

the coming months, changes the President's authorities on tariffs, maybe those of us on the tax writing committee should step up and do our job.

I need to tell you the truth about the math. Let's have a moment here. Let's do 2025. That is the chart here. The \$77 billion you see right there on the chart, that was already the law. That was before the Trump Presidency. That was tariffs. Customs duties is the proper term.

The President added other rules, mechanics, tariffs, customs duties. They gave us another—a total of \$155 billion. That means we collected, in the 2025 fiscal year, an extra \$118 billion. That is a lot of money.

Remember, in 2025, we were borrowing \$6 billion a day. You can do the basic math. That is like 18 days of borrowing, was the increase we took in 2025.

It is helpful. It is helpful. Do not walk away from it, but also don't make up numbers that it is going to pay off the debt.

In 2026, we modeled that the base tariffs, base customs duties, would produce about \$84 billion. Wonderful. The total we model is \$324 billion, meaning we are going to get an extra \$240 billion this year, if President Trump's tariffs are allowed to stay in. It is really helpful, but it is basically 1 month of borrowing. It is 1 month of borrowing.

If you go on cable news tonight or cable talk and you say: We are going to get a refund—math is math, and I really wish this body would get better at telling the truth about it.

Just a couple more boards, then I am going to give everyone back their life. Then I will go home and deal with the angry text messages I am going to get from people who don't like it when I tell the truth.

You don't want that one, but it basically says CBO actually did some re-modeling, and we calculate that total customs duties over the next 11 years will bring in about \$3 trillion. That is a lot of money, very helpful.

But you have got to understand, over the next 10 years, what took us 240 years to build up in debt, we almost double in the next 10. It is estimated by 2035, we are somewhere around \$63 trillion to \$65 trillion in debt. You actually start to see the squeeze where publicly sold debt, compared to borrowing from the trust funds, goes because we are depleting the trust funds so there is less money so borrow out of them. In the next 10, 11 years, we almost double what took us 240 years as a country to build up in debt.

Here is the thing that is really hard to talk about. I actually saw Elon Musk this last week saying: We have got to have the productivity. We have got to not be afraid of AI.

I wish he would also talk about synthetic biology and all the cures and the fact that we are curing diseases. The President did an amazing thing of getting the prices down on glutides. We

know obesity is almost 47 percent of U.S. healthcare spending. If we could cut that in half, could you imagine the growth of the economy, the family formation, the savings to the debt and deficits, if we helped our brothers and sisters get healthier.

There are policies that will work, but you never hear them evangelized behind these microphones because either they are complex or they don't set off a dopamine fit of anger.

We have got to deal with this reality, and this basically says demographics. We have fewer 18-year-olds than we did 20 years ago and almost double of number of 65-year-olds. That is going to continue. It is happening all over the industrialized world. We are actually in much better shape than so many other places in the world.

But we don't tell the truth, saying, hey, it is math. We are going to have to find a way, because we are magically not going to have millions and millions and millions of people in diapers, little people.

I am 63 and my wife is 63, and we have a 3-year-old and a 10-year-old. I am optimistic about the future. I had better be. Either that or my kids are coming to my nursing home. Sorry. I didn't mean to say that. This is the reality we are up against.

Just one more board. This is hard to see. It is important for anyone who is actually listening, who actually has a fondness for basic math. This isn't that complicated.

We now model, in the Joint Economic Committee Republicans, that there is over a 50/50 chance that the United States, this calendar year—so 2025, the calendar year we are in—will be close to zero population growth.

Why is that a big deal? We built our Social Security system, we built our Medicare system, and we built much of our entitlement, our earned benefit system, on a concept that we grew population-wise and therefore grew economically, therefore we grew in GDP, therefore we grew in productivity, and therefore wealth grew in the country for everyone.

What we are trying to show in these charts is, you can see from 2004 to 2024, the difference—this was under 18. We functionally have the same, but the number of those 65 and up going from 36 million to 61 million. Yet what is fascinating is if you go with no immigration, or even with immigration, we still end up upside down. It is just demographics.

Yet when the President tries to talk about this, he gets attacked. When people like me try to say there is a way to set off productivity so we don't live poor, that the future is prosperous, that this is another American century, instead we engage in sort of clown-show type politics because we want to satiate the theater instead of the economics.

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There is a path to do amazingly good things for your retirement and for my

kids, but the fact of the matter is that, Matthew, my 3-year-old, when he hits 23 or 24 years old, every tax in the United States has to be doubled just to maintain baseline services.

Have we really made the moral decision that the next generation lives poorer or will be poorer than we are? Is that what America has become about? It doesn't have to be that way.

Are we on the cusp of an amazing productivity curve with artificial intelligence, with synthetic biology curing diseases, and with robotics being able to produce products cheaper and faster? Possibly, but you have to understand that we have lots of laws that this place has made that it is illegal to modernize a port. It is illegal to modernize a rail system. It is illegal to actually adopt technology that can read your body at home and prescribe to you.

We have barrier after barrier so that when we talk about deregulation to make the economy grow, we also have to talk about the deregulation that the armies of lobbyists in our hallways are here to stop us from doing because it will force a change in their business models.

Once again, it can be another American century. The future can be absolutely amazing, but we need to get our act together and stop lying about the numbers, tell the truth about the demographics, and then actually think boldly. We can do amazing things. I just haven't had an amazing conversation around here in years.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to go and apologize to all of the people I have just made mad.

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

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills and a joint resolution of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker on Wednesday, December 3, 2025:

H.R. 970. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to periodically review the automatic maximum coverage under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program and the Veterans' Group Life Insurance program, and for other purposes.

H.R. 983. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to disapprove courses of education offered by a public institution of higher learning that does not charge the in-State tuition rate to a veteran using certain educational assistance under title 10 of such Code, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1912. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the repayment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs of benefits misused by a fiduciary, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 130. Joint Resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to "Buffalo Field Office

Record of Decision and Approved Resource Management Plan Amendment”.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 9 a.m.

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 Ms. UNDERWOOD (for herself and Mr. VAN DREW):

H.R. 6370. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to require certain health centers to equip restrooms with baby changing tables, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. BONAMICI (for herself, Mr. DELUZZIO, and Mr. MOYLAN):

H.R. 6371. A bill to prohibit certain uses of automated decision systems by employers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, and Oversight and Government Reform, 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. CLYDE (for himself, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. ROSE, Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. BOST, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. CRANK, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. HARRIS of Maryland, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. MESSMER, Mr. CLOUD, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. GILL of Texas, Mr. GUEST, Mr. MOORE of West Virginia, Mr. FULCHER, Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina, and Mr. LOUDERMILK):

H.R. 6372. A bill to repeal the Human Rights Sanctuary Amendment Act of 2022; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. PALMER:

H.R. 6373. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to establish authority for the President to waive the requirement for an advanced manufacturing facility or a critical mineral facility to offset increased emissions of any air pollutant, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GOSAR (for himself and Mr. CRANE):

H.R. 6374. A bill to prohibit the admission of aliens to the United States for 10 years, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BEATTY (for herself, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BELL, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. BROWN, and Mrs. GRIJALVA):

H.R. 6375. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to provide grants to local educational agencies to encourage girls and underrepresented minorities to pursue studies and careers in STEM fields; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. BROWNLEY (for herself and Ms. TLAIB):

H.R. 6376. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Vet-

erans Affairs to provide health care for family members and other individuals who resided at or worked at locations where there is a presumption of service-connection for certain illnesses and conditions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. BROWNLEY:

H.R. 6377. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the eligibility of siblings of certain veterans for educational assistance under the educational assistance programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CASTEN (for himself, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mrs. GRIJALVA, Mr. THANEDAR, and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York):

H.R. 6378. A bill to confirm and clarify the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's obligation to assess and mitigate the impacts to climate change and environmental justice communities from projects approved pursuant to the Natural Gas Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CISCOMANI (for himself and Mr. SUOZZI):

H.R. 6379. A bill to enhance the effectiveness of the Shadow Wolves Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Mr. CISCOMANI:

H.R. 6380. A bill to establish the Chiricahua National Park in the State of Arizona as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CISNEROS:

H.R. 6381. A bill to direct the Comptroller General of the United States to study the feasibility of a program to recruit individuals to serve for one year on active duty in the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CISNEROS:

H.R. 6382. A bill to direct the Secretary of a military department to submit a briefing on promotions for enlisted members of the Armed Forces under the jurisdiction of such Secretary and in certain military occupational specialties; to the Committee on Armed Services.

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

H.R. 6383. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to develop a strategic plan to address mental health of members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CISNEROS:

H.R. 6384. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to brief the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives on the feasibility of consolidating covered prevention services into a single facility for each military installation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina (for himself and Mr. NUNN of Iowa):

H.R. 6385. A bill to amend the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 to reauthorize the Commission on Farm Transitions-Needs for 2050, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. DE LA CRUZ (for herself and Mr. CUELLAR):

H.R. 6386. A bill to limit engagement with the Government of Mexico unless Mexico provides water to the United States pursuant to its obligations under the Treaty relating to the Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. EVANS of Colorado:

H.R. 6387. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to require revisions to regulations governing the review and handling of air quality

monitoring data influenced by exceptional events or actions to mitigate wildfire risk; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FINSTAD:

H.R. 6388. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to modernize the conservation reserve program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. GOLDMAN of New York (for himself, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. CASAR, Mr. GARCIA of California, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. SIMON, Ms. NORTON, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. CORREA, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. TITUS, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. CARSON, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. LOFGREEN, Ms. MENG, Ms. CHU, Mr. QUIGLEY, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. ROSS, Mr. LIEU, Ms. MORRISON, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mrs. TORRES of California, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, and Ms. CROCKETT):

H.R. 6389. A bill to amend Public Law 119-21 (commonly known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”) to repeal or amend certain provisions that undermine protections and heighten dangers for unaccompanied children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, 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. GOMEZ (for himself, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. RIVAS, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. CARSON, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. CHU, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. LIEU, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. DELUZZIO, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. LICCARDO, Ms. SIMON, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. DEXTER, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. COHEN, Ms. TITUS, Ms. RANDALL, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. PETERS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. POCAN, Mr. NADLER, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. FROST, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. LATIMER, Mr. SOTO, Ms. BALINT, Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY):

H.R. 6390. A bill to rescind certain immigration enforcement funds and amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide for new credits related to expanding access to housing; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Homeland Security, 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 Mrs. GRIJALVA (for herself, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. LIEU, Mr. MIN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. TLAIB, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. TRAN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE):

H.R. 6391. A bill to repeal section 3003 of Public Law 113-291, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.