

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 overall 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.

BUZZ FROM BREAK ROOMS TO BACKYARDS

(Mr. BEAN of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, some say it is the bee's knees. What is the buzz?

Basically, it brings better jobs, bigger paychecks, and booming communities. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act is about boosting wages, backing small businesses, bolstering border security, and it brings tax relief.

Mr. Speaker, I recently sat down with manufacturers from my district in northeast Florida who reviewed the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, and they said bravo.

The Trump tax cuts have bolstered growth, boosted job creation, and benefited American production. However, barring action, burdensome tax hikes will be bothersome. In northeast Florida alone, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act protects 15,000 jobs and over \$2.6 billion in base economic output.

The House has done its part, but I am banking on the Senate to bring it on and show the American people they are serious about ensuring manufacturing remains the bedrock of our blossoming economy.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act is not just about good policy. It is the reason there is a buzz from break rooms to backyards. It brings bold benefits to builders, businessowners, and breadwinners. It is the best for workers, families, and our big, beautiful future. Let's get it done, and let's boogie.

CELEBRATING UNITED NATIONS CHARTER

(Ms. PELOSI of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter and the establishment of one of the world's greatest organizations for peace and the advancement of humanity.

As the Representative from San Francisco, this anniversary holds particular pride for the people of my city and for me. It was in San Francisco that we played host to the grand conference of delegates that wrote the U.N. Charter.

It was in the San Francisco War Memorial and Performing Arts Center on June 26, 1947, that the charter was signed. On that day, President Harry S. Truman came to the plenary session to offer his congratulations and his hopes for the future of a new United Nations.

He said: "You have created a great instrument for peace and security and human progress in the world." President Truman said that, and he said: "The world must use it now."

The world must use it now. It was true then. It is true now.

Eight decades later, 193 member states have ratified the charter. It was

50 that day. Then Poland joined, which made it 51. Mr. Speaker, 193 members have ratified the charter.

The world's greatest leaders and thinkers have been among the United Nations' representatives. In 1946, United Nations General Assembly delegate and former First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt helped draft the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which builds on Franklin Roosevelt's commitment to freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom from fear, and freedom from want for all people.

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It has sought to advance human rights, human dignity, and opportunities for women and girls.

It has focused the world's attention on the plight of refugees and the urgency of the climate crisis with its sustainable development goals. It has been a bulwark for global peace and peacekeeping. In striving to fulfill the ideas and promises of its charter, the United Nations, its related agencies, programs, and staff have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize 11 times.

In 1950, Ralph Bunche, an American, became the first person affiliated with the new organization to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. In his acceptance speech, he remarked: "I am but one of many cogs in the United Nations, the greatest peace organization ever dedicated to the salvation of mankind's future on Earth."

Under the leadership of Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, the United Nations remains a strong, resolute, and unwavering voice for peace in a world burdened by war. Today, the United Nations is convening a plenary meeting of the General Assembly in New York at the United Nations headquarters to "revive the spirit of San Francisco and once again embrace the ideals that united humanity during its darkest hour, reaffirming our commitment to those values into the future."

May we recapture the spirit of solidarity that existed in San Francisco 80 years ago as the United Nations continues to stand as a beacon of peace for the next 80 years and beyond.

Since I have a little more time, I want to tell a personal story.

When I was in high school, this would be about a dozen years after the founding of the United Nations, President, then-Senator, Kennedy came to Baltimore for a great event. It was the United Nations Association of Maryland dinner honoring someone named Jacob Blaustein, a civic leader in our community. My father was the mayor of Baltimore. My mother, knowing how much I admired the Kennedy family because we were taught by Irish-Catholic nuns from Boston, even in Baltimore, she said: I don't think I feel going to the dinner tonight. Why don't you take my place?

Taking her place meant sitting next to Senator Kennedy for this dinner where he was giving the keynote address. There is a picture of that occasion.

The reason why I tell the story is because I was a member of the United Nations Youth in high school. I was a junior in high school at the time. There was a table of United Nations Youth, and they came over to me and said: Since you are a member of the United Nations Youth, we invite you to sit with us at our table.

Oh, my gosh, John F. Kennedy or United Nations Youth?

As conflicted as I was, how could I leave a vacant seat next to Senator Kennedy of Massachusetts who was soon to become President of the United States?

In any event, as I said at the beginning, this holds a special particular pride for me personally, as well as officially.

DEFUNDING "SESAME STREET"

(Mr. LARSON of Connecticut was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, again, I want to commend NANCY PELOSI, Speaker Emerita, for always making judgments, and sitting next to President Kennedy certainly was one of them, as well. What a great story.

We are here today because oftentimes, Mr. Speaker, as you might know, there isn't enough bipartisanship.

Today I rise, since the Speaker Emerita mentioned President Kennedy, to talk about profiles in courage. I commend the Republicans and my colleagues on the other side of the aisle for the courage they demonstrated when they decided to get rid of "Sesame Street."

I don't know how many people know this, but a lot of people think that "Sesame Street" is about the education of children, especially in rural areas, and teaching the basics, like reading, writing, and arithmetic. However, our colleagues on the other side have pointed out that: No, this is about wokeism, and it has a direct impact on reconciliation, reconsideration, and inquiries of resolution. Those are three Rs that I didn't know about.

I had to explain to my daughter when she said: Do you mean your granddaughter won't see these programs?

I said: Well, I went to JIM HIMES on the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, and I asked him if he had heard anything about wokeism or what does woke mean?

Jim looked around the room. He was a little cautious, and he said: Well, woke means we are okay with Elmo.

I didn't realize that the Republicans had actually broken the code, and that anyone who is okay with Elmo has to be suspect of wokeism.

He further said to me: We have discovered that this is a real issue.

I said: What is the threat that exists here? Has there been a classified briefing on this? Are we aware of this?

He said: No, there has been no classified briefing yet, but there is grave