

been sorely lacking. But what is needed is a comprehensive picture of just how large the scale of this fraud might be.

That is why I am requesting that the Government Accountability Office conduct a study on the scale of fraud in California. I will read, for the record, my letter to Comptroller General Brown, Acting Comptroller General of the GAO, requesting this study.

It says:

One of Congress' most crucial duties is to steward public funds by assuring they are spent in accordance with the law and not siphoned off by criminals. Unfortunately, several high-profile incidents of fraud in recent years have shown the inability of some States to adequately protect public money. In particular, California has had difficulty stopping fraudsters who steal benefits destined for the most vulnerable among us. To gain a greater understanding of the impact this theft has on Californians and the Nation, I am asking that the GAO conduct a study on the amount of waste, fraud, and abuse California has fallen victim to.

While fraud amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars in Minneapolis has recently garnered public attention, it still pales in comparison to the fraud perpetrated in California.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, LexisNexis estimated State unemployment fraud reached \$32.6 billion. Unemployed Californians had their benefits stolen, and taxpayers were taxed to fund criminals. The State's effort to aid the homeless is also riddled with waste and fraud. The State auditor examined spending on programs to reduce homelessness between 2019 and 2024. Despite \$24 billion in spending, homelessness increased by 30,000 during that period, and no grant recipients provided metrics that demonstrated any sort of progress. This prevents the State government and the public from knowing how money is being spent and if specific programs are effective and worthy of continued funding.

San Francisco nonprofit workers have been charged with theft of public funds intended for homeless seniors, and real estate executives in Los Angeles have been charged with stealing \$50 million from a variety of homeless programs. Theft of public money is not just confined to nonprofits in California. Even an Orange County judge was convicted of mail fraud for stealing from a workers' compensation program.

The letter concludes:

Due to the widespread nature of theft involving public money in California, we urgently need more information to develop an effective antifraud strategy.

To accomplish this, I ask the GAO to provide:

1, how much money in total was publicly reported as lost to waste, fraud, and abuse in California since 2016;

2, a breakdown of fraud by economic sector such as transportation, healthcare, housing, law enforcement;

3, who the perpetrators of fraud are;

4, what stolen funds are spent on; and,

5, using California as a case study, what steps can the Federal Government take to reduce the most common frauds perpetrated against taxpayers?

This study, Mr. Speaker, will provide information that we very much need in order to exercise the full range of oversight and accountability tools we have here in Congress to protect the tax dollars of hardworking California residents.

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RECOGNIZING ROBIN TRIMBLE ON HER RETIREMENT

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize Robin Trimble, who is retiring as the chief executive officer of the Rocklin Area Chamber of Commerce, for her 20 years of dedicated service to the Rocklin community.

For two decades, Robin has led the chamber with enthusiasm, strength, and resilience. Through Robin's expertise, the Rocklin chamber was guided through a period of growth and prosperity. She helped the chamber expand its membership, started important community programs, forged strong partnerships that support Rocklin's local businesses and economy, and built a legacy that will continue to shape the Rocklin community for many years to come.

Like any 20-year period, her tenure as CEO came with its fair share of unique challenges. One example is the important role that she played in minimizing the impact of the extraordinary challenges that arose as a result of the restrictions imposed during the COVID-19 era.

Throughout her tenure, Robin has worked tirelessly to make the dream of business ownership a reality and a successful path for many in the Rocklin area. Her ongoing advocacy for Rocklin businesses has left a meaningful mark on our local economy.

I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Robin since my time in the State legislature. I have always appreciated her professionalism, wisdom, kindness, and generosity that she brought to her role as the chamber's chief executive officer. Robin's visionary leadership has made a lasting impact on the Rocklin Area Chamber of Commerce and the Rocklin community at large.

Therefore, on behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I join the Rocklin community in wishing Robin Trimble a very happy retirement and thanking her for her 20 years of contributions to the Rocklin business community.

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

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 282. An act to provide greater regional access to the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in the State of Maine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 51 minutes

p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, February 3, 2026, at 10 a.m.

OATH OF OFFICE MEMBERS, RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, AND DELEGATES

The oath of office required by the sixth article of the Constitution of the United States, and as provided by section 2 of the act of May 13, 1884 (23 Stat. 22), to be administered to Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates of the House of Representatives, the text of which is carried in 5 U.S.C. 3331:

"I, AB, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

has been subscribed to in person and filed in duplicate with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the following Member of the 119th Congress, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. 25:

CHRISTIAN D. MENEFFEE, Eighteenth District of Texas.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-2774. A letter from the Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting the Office's 2025 Annual Report to Congress, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 14; Feb. 18, 1875, ch. 80, Sec. 1 (as amended by Public Law 106-569, Sec. 1103(c)); (114 Stat. 3031); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-2775. A letter from the Deputy Chief Financial Officer for the Interior, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's FY 2025 Agency Financial Report, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3515(a)(1); Public Law 101-576, Sec. 303(a)(1) (as amended by Public Law 107-289, Sec. 2(a)); (116 Stat. 2049); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-2776. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the report titled "Calendar Years 2023-2024 Healthcare Fraud Prevention Partnership Biennial Report to Congress", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1320a-7c(a)(6)(F); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XI, Sec. 1128C (as added by Public Law 116-260, Sec. 124(a)); (134 Stat. 2959); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

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. HILL of Arkansas: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 6536. A bill to require

the Federal banking agencies to study improving the growth, capital adequacy, and profitability of rural depository institutions, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-473). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HILL of Arkansas: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 6547. A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to provide an exception to the least-cost resolution requirement, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-474). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HILL of Arkansas: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 6556. A bill to prohibit the use of certain concentration limit exceptions with respect to mergers involving a failed bank unless the applicable agency determines such use is necessary to prevent significant economic disruption or significant adverse effects on financial stability, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-475). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H. R. 4242. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modernize the National Firearms Act to account for advancements in technology and less-than-lethal weapons, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-476). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GUTHRIE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 2072. A bill to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to extend the time period during which licensees are required to commence construction of certain hydropower projects (Rept. 119-477). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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. CASTOR of Florida (for herself and Mr. EVANS of Colorado):

H.R. 7305. A bill to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to reauthorize the Department of Energy's Energy Sector Operational Support for Cyberresilience Program to provide operational support for energy sector cybersecurity and resilience; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MILLER of Ohio (for himself, Mr. TURNER of Ohio, Mr. BALDERSON, and Mr. CAREY):

H.R. 7306. A bill to amend the CARES Act to terminate unemployment insurance benefit payments under such Act and to rescind unobligated balances of amounts appropriated for the purpose of such payments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. AMO (for himself, Mr. CARSON, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. KEATING, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MAGAZINER, Ms. NORTON, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. VEASEY, and Ms. GOODLANDER):

H.R. 7307. A bill to require the establishment and publication of procedures relating to the disposal of residual inventory upon the termination or completion of programs, projects, or activities of the Department of State and the United States Agency for International Development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. BICE:

H.R. 7308. A bill to amend the CALM Act to establish requirements for video programming delivered using internet protocol, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CLEAVER:

H.R. 7309. A bill to establish a pilot program to develop, expand, and maintain digital community resource guides to advance the reentry efforts of individuals returning to their communities after incarceration; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COHEN:

H.R. 7310. A bill to establish protocols for the investigation of uses of deadly force by Federal law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ISSA (for himself and Mr. LAHOOD):

H.R. 7311. A bill to authorize the President to impose sanctions with respect to any foreign person or entity that hinders, obstructs or delays Lebanon's electoral process, including efforts to restrict or prevent Lebanese citizens abroad from voting in parliamentary elections, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on 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. KIM (for herself and Mr. STAUBER):

H.R. 7312. A bill to establish a national task force to investigate and combat fraud involving Federal dollars; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mrs. LUNA:

H.R. 7313. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3135 1st Avenue North in St. Petersburg, Florida, as the "Poul Hornsleth Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. MAGAZINER:

H.R. 7314. A bill to advance commonsense policies; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, Armed Services, Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Financial Services, Education and Workforce, Oversight and Government Reform, Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Small Business, Science, Space, and Technology, the Judiciary, Homeland Security, Intelligence (Permanent Select), House Administration, Rules, Ethics, the Budget, and Appropriations, 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. MAGAZINER:

H.R. 7315. A bill to advance policy priorities; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Veterans' Affairs, Armed Services, Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, Financial Services, Education and Workforce, Oversight and Government Reform, Foreign Affairs, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Small Business, Science, Space, and Technology, the Judiciary, Homeland Security, Intelligence (Permanent Select), House Administration, Rules, Ethics, the Budget, and Appropriations, 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. MALLIOTAKIS:

H.R. 7316. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to require the promulgation of cybersecurity regulations and implementation of EMV technology relating to

the use of EBT cards under the supplemental nutrition assistance program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 7317. A bill to award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal to the Golden Thirteen, in recognition of their contributions to the Nation; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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. PANETTA (for himself, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. TONKO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. LIEU, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. LOFGREN, and Ms. PINGREE):

H.R. 7318. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to expand the national organic certification cost-share program into a comprehensive organic program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

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

H.R. 7319. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to recoup amounts of awards, bonuses, and relocation expenses paid to former employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs under certain conditions; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. STAUBER (for himself, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. EMMER, and Mrs. FISCHBACH):

H.R. 7320. A bill to prohibit the provision of funding to the State of Minnesota until certain reporting requirements pertaining to voting are satisfied; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. TAYLOR:

H.R. 7321. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to establish a length limitation on certain vehicles being transported by heavy-duty tow and recovery vehicles, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. WALKINSHAW (for himself, Mr. BEYER, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Mr. MFUME, and Mr. VINDMAN):

H.R. 7322. A bill to provide for appropriations to pay Federal employees and contractors during periods of lapses in appropriations in fiscal year 2026, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, and in addition to the Committees on Appropriations, House Administration, the Judiciary, and Armed 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. MEEKS (for himself, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Ms. TITUS, Mr. STANTON, Mr. AMO, and Mr. CASAR):

H.J. Res. 147. A joint resolution terminating the national emergency declared to impose duties on articles imported from Brazil; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. SANCHEZ (for herself, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Ms. ELFRETH, and Mr. SMITH of Washington):

H.J. Res. 148. A joint resolution expressing support for designation of the week of February 2, 2026, through February 6, 2026, as "National School Counseling Week"; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. KUSTOFF (for himself, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas, Mr. FINE, Mr. SCHNEIDER, and Mr. LANDSMAN):

H. Con. Res. 72. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in