

Where civil law is subordinated to Islamic authority, freedom, prosperity, and security collapse. Sharia law is not a personal creed. It is a political and legal system and one that rejects equality before the law, suppresses dissent, and fuses radical religious doctrine with state power. History shows that where Sharia gains influence, constitutional government gives way to coercion.

In Texas, my constituents are increasingly alarmed by the consequences of mass migration and the importation of ideologies that are fundamentally incompatible with our Western civilization.

The purpose of this caucus is clear: to ensure that Sharia never gains a foothold in America—not now, and not ever.

#### WHERE IS THE OUTRAGE

(Ms. BALINT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, I need to level set here.

The President cannot take money from the proceeds of seized Venezuelan oil and control it himself via means of a highly illegal and improper offshore slush fund. The President has no constitutional authority to do this.

He doesn't get to create his own secret, overseas slush fund, which is outside of our purview and oversight. This is absolutely insane. We take Venezuelan oil at gunpoint, engage in regime change and nation building, and then the President personally controls the proceeds?

What has happened here? Why do my colleagues give up their power?

Mr. Speaker, where is the Republican opposition to this lawless, half-baked, absurd plan? You know that if any Democratic President claimed this kind of maniacal power, you would be enraged.

So I ask you, Mr. Speaker: Where is the outrage now? Where is the pushback? Do not give this President any more power.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

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#### 2025 ECONOMIC REPORT AND MANUFACTURING JOBS

(Mr. MAGAZINER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, 2025 was one of the worst years for job growth in decades. In fact, if you don't count COVID, the United States created fewer jobs last year than any year since 2009. You don't need data. Just ask anyone who has been looking for a job. They will tell you no one is hiring.

This weak economy is a direct result of President Trump's policies: the crazy tariffs that are raising costs for businesses and consumers, massive cuts to healthcare, and the political attacks on clean energy that are driving up energy costs.

The President claimed that his tariffs would help American manufacturing, but instead we have lost 72,000 manufacturing jobs since Liberation Day, after years of gains.

What is the President focused on as working people struggle? He is focused on building himself a new ballroom, naming the Kennedy Center after himself, trying to take over Greenland, and selling cryptocurrency out of the White House to enrich himself. None of this creates jobs or lower costs for you or the millions of Americans who are struggling. It is time for the President to focus on the real needs of the American people.

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#### MANUFACTURING JOBS LOST DUE TO TRUMP TARIFFS

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to the 68,000 manufacturing jobs lost across our country in 2025 as a direct result of President Trump's reckless tariffs and DOGE cuts.

Why did he visit Detroit yesterday when his insistence on continuing these tariffs actually cuts investment in American manufacturing? It is all backward, and it puts America backward and America's workers backward.

In December, manufacturing jobs continued an 8-month decline that began after President Trump falsely promised these new tariffs would lead to an economic resurgence for American workers.

Instead, his broad across-the-board tariffs have driven prices up for everyday goods and all supply chains. Tariffs create uncertainty in the job market, leaving hardworking families worse off.

When manufacturing jobs disappear as costs rise, Ohio families feel it. Lost jobs and rising costs are not an abstract economic theory for us. They are a harsh reality. Thousands of families I represent have been touched. Another company just closed in Fulton County.

Mr. Speaker, let's make manufacturing more competitive, not less. Let's create jobs in the USA.

#### VENEZUELA

(Ms. STANSBURY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, do you recall just a week and a half ago

when the President of the United States stood in front of the American people and said that he conducted an unauthorized military invasion of Venezuela to save American lives from drugs, but then a few days later told us it was actually about the oil?

Well, if we needed any confirmation that it was not about the drugs and not about saving American lives, look no further than the fact that last night the White House announced that they would cut millions of dollars from substance abuse and addiction recovery programs that save lives in America every single day.

In Donald Trump's America, down is up and up is down, and they will lie to your face every single day if they think it will get them what they want. That is why we are in the fight to stop unauthorized wars, to stop the daily assault on our communities, and to restore the America that we know and to save American lives.

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#### HOW REPUBLICANS HAVE DELIVERED FOR AMERICANS

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. MOORE of Utah was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.)

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I am glad to be joined by my colleagues for this Conference Special Order to talk about ways we have delivered for all Americans through our legislative action, committee work, and much more.

Mr. Speaker, to start off, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia, Mr. BUDDY CARTER.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and for hosting this Special Order Hour.

Mr. Speaker, America is back and, like the President says, hotter than ever.

Throughout 2025, Republicans worked to undo the damage of the Biden-Harris administration, resulting in less red tape, bigger paychecks, a blue-collar boom, and a stronger, more resilient workplace.

The United States will always be the land of opportunity, but the previous administration shuttered small businesses, choked economic growth, and enacted countless regulatory measures that hurt families and businesses alike.

I believe in America First. That means a Federal Government that gets

out of the way and allows hardworking people to succeed.

Republicans put America first when we passed the largest tax cut in American history. We delivered no tax on tips, no tax on overtime, and tax relief for seniors by lowering taxes on Social Security benefits, because the key to affordability is bigger paychecks, not bigger government.

People are going to be feeling the effects of these tax savings in their pocketbooks this tax season, where Georgia families can expect up to \$5,000 in savings. By unleashing American energy, we are bringing relief to families right now.

The national average of gasoline is now under \$3 a gallon. That matters to everyone, from the large-scale shipping to the blue-collar worker driving their daily commute.

Mr. Speaker, what we have done in 2025 is just the beginning. As we move to 2026, Republicans are focused on expanding opportunity even further, bringing jobs back home, growing domestic manufacturing, and ensuring the American Dream is within reach for every person willing to work hard, especially our young people.

The key to Republicans' success is that we govern by a simple concept, common sense. It is common sense to use our vast natural resources and unleash American energy dominance because affordable energy means affordable living, just like it is common sense that trillions spent on so-called Green New Deal projects caused runaway inflation at over 9 percent.

President Trump and Republicans are reviving the American Dream by advancing progrowth, proworker, America First policies that help young people build a future, provide relief for our elderly, and strengthen the middle class and everyone in between.

I thank the President for his work on our economy.

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Georgia for his comments. I appreciate his thoughts and for articulating much of that.

Mr. Speaker, last year House Republicans passed the working families tax cuts. This was a reconciliation bill that included monumental progrowth and profamily legislation that lowers costs for American families.

A lot has been said about this. I want to share just a few aspects of this as we are within 6 months in the rear view of when we accomplished this. Again, the largest tax increases on American history would have happened on January 1 of this year had we not completed that, and we got it done 6 months prior to that crisis. I don't know the last time I looked at Congress and found something done that far ahead of schedule. It is usually the last minute.

That matters because that was a reality. That is what we knew was coming, and we worked hard to accomplish a lot of really key important progrowth elements: no tax on tips or

overtime, an increased child tax credit, tax relief for seniors, an increased standard deduction targeted entirely at the middle- and lower-income Americans, investment in rural America. These are just a few of the reasons Americans will see significant increases in their upcoming tax returns.

Mr. Speaker, that doesn't even include the provisions that strengthen small business and encourage investment in American industry.

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This year, House Republicans are keeping more hard-earned dollars in working families' pockets, not with the Washington bureaucracy. The tax filing season begins next week, and Americans can expect to see some of the biggest tax refunds in history.

After 4 years of painful inflation, we are cleaning up the economic mess. Real wages and benefits fell 3.9 percent during the Biden-Harris administration, and through the Working Families Tax Cuts Act, real wages are growing faster than prices.

We saw 4.3 percent real GDP growth in the third quarter of 2025. That is substantial. The average since World War II is 3.1 percent. After 3.8 percent in Q2, we continued to exceed expectations there. Economic growth is an important economic indicator with a substantial impact on our annual deficits, and I am confident it will only continue to grow.

Mr. Speaker, 2026 will be about bigger paychecks and lower costs on everything from healthcare to housing to household goods. We are moving forward with housing affordability legislation to lower costs and update financing options. We are streamlining and simplifying permitting processes to create more jobs, reduce costs, and increase wages. We are also lowering healthcare costs. In December, the House passed legislation to cut premiums, expand Choice accounts, provide more affordable rates to small businesses, and expand PBM transparency to lower costs of prescription drugs.

Mr. Speaker, 2025 was a big year for my team and for House Republicans. We passed landmark legislation, and people are going to see the difference because of it.

I am looking forward to 2026 and continuing to work hard for Utah's First District.

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

#### EXPIRATION OF NEW START

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. FOSTER of Illinois was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.)

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and submit extraneous material to the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to open the Special Order hour to discuss the expiration of the New START treaty, the importance of arms control, and the urgent need to strengthen global nuclear security.

I thank the Members who will be joining me this evening for their leadership and their willingness to engage on issues that carry existential consequences for our country and for the world.

As many of my colleagues know, I am the only Ph.D. physicist currently serving in the United States Congress. Before coming to Congress, I spent more than two decades as a high-energy particle physicist and particle accelerator designer at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, where we were smashing together protons and antiprotons to make particles that have not been around since the big bang, designing and building the big particle accelerators and detectors, and analyzing the data. I was on the team that discovered the top quark, the heaviest known form of matter.

Because of that background, I feel a special responsibility to engage deeply on issues of nuclear weapons, arms control, and strategic stability, not as abstract policy debates but as matters grounded in technical reality.

Arms control is not about unilateral disarmament, wishful thinking, fantasies of dominance, or trusting adversaries. Arms control is about verifiable limits, predictability, and reducing the risk of miscalculation between nuclear-armed states.

For decades, arms control agreements have helped prevent a catastrophic nuclear exchange, not by eliminating deterrence but by stabilizing it.

The New START treaty, which stands for Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, was signed in 2010 and extended in 2021. It is the last remaining bilateral nuclear arms control agreement between the United States and the Russian Federation.

New START places verifiable limits on deployed strategic nuclear weapons and delivery systems and provides for data exchanges, notifications, and on-site inspections that give us direct insight into Russia's nuclear forces.

New START followed a long line of arms control agreements, from SALT to START I to SORT, that helped reduce the global nuclear arsenal from the Cold War highs of more than 70,000 weapons to fewer than 13,000 today. These agreements were supported by Democratic and Republican administrations alike because they made the United States safer.

Under New START, the United States does not rely on guesswork, on satellite imagery alone, or on worst-case assumptions. We rely on legally binding limits and on verification