.

Then we get into the litany of taxes on top of that. We have a cap-and-trade tax of 24 cents and the low carbon fuel standard of 18 cents. We have the Federal excise tax, which is 18 cents on the Federal side, of course. We have the State excise tax of 60 cents, and State and local sales tax of about 10 cents. Then we have an underground storage usage fee which is another 2 cents.

That is not all. With all these out-of-pocket costs, the wisdom in California is we need to add more tax to that. There is an automatic ratchet up of one of these taxes of another 1.6 cents that will happen in July.

The new one is going to be a brand new environmental tax. Some estimates are it will be 65 cents per gallon. That is 65 cents of a new tax per gallon on top of all the other fees on the most expensive State to buy fuel in already.

It is amazing how out of touch Sacramento is on that. What is Sacramento doing? Why is that important? There are many other States trying to emulate what California does with California's CARB rules, the California Air Resources Board.

For example, recently we were able to turn back an electric vehicle mandate via the CRA process that President Trump signed. California had sought a waiver for this, but also 16 other States want to be part of it, as well.

New Jersey, Colorado, Maryland, Oregon, Illinois, Rhode Island, Vermont, D.C., Massachusetts, Minnesota, Washington, and others want to join that parade with California on being forced to have electric vehicles.

The State's mandate would be 35 percent of all vehicles sold in California by the end of next year would have to be electric. Cars will sit on the lots that they can't sell, and the consumer won't be able to buy the vehicles they want because those lots have to sell those as mandated.

We are in a situation where not only do we have bad ideas coming from California, but other States think it is a good idea to follow those. It is detrimental to auto manufacturing and the market in this country and, most importantly, the choices for people.

On top of that, in California, we have two State refineries that are slated to close unless they get some help in the eleventh hour. Phillips 66 will shut down a plant this fall, and Valero up in Benicia will shut down a plant next spring.

That will take 21 percent of refinery capacity out of the State of California.

We have our own special blend of fuel that we can't get from anywhere else unless the Governor might give a waiver in an emergency and allow it to be brought in by train or truck from some other State that has refineries.

We are going to see one-fifth of our available fuel disappear at the end of the year due to mandates. No matter how many electric vehicles will be built between now and then, that is going to have a very, very detrimental effect on industry, on agriculture, on mining, on timber, as well as families and schoolbuses. Mr. Speaker, you name it, the price of fuel won't go down. It will continue to go up.

A study by USC, University of Southern California, which is independent of us, says we could see a daily shortfall of up to 13.1 million gallons of gas because of these closures.

With all of this stacked together—the tax hikes, the CARB rule, the refineries shutting down—that same study says we could see fuel hit \$8.43 a gallon in California. Isn't that a neat reality?

I have a farm at home. We have to buy a lot of diesel in order to make things happen and grow our crop. I can't imagine my fuel going up another 50 percent.

The wages are forced to go up by State mandate, as well. We like paying our guys, but people need to have some say in what they pay. They have mandated the McDonald's workers get \$20, plus a ratchet on that. We now see more kiosks at McDonald's.

Other States want to copy California on clean air rules, clean car rules, and things like that. I mentioned some of them on this list. We don't want to go there unless we can enjoy this sort of thing.

California until recently had a \$12 billion deficit because they are giving \$12 billion to illegal immigrants for Medicaid. They are going to make that up on the backs of people with taxes like this and give us things like high-speed rail.

HONORING PASTOR WARREN STEWART, SR.

(Mr. STANTON of Arizona was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a remarkable public servant, faith leader, and civil rights trailblazer, Pastor Warren Stewart, Sr., on the occasion of his retirement as senior pastor at First Institutional Baptist Church in downtown Phoenix.

God called Pastor Stewart to Arizona 48 years ago, and he has been speaking truth to power in our State ever since. Each Sunday, Pastor Stewart's sermons and service work inspire Arizonans to better their community and to uplift their neighbors.

From the helm of Phoenix's oldest African-American Baptist church in Arizona, Pastor Stewart used his platform to advance justice and civil rights across our State.

His guiding principle is Jesus and justice work together. His advocacy is well-illustrated by the battle to establish Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a State holiday in Arizona. By 1992, Arizona was the last State refusing to recognize MLK Day, despite the Federal holiday being signed into law nearly a decade prior.

Pastor Stewart fought to correct this injustice, leading multiple movements to get the holiday initiative on the ballot. He mobilized coalitions across political spectrums, religions, and cultural backgrounds to come together to win this long overdue public vote.

As the longest serving leader of the First Institutional Baptist Church, Pastor Stewart traveled extensively, preaching in 39 States and territories and in 60 countries. He has received many, many accolades for his contributions to our community and beyond.

Following the teachings of the Gospel, his work always focused on the poorest and neediest immigrants, unsheltered people and veterans, and those suffering with mental health challenges.

Pastor Stewart and the church turned Christian values into action. FIBCO Family Services, Samaritan House for Homeless Families, Ujima House for Unwed Teenage Mothers and their Infants, and the Broadway House were all created under Pastor Stewart. They minister to those most in need of compassion and care. FIBCO has become a hallmark in Phoenix's non-profit scene and has even taken their mission abroad, expanding into Africa.

Pastor Stewart's impressive academic and public service record led to roles as chair of the National Immigration Forum and president of the American Baptist Churches of the Pacific Southwest.

He was proclaimed a State Historymaker by the Arizona Historical Society. Under unanimous direction of the Phoenix City Council, the street in front of his church was named "Dr. Warren H. Stewart Way."

Today, all of Arizona congratulates our very own living legend on his well-deserved retirement. Pastor Stewart's career and contributions have cemented him as one of Arizona's greatest religious leaders and greatest over-all Arizonans.

I personally have been blessed to know him as a friend and trusted adviser. He will be the first to say he couldn't have enjoyed such a long and stellar career without the love and support of his wife, the Reverend Dr. Karen Stewart, and their children and grandchildren. We thank the entire Stewart family for sharing this great man with all of us.

We thank Pastor Stewart for his decades of commitment to our community. May his quest for moral justice continue in whatever he does next. Godspeed.