#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 1082. An act to prohibit the unauthorized sale of ride-hailing signage and study the incidence of fatal and non-fatal assaults in TNC and for-hire vehicles in order to enhance safety and save lives.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2524. An act to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to aged, blind, or disabled Alaska Natives or descendants of Alaska Natives from being used to determine eligibility for certain programs, and for other purposes.

S. 2708. An act to provide for greater consultation between the Federal Government and the governing bodies and community users of land grant-mercedes in New Mexico, to provide for a process for recognition of the historic-traditional uses of land grant-mercedes, and for other purposes.

S. 3046. An act to codify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain landscape-scale forest restoration projects, and for other purposes.

S. 3428. An act to require the Secretary of Energy to establish a Nuclear Fuel Security Program, expand the American Assured Fuel Supply Program, and submit a report on a civil nuclear credit program, and for other purposes.

S. 3873. An act to designate the outdoor amphitheater at the Blue Ridge Music Center in Galax, Virginia, as the "Rick Boucher Amphitheater".

S. 4105. An act to treat certain liquidations of new motor vehicle inventory as qualified liquidations of LIFO inventory for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

S. 4321. An act to amend the Save Our Seas 2.0 Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Foundation, to amend the Marine Debris Act to improve the administration of the Marine Debris Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and for other purposes.

S. 5357. An act to provide compensation for United States victims of Libyan state-sponsored terrorism, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 110-315, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, announces the re-appointment of the following member of the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity:

Michael Poliakoff of Virginia.

# CONGRATULATING TYSON BAGENT AND THE SHEPHERD UNIVER-SITY RAMS

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

Mr. MOONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share some historic news out of the Second Congressional District of West Virginia.

Born and raised in the eastern panhandle, Tyson Bagent is the quarterback for the Shepherd University football team. Last month, the Rams blew out host Indiana, 48–13, in the national quarter-finals. Bagent completed 19 of 28 passes for 231 yards and had four touchdowns.

Impressively, Tyson took the alltime lead for passing touchdowns in all NCAA college divisions with 158 in the game.

This remarkable achievement is just one of many for Tyson. He had a decorated career at Martinsburg High School, where he led the Bulldogs to consecutive Class AAA championships in 2016 and 2017.

Congratulations to Tyson, and I wish him and the Rams continued success.

# SUPPORT THE OMNIBUS

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise again to thank Leader HOYER for his masterful control and work on the floor of the House and thank him for his magic 1 minute.

I rise as well, as I hope to continue the debate, to encourage and say that there is no option but to support the omnibus that will come before us.

Mr. Speaker, 40 million children will have permanent healthcare through the CHIP program. \$24 billion will help to improve veterans' healthcare. What is needed by Americans is that mental health will now be a high priority in assisting the stabilization of our families.

I rise also to indicate my determination to reintroduce H.R. 7566, which it was this year, the No Trafficking Zones Act.

This legislation would have established a sentencing enhancement of up to 5 years for any person who commits an offense of child sex trafficking or coercion and enticement of a minor within 1,000 feet of a school zone.

Let me apprise this body, in 2020, 11,193 instances of potential human trafficking were reported by the United States, national human trafficking, and 25 percent of all that is in Texas, and these are children.

Mr. Speaker, it is crucial that we fight for children, and we get this bill—no sex trafficking in our school zones, no sex trafficking, no human trafficking. We are going to get it passed.

# RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 42 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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# AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HIMES) at 10 o'clock and 37 minutes a.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PRO-VIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE AMENDMENT ТО SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2617, AGRI-CULTURE, RURALDEVELOP-MENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMIN-ISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2023; RELATING TO CONSID-ERATION OF SENATE AMEND-MENT TO H.R. 4373, FURTHER AD-DITIONAL CONTINUING APPRO-PRIATIONS AND EXTENSIONS ACT, 2023; RELATING TO CONSID-ERATION OF H.R. 1082, SAMI'S LAW; AND FOR OTHER PUR-POSES

Mr. McGOVERN, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 117-664) on the resolution (H. Res. 1531) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2617) to amend section 1115 of title 31, United States Code, to amend the description of how performance goals are achieved, and for other purposes: relating to consideration of the bill (H.R. 4373) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes; relating to consideration of the bill (H.R. 1082) to prohibit the unauthorized sale of ride-hailing signage and study the incidence of fatal and non-fatal assaults in TNC and for-hire vehicles in order to enhance safety and save lives; and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE SENATE AMENDMENT TO HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2617, AGRI-CULTURE, RURALDEVELOP-MENT. FOOD AND DRUG ADMIN-ISTRATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2023; RELATING TO CONSID-ERATION OF SENATE AMEND-MENT TO H.R. 4373. FURTHER AD-DITIONAL CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTENSIONS ACT, 2023; RELATING TO CONSID-ERATION OF SENATE AMEND-MENTS TO H.R. 1082. SAMI'S LAW: AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1531 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

# H. RES. 1531

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2617) to amend section 1115 of title 31, United States Code, to amend the description of how performance goals are achieved, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention of any point of order, a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or her designee that the House

concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment. The Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The motion shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to its adoption without intervening motion.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall be considered to have taken from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 4373) making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to have concurred in the Senate amendment.

SEC. 3. Senate Concurrent Resolution 51 is hereby adopted.

SEC. 4. House Resolution 366 is hereby adopted.

SEC. 5. Upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall be considered to have taken from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 1082) to prohibit the unauthorized sale of ridehalling signage and study the incidence of fatal and non-fatal assaults in TNC and forhire vehicles in order to enhance safety and save lives, with the Senate amendments thereto, and to have concurred in the Senate amendments.

SEC. 6. House Resolution 1382 is hereby adopted.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. RESCHENTHALER), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

# GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the Rules Committee met and reported a rule, House Resolution 1531, providing for consideration of a motion, if offered, by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations that the House concur in the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the Senate amendment to H.R. 2617. The rule provides 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule further deems as passed the following: S. Con. Res. 51, H. Res. 366, H. Res. 1382, and motions to concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 1082 and the Senate amendment to H.R. 4373.

Mr. Speaker, we are here today to debate a rule that would bring a Consolidated Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2023 to the floor.

I give my wholehearted thanks to all of our appropriators, especially Chair-

woman DELAURO, and their staff for the work that went into crafting such a strong, bicameral, bipartisan funding bill.

This package offers tremendous investments in American families and workers while strengthening democracy at home and abroad.

This spending agreement ensures permanent, mandatory, and continuous coverage for the 40 million children enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP. It provides record Medicaid funding for Puerto Rico, and permanent enhanced Medicaid funding for all other territories, as well as the PREVENT Pandemics Act, which uses lessons from COVID-19 to improve our preparedness for future public health emergencies.

For the first time in more than a decade, we have provided more funding for the National Labor Relations Board, which helps defend workers' right to organize.

There is also emergency disaster support to help victims of hurricanes and wildfires; to address the water crisis in Jackson, Mississippi; and \$1 billion for Puerto Rico's electrical grid.

Critically, this package includes language to reform the Electoral Count Act of 1887. This is an imperative measure that will help prevent any future insurrections designed to disrupt the peaceful transfer of power like we saw on January 6.

This bill received broad support in the Senate, with the votes of 18 Republican Senators, including Minority Leader MITCH MCCONNELL and Senate Appropriations Vice Chair SHELBY. Senators can rarely agree on what to get for lunch, let alone a spending package like this.

I want to be clear here that I am not thrilled about everything in this pack-

Quite frankly, I find the endless increases in defense spending year after year to be appalling. We constantly hear from the other side that we don't have enough money to invest in the American people, yet there always seems to be enough to invest in the next weapons system that the Pentagon doesn't even want or need. We have to control this unbelievable defense spending habit that we have here in Congress, and I hope we will do that in the coming months.

I am also thrilled that this bill includes a bipartisan agreement to permanently extend food benefit increases for parents with children. This will provide an extra \$40 per child per month for struggling parents to feed their kids over the summer when hunger is often the worst. While I support that, I don't love the way we pay for it, by robbing Peter to pay Paul, and taking from our pandemic EBT benefits. I find that to be obnoxious, quite frankly. As we approach the farm bill, we all need to be focused on making sure that we restore any damage that might be done by this offset.

But, again, the give and take of negotiations requires compromise.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to a constructive debate here on the House floor, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman from Massachusetts, the chairman of the Rules Committee for yielding me the customary 30 minutes, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, when I joined the Rules Committee, Chairman McGovern was incredibly welcoming and has been totally aboveboard. It has been a pleasure to work with Mr. McGovern, and it is a pleasure that he and I get to debate the last rule here for the 117th Congress. It is an honor, and I thank the gentleman from Massachusetts. I look forward to continuing to work with him on the Rules Committee.

Mr. Speaker, the rule before us today provides for consideration of a 4,000-page omnibus package that puts America last. This bill was crafted behind closed doors, it was released in the middle of the night, and it received absolutely no input from House Republicans

So, instead of responsibly governing, House Democrats are trying to ram through trillions of dollars in new spending in the final days of this lameduck session. No Congress in recent history has passed an omnibus appropriations bill during a lameduck session following a shift of power in the House.

To do so this year would be a violation of congressional precedent and a flagrant disregard for the American people who voted in new leadership in the House. This omnibus package will not unleash American energy. It won't reign in out-of-control inflation, which is caused by reckless spending.

Here we are just 3 days away from Christmas, and more than one-quarter of Americans are expected to go into debt over Christmas costs, and about half are saying that they are going to cut back on holiday shopping altogether.

Sadly, this comes as the majority of Americans have already reported an increase in personal debt this year as inflation outpaces their income.

So instead of working on providing Americans with relief, this legislation is a last-ditch effort by Democrats to force their far left radical agenda on the American people before the clock runs out on the one-party rule that we have come to know in Washington.

Further, despite the ongoing border crisis and Democrats' eagerness to let title 42 expire, this package effectively reduces funding for border enforcement and fails to include tougher policies that would actually address issues at the border.

Specifically, this bill increases nondefense spending by \$57 billion, yet there is no increase in funding for ICE enforcement and removal operations, and there is no increase for Border Patrol agent hiring, which is already grossly underfunded.

Yet, in this bill the TSA received a drastic increase to give TSA officers a raise.

So the men and women at the southern border that are stopping fentanyl from coming across the border, stopping terrorists, apprehending terrorists at the southern border, they are underfunded, yet the person that is wanding down your grandmother at the airport and taking your toothpaste, they get the raise. That is how backward this omnibus is.

Almost 5 million illegal immigrants have been apprehended at the southern border since Joe Biden took office. That is not including the 1 million gotaways that have not been apprehended at all. That is 1 million people that are in this country that we have no control over, we don't know where they are, and they crossed illegally.

Illegal immigrants who entered this country under Biden's border crisis will now cost U.S. taxpayers \$20 billion a year on top of the trillions in spending Democrats are trying to pass just today.

So I urge my colleagues to oppose this rule, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I am a little bit surprised that my friends are complaining about the process. Senator Shelby, a Republican over in the Senate, said I was surprised that they, meaning the House Republicans, didn't enter into negotiations because they are the Republicans in the House, they should have been at the table, but they chose not to come, which is kind of typical of what they do on everything is they say "no" and do not want to be part of a constructive solution.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES), the chairman of the Democratic Caucus and future Democratic leader.

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding and for his leadership in shepherding this legislation forward.

I rise today in strong support of the rule, as well as the underlying spending agreement. This spending agreement was the product of bipartisan negotiation with Democrats and Republicans in the Senate.

I thank Speaker Pelosi, Chairwoman Delauro, and all of the members of the House Democratic Caucus for their leadership in helping to make sure that this bill includes strong democratic priorities.

This legislation invests in children and families; invests in education and job training; invests in the creation and preservation of affordable housing; invests in hardworking Americans and organized labor; invests in research and development; invests in transportation and infrastructure; invests in technology and innovation; and invests in

the health, safety, and well-being of the American people.

This legislation reflects Democratic values.

Democrats in the new year will continue to fight for lower costs, better paying jobs, and safer communities, and Democrats will always put people over politics.

Happy holidays and happy new year. Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Let's just talk briefly about all the junk that is in this omnibus. This omnibus increases funding for nondefense programs by 8 percent in addition to the trillions of dollars that have been spent over the last 2 years.

There is over \$12 billion for the IRS on top of the nearly \$80 billion provided to the IRS with the Inflation Reduction Act.

There is a 12 percent increase for climate research for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

You have got over \$3 billion for piein-the-sky renewable energy programs with the Department of Energy. That is a historic high, by the way.

You have a 22 percent increase for Climate Adaptation Science Centers in the U.S. Geological Survey.

You have a 20 percent increase for the Biden White House.

You have a 125 percent increase in loan authority for The Presidio Trust, which is a parochial priority of Speaker Pelosi's that has already received \$70 million in loan authority since fiscal year 2020.

So think about that when we go to vote on this trillion dollar omnibus, all the junk and wasteful spending that is in here.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BUCSHON), my good friend and a good doctor.

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I am against the rule and the underlying bill. It is a little Christmas tree of unnecessary earmarks, billions and billions of dollars of the American people's taxpayer money.

But you know the one thing that is not in there? Full funding for our Nation's physicians. It is a travesty. In fact, there is a pay cut. The very people who helped get us through the pandemic, and this is how we thank them.

Shortages, burnout, low morale, retirements; I wonder why?

The American people should know what Washington is doing to America's physicians and subsequently what is happening to the American people's access to quality medical care.

Washington, D.C., needs to wake up and reform the way that we fund our healthcare plans, both Medicare and Medicaid, and make sure the very people that are taking care of the American people are properly compensated for the years and years of training and expertise that is necessary to provide quality care in this country.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I love my friends on the other side of the aisle. They complain they are going to vote "no," and then they are going to go home and do press conferences announcing all the Members' projects that they got, but that is what we have come to expect from my Republican friends here in the House. They don't want to come to the table. They don't want to be constructive. They are just no, no, no, no on everything. They are more interested in Twitter followers than they are in actually legislating. That is their problem, but that is not going to be the problem today.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE).

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman very much for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, there are no lameduck Americans. The lights are on, the doors are open, and they expect for us to work.

I am excited about this omnibus. I am excited about the \$800 billion that Democrats were able to get for housing and safer communities.

I am excited about the STOP School Violence Act grants of \$50 million for community-based violence intervention; \$95 million for the background checks.

I am excited about 40 million children being able to have good healthcare under Medicaid. I am excited about the enhancement of Medicare and Medicaid for my constituents.

I am enormously excited about the \$398 million—we have tried this over and over again—to transition the TSA workforce to pay parity with civil service employees performing similar work, as well as the dollars for refugees' processing and shelter.

I am excited about the dollars for the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 18th Congressional District; for Buffalo Bayou Park, \$750,000, in the 18th Congressional District; for riverside planning for restoration; for the hospital, \$750,000; \$4 million to deal with the Department of Housing and Urban Development and Transportation.

I am excited because we are doing things for families.

Mr. Speaker, vote for this bill. It is no lameduck. Happy holidays. It is for the American people, and the Democrats are standing tall.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

To my knowledge, this is a lameduck session. I am not sure if Democrats have changed the definition of "lameduck." I know they tried to change the definition of "recession" this year, too. So I guess the language is constantly changing under this one-party rule here in Washington, D.C.

When we on this side of the aisle talk about inflation and the harm to American families, this isn't something that is just theoretical.

Let's put this in context. Since January of 2021, Democrats have spent \$3 trillion on partisan spending bills. Again, this is a key driver of inflation. Bidenflation is America's unwanted guest at a Christmas dinner table for the second year in a row.

With inflation remaining high, families across the country will pay 16.4 percent more for Christmas dinner compared to last year. The majority of Americans reported an increase in personal debt this year, and the top reason given was rising inflation and declining real wages.

As of December, the share of Americans living paycheck-to-paycheck in Joe Biden's economy has risen to 63 percent. Let that sink in. Sixty-three percent of Americans in Biden's economy are living paycheck-to-paycheck.

Families across the country are still paying more for just about everything. Fuel. Fuel is up 65.7 percent. Eggs are up about 50 percent. Air fares are up 36 percent. Butter and margarine, they are up 34 percent. Bread is up 15.7 percent. Milk is up by about 15 percent. Electricity is up by about 14 percent. Energy altogether is up over 30 percent.

So that is what you expect in Joe Biden's economy, and this \$1.7 trillion spending bill will do nothing more but drive up inflation even more and reduce real wages down further.

For more on this, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from the great State of Texas (Mr. Roy).

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania for yielding. I can't help but be amused when the gentleman from Massachusetts says that we refused to come to the table. As if the gentlewoman who will soon be the chair of the Appropriations Committee, Ms. GRANGER, my colleague from Texas, doesn't want to sit at the table with colleagues on either side of the aisle to come to consensus about how to spend taxpayer dollars; or better stated, how to borrow money we don't have, as if that is actually true.

What table is the gentleman referring to?

At what table does he want us to come sit down and negotiate?

It is not this table.

I don't have the power to offer an amendment on the floor of the House of Representatives, despite being elected by 750,000 Texans. I don't have the ability or the right to be able to stand up for them and have a debate on the floor of this Chamber.

Everything the American people are watching right now is a complete sham. It is a fraud, a fraud being perpetrated on the American people right before their eyes, right as we head into Christmas, sitting here on the 23rd of December when—240-what—246 years ago those boys crossed the Delaware and we were dealing with Valley Forge, or the boys in 1944 sitting in foxholes in Bastogne over Christmas.

We had 18 Republicans who joined with Democrats in the Senate get in

their fancy planes and go home, and we are sitting here trying to do the work of the people, not spend money we don't have, not drive up more inflation, not have 7,500 earmarks for \$16 billion for pet, leftist projects across this country.

What you see here on the floor of the House of Representatives should make everybody ashamed. This is the people's House. Not one amendment has been offered on the floor of this body since May of 2016 in open debate.

The gentleman from Massachusetts dares to impugn the character of the Appropriations Chairwoman KAY GRANGER and those Republicans he says won't sit at the table when, in fact, what you see here is a 4,100-page bill cooked up by a handful of people behind closed doors brought before the Rules Committee with no ability to offer an amendment, no ability to debate, no actual discussion on the people's House floor.

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My colleagues on the other side of the aisle know it. We are spending money we don't have.

Go home and sell your projects. Go home and talk about all the pork you are bringing home. But you are destroying the United States of America, and you are absolutely destroying this body.

The American people did not send us here to do that. My colleagues on the other side of the aisle know that. My colleagues on the other side of the aisle know full well that this body is broken, but they do not care.

Mr. Speaker, \$45 billion to Ukraine. Have we had a full debate on Ukraine?

Or do we take \$45 billion of funding for Ukraine, package it in a \$1.7 trillion bill, and invite the President of Ukraine to address this body for theatrics while heading out for Christmas in order to jam through a big spending, Democrat-priority bill that the American people resoundingly rejected in November?

For 70 years, we in this body, when we have had a transfer of power in the Senate, have not done this in a lameduck. Yet, that is what my Democratic colleagues are doing.

There are consequences to this.

You can't go out and talk about inflation and talk about what the American people are feeling right now—when they are trying to fill up their tanks with gas, they are trying to have presents for their families, and they are trying to pay their bills—and then come here and dump hundreds of billions of dollars in the economy while the Feds are raising interest rates, people can't afford to buy homes, and they can't live, and then say that you are doing the people's work.

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle the night before last were apoplectic that MIKE LEE was daring to challenge the idea that we should have a bill that literally prohibits Border Patrol from securing the border. He wanted to try to fix that. He tried to extend title 42.

My Democratic colleagues rejected it. I sat here on the floor, and they were more concerned about catching their flights for Christmas. They were coming to me and saying: We can't be here over Christmas.

Well, why the hell not?

The American people deserve us to be here over Christmas actually fighting for them instead of trying to catch planes while one half of this body is going to vote by proxy. One half of this body is not even going to be here, and they are lying. They are lying on forms saying that they are voting by proxy because of COVID, and it is a lie. One half of this body is going to do it, you know it, and it is destroying this country.

I am not going to just sit here and roll over on this. This is going to continue. The American people are going to know precisely what is happening to them by the people's House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I remind the Members that the microphones are working. People don't have to shout.

But, in any event, let me say that it wasn't I who said that Republicans didn't come to the table. That was Republican Senator RICHARD SHELBY. I mentioned that earlier.

Mr. Speaker, there are people who come to the floor and yell and scream about the process, and, yet, what is their plan?

Their plan is vengeance.

I would take a moment to thank the 18 Republican Senators, including the senior Senator from Texas, Senator Cornyn, who voted for this bill. I don't think the senior Senator from Texas voted for the omnibus because he thought it was bad for Texas or that it would destroy the country. Quite the contrary. I thank him for his vote.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the names of the Senators—Republican Senators—who voted for the omnibus in the RECORD.

LIST OF R SENATORS THAT VOTED YES ON OMNI

- 1. Blunt (R–MO) 2. Boozman (R–AR)
- 3. Capito (R–WV) 4. Collins (R–ME)
- 5. Cornyn (R–TX)
- 6. Cotton (R-AR)
- 7. Graham (R-SC)
- 8. Inhofe (R–OK)
- 9. McConnell (R–KY) 10. Moran (R–KS)
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- 12. Portman (R-OH)
- 13. Romney (R–UT) 14. Rounds (R–SD)
- 15. Shelby (R-AL)
- 16. Thune (R–SD)
- 17. Wicker (R–MS)
- 18. Young (R–IN)

Mr. McGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I heard some of my Republican colleagues on the other side threatening to vote against any legislation in the future sponsored by Republicans in the Senate sent over to the House because they don't like their vote. In fact, the leader, Leader McCarhy, said, "when I am Speaker, their bills will be dead on arrival in the House."

Well, some of the 18 Republican Senators who voted for the bill yesterday actually had some incredible legislation signed into law; for example, Senator CORNYN's bill, S. 4834, the PROTECT Our Children Act of 2022 was signed into law just a couple of days ago. That is protecting our children.

Would that be dead on arrival now? Senator BOOZMAN's bill, S. 2102, which expands access to mammograms for veterans, was passed in June, and it is now law.

Is that not important, providing mammograms to our veterans, and that would be dead on arrival under this new rule my Republicans are saying they want to enforce?

Senator INHOFE is the lead sponsor on S. 1790, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2020 Act. I just complained about how big the defense budget is. I don't like the fact that it is so overblown and bloated, but I know my Republican friends do.

But would they have blocked that bill because Senator INHOFE voted for the omnibus?

Imagine if veterans or children didn't get the aid they needed because of petty politics. That is no way to govern, Mr. Speaker.

This legislation that some of these Republican Senators have brought forward will not only keep the lights on but provide aid to thousands of Americans. It is important that the President sign it. It will make life better for people in this country.

So I get it that this is the time when everybody is yelling and screaming and trying to score political points, but at the end of the day, let us reflect what our purpose here is, and that is to get stuff done and to improve the lives of the American people. If you don't like the priorities in this bill, then you can vote against it. But 18 Republicans—pretty conservative Republicans—voted for it over in the Senate. They put people ahead of politics, and I applaud that.

This is not a perfect bill. There are a lot of things in here I don't like. But rather than yelling and screaming and threatening revenge, maybe people should sit down and talk and work things out and come to some sort of a compromise. That is what they did in the Senate. I hope that some of my friends will learn from that example.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, my good friend from Massachusetts was talking about priorities. So let's look at some of the national security priorities in this omnibus.

There is a \$65 million increase for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency which, for those of you who don't know, produces materials promoting terrorism and anti-Semitism.

While we are talking about anti-Semitism, let's talk about the U.N.'s Commission of Inquiry. I had an amendment in the State and Foreign Operations Subcommittee to make sure that no U.S. taxpayer dollars went to the Commission of Inquiry on Israel, which does nothing more than harass our Israeli allies and harasses the only Jewish majority state in the world. Yet, that amendment that I had was stripped out of this omnibus.

This also allows the U.S. to continue to cooperate with the International Criminal Court, which is deeply flawed. As a former JAG, I can tell you that that court is incredibly unfair to U.S. servicemembers as well as Israel.

This also underfunds foreign military financing requests from Egypt and Taiwan. So we give billions of dollars to Ukraine with zero accountability as to where those funds are going. There is no SIGAR-style oversight on that. Yet our allies in Taiwan and our allies in Egypt are underfunded.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. Burchett) to talk more on this omnibus

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the ranking member for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this bill which I feel is pumped full of woke nonsense.

This \$1.66 trillion package has billions of dollars set aside for LGBT centers, museums, hiking trails, pride centers, skate parks, solar panel projects, and other Democrat priorities.

We are giving \$410 million to five Middle Eastern countries for border security, while billions of dollars of our own border protection are prohibited. They are prohibited, Mr. Speaker, from being used to enhance border security; not to mention over \$45 billion for Ukraine, bringing it up to \$100 billion total

Mind you, Mr. Speaker, the Democrats blocked the bill that would have allowed us to have some transparency and audited those funds and know where they went. These massive costs are not our responsibility. They are Europe's, Mr. Speaker.

My Democratic colleagues are not even keeping an account of where this money is really going. One hundred billion dollars is about \$200 million per congressional district. Imagine what east Tennesseans could do with \$200 million or the districts on our southern border.

If you are a Republican and vote for this but claim to be a fiscal conservative, Mr. Speaker, then you are a liar. If you are a Democrat and vote for this but claim to be against war, then you are a liar. We only have ourselves to blame, Mr. Speaker, and those 20 million so-called conservatives who decided to stay home for whatever reason this past election year.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, let me just say that I am proud of the work that the Rules Committee has done over the past two sessions. I just want to contrast where our focus has been and what we have accomplished to the Party of No.

When we took over, we passed a new rules package that actually had bipartisan support for the first time in over a decade. We had the first-ever House Office of Diversity and Inclusion to recruit, train, develop, promote, and retain a congressional workforce that reflected the diversity of the American people.

We established a Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress which has already led to real changes to improve the efficiency and the effectiveness of our congressional community. We required a Member Day hearing so that all Members had a chance to be heard across the Congress.

We implemented a Consensus Calendar to expedite consideration of ideas with broad, bipartisan support.

We had remote voting by proxy and remote committee proceedings to keep Congress functioning during a once-ina-lifetime global pandemic, over a dozen hearings, roundtables, site visits in at least eight cities, and numerous interactive discussions on social media exploring what it will take to finally end hunger in America, which led to the first White House conference on hunger, nutrition, and health in over 50 years.

We held the first-ever congressional hearing on Medicare for all and the first-ever congressional hearing on seating a delegate from the Cherokee Nation.

We passed landmark legislation that President Biden signed into law that will have a positive impact for generations to come: the American Rescue Plan, the bipartisan infrastructure law to rebuild America and reinvest in our communities: the Inflation Reduction Act to lower prices for consumers and invest in clean energy to address the climate crisis; the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act to reduce gun violence; the Respect for Marriage Act to guarantee and expand civil rights for all Americans; the CHIPS and Science Act to turbocharge American manufacturing, and requiring legislation to have a hearing and a markup before being considered on the floor.

We set an example to disagree without being disagreeable, even during polarized times like two Presidential impeachments. One journalist praised our hearing in the Rules Committee as a master class in what civility and respectful disagreement should look like in Congress.

I would just say that none of these accomplishments would have been possible without the incredible staff on the Rules Committee.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the names of all staff, Democratic and Republican, who have spent countless hours at the Rules Committee over the last 4 years working late at night. early in the morning, and every time in between to help bring legislation to the floor to improve the lives of the American people.

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Mr. McGOVERN. I also thank the House and Senate clerks who have been working around the clock trying to get the omnibus text to us as quickly as possible. Their work has not gone unnoticed.

Steve Waskiewicz

I think it is important for us to reflect on the hard work of the people who served all of us in this Congress, and I am proud to have worked with all of them on both sides of the aisle.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Speaker, this Mr. omnibus underfunds border security. Let's just give a few stats.

This year, 98 suspected terrorists have been apprehended attempting to cross the southern border.

There were more than 14,000 pounds of illicit fentanyl seized in fiscal year 2022. That is just what was seized. But we know that we only seize 5 to 10 percent of the fentanyl coming across our border, and that has deadly consequences for Americans. There has been a 94 percent increase in fentanyl deaths since 2019.

To put that in context, that is one fentanyl overdose every 7 minutes in the U.S. For more context on that, that would be the equivalent of one commercial airliner going down every single day in this country. It is an unmitigated disaster, and it is being caused because we have such a porous southern border.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from the great State of Texas (Mr. Sessions), who is a former chairman of the Rules Committee.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman from Pennsylvania yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, today America faces the Congress as we debate—yes, debatejust days before Christmas, this spending that will take place next year.

In the 20 years I spent on the Rules Committee, I do know that the staff and the members do hard work, and I respect them for that. But the differences between our parties appear at the Rules Committee.

For 8 years, Republicans—6 of those years with me as chairman of the Rules Committee—held government spending completely flat, discretionary spending. And yet we see what is happening now is a good bit of that discretionary spending they are moving to mandatory spending—mandatory spending that will put a burden on the taxpayer of this country-not just 4,100 pages, not just \$1.7 trillion, but actually empowering government to intrude into the lives of American citizens.

Over \$20 billion will be given to the IRS over this next year.

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The Federal Government under President Biden does not even have government employees reporting to work. They stay at home. Yet, we add 87,000 new IRS employees.

Mr. Speaker, what we have today is the difference on the priorities, I think, of the American people, people who want to have jobs and careers, people who want to be safe in their own homes. An open border with this President and the Democratic Party is openly assisting illegal immigration into this country with literally an unlimited amount of money.

Detaining people at the border is important for national security. This next year, the Texas delegation will engage in this issue on the floor.

I thank the Speaker for this time but will let them know that the American people will hear from the Republican Party next year.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. McCarthy), my good friend and the next Speaker of the House.

Mr. McCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, we are days away from Christmas. The Christmas season is the season of giving, but in Congress, it appears the season of giving will line the pockets of

Democrats' special interests and stick hardworking Americans with the tab. That is what this omnibus does.

As I listen to this debate, Mr. Speaker, I listened to the other side. My friend says: No, it is the Democrats who have put people before politics. They are so giving that they are putting the people before politics.

What does that mean? What is the definition when you are so caring and you care so deeply about the people that you put them first before any politics? Well, let's look because that is what they say this omnibus does for them.

First, guess how many pages. Over 4,000, so pet projects, pork, and progressive priorities. Guess how much it costs. They say, oh, about \$1.7 trillion. If you really add it all up, and you add the paygo and the other things that have been done before, we are talking more than \$2 trillion because the people need to borrow more. That is really looking out for them.

Guess who wrote it. Well, two retiring Senators who face no accountability from the voters again. Now, they probably really cared about the people. They cared so much about the people that Senator LEAHY gets numerous projects named after himself because the people wanted that.

Do you know who requested that? Just one person, so you don't have to use plural—no people, just LEAHY.

SHELBY gets something named after him. too.

Speaker Pelosi, she gets a couple of things named after her because the people are more important than the politics because that is what the people of America want right now.

Guess when it was made public so the people would know how hard the Democrats worked for them. Well, it was in the dead of night, at 2 a.m., on Tuesday before Christmas.

The Democrats care so much about the people that they are home with the people and not here to read the bill or even vote on it.

I am not sure you don't put a medal in here for the people who don't show up for work because they care so much.

This is a monstrosity that is one of the most shameful acts I have ever seen in this body. The appropriations process has failed the American public. and there is no greater example of the nail in the coffin of the greatest failure of a one-party rule of the House, the Senate, and the Presidency than this bill here. You controlled it all.

Mr. Speaker, I just heard him brag about how great the Rules Committee is. They are so great because they care about the people. They care so much about the people that they never did their work.

The Senate didn't pass one appropriation bill, not one, so that people could read it or have debate. They passed a continuing resolution for the people so the government wouldn't shut down.

What date did they pick? Well, let's pick it right before Christmas so Members won't be here. They won't read the bill. They will vote by proxy.

They care so much about the people, they created a system to control the floor where they have all the votes in their back pocket, so the people have no sav.

The country is tired of it. Mr. Speaker, I know you are busy reading, but I do know this is true. The country is tired of it.

Do you know why? Because they told you last month. They told you last month that, no, you don't put people before politics. You have done nothing but put politics before the people of America.

Do you know what? They fired you. They fired you. They chose a new direction for our country by electing a House Republican majority for the 118th Congress.

If you dearly cared about the people. why wouldn't you let everybody read it? Why wouldn't you let them debate it? Why wouldn't you simply wait 11 days? Just wait 11 days.

The people have spoken. They don't like that you didn't do your job. They didn't like that you put yourselves before them. They didn't like that you wouldn't show up for work.

So, you stuck it to them one more time, but you did it in a manner that is so big, we have never seen it before. Eleven days.

This current debate isn't just about bad policy. It is a slap in the face to every American that voted, which raises the question: What exactly are we voting on?

I will guarantee you, not a single Member that will vote "ves" can tell you everything that is in it because no one has had the time to read it.

Maybe my good friend on the Rules Committee, Mr. Speaker, might be at the groundbreaking for ELIZABETH WARREN'S new \$3 million swimming pool in Massachusetts because that is what America needs to borrow money on right now, because that is putting people before politics.

I don't know if you are going to go to the Leahy center that he requested that never went before the committee. It never went before the people. But you know best, Mr. Speaker. You knew that people really wanted it even if they didn't request it because Leahy requested it, and he will never have to stand before the people again.

Here are some of the worst parts of the omnibus. First, to state the obvious, the omnibus spends too much, increasing the deficit and fueling even more inflation.

Now, the Democrats have been fired. They had 4 years. Let's just look at recent history. When Republicans had the majority in the House for 8 years, and you look at discretionary spending from the day we got the gavel to the day we had to hand it back, do you know how much it increased? Zero.

You had it for 4 years before you got fired again. Do you know how much it increased, discretionary spending? Onethird over \$440 billion

Do you want to know why we have inflation the highest it has been in 41

years? You won the majority, and you wasted it. You spent too much, and you harmed the American public.

The worst thing any government could do to its public is bring inflation, and that is exactly what you are continuing. This bill increases the baseline spending by \$134 billion.

Let me put it another way. The American, hardworking taxpayer—you just added \$1.5 trillion over 10 years to the national debt when we are already drowning in \$31 trillion in debt. I don't remember the people requesting that, but in your definition, that is what you

What kind of projects are such high priorities that you have to increase spending by so much? Well, some leftwing pet projects. Let's look, for example, at what the people really requested here. For example, there is \$2.35 million for the Leahy center in Vermont named after Senator PATRICK LEAHY.

Who requested it? Well, PATRICK LEAHY did. Who wrote the bill? PAT-RICK LEAHY.

Meanwhile, Chairwoman DELAURO bragged that the omnibus fulfills 98 percent of the Democrat Members' requests in the House. That is \$5.4 billion for 3,213 Democratic projects.

Mr. Speaker, I am not quite sure of your definition of "people." I guess it is those Members that you are really looking after. That would be politics.

Our economy is already in dire condition. Passing this omnibus only supercharges that disaster.

Do you know what? Inflation is higher today than it was 11 months ago when President Biden said it had peaked. Families are paying \$400 more per month than they did a year ago. Why? Because you put them before your politics, as you say. They just didn't know that they really wanted to pay more.

Last month, our deficit was nearly \$250 billion, another record you own, a record for the highest for the month of November. It was fueled by a 55 percent increase in our interest payments. Why? Because you own the majority: the House, the Senate, and the Presidency. That is what you brought the American public.

Meanwhile, personal credit card debt exploded by almost \$400 billion in the third quarter. That is another record you own for the third quarter.

Inflation is the economy's number one problem. The Federal Reserve continues to raise the rate. Why? Because you took the majority. It is raising rates, and you still don't get it.

Democrats want this bill to put more pressure on the working family because you know better than the working family, apparently.

Americans have had enough. That is why, again, millions voted to fire the Democrats in this one-party rule.

Mr. Speaker, second, the omnibus spending bill intensifies the crisis at the southern border. Now, I know, Mr. Speaker, maybe the Rules chair will say they are putting the people before politics. That is why the President says there are more important things to do than even visit the border. He hasn't had much time in his 40 years of elected office to have a chance to visit the border.

Since taking office and having oneparty rule, Democrats' and Biden's open border policy has caused the worst border crisis in American history.

You can try to ignore it, but in 11 more days, since you won't show up for work here, you no longer will have that opportunity. We are going to take our work to the border. We are going to have our hearings on the border.

All you will have to do is open your eyes, and you will see what you created. You will see the disaster that has become of your legacy.

On this administration's watch. record numbers of illegal border crossings, deadly drugs, and even terror suspects have come into our country.

I remember almost 2 years ago, on a tour of the border, speaking to the border agents. You learn a lot if you are willing to do that. They told me never before had they seen so many people coming across the border that they catch on the terrorist watch list.

I went to a press conference after and told the American public what we had learned. I would assume everybody, especially, Mr. Speaker, when the Rules chair says he cares so much about the people, that they would be concerned because he knew what has happened when terrorists have come to America before, that they would want to rally together to protect America.

No, Mr. Speaker. Congressman GALLEGO called me a liar. He said he had as much clearance as I did, Mr. Speaker, that this could not be true. But, lo and behold, even the DHS came out and said we tried to deny the facts, but now we know it is a record-setting number.

How many people on the terrorist watch list coming into this country is too much for you? How many? How many before they act again?

If you don't want to do that, we now have caught enough fentanvl in the last year to kill every single American. It is in every single one of your cities. If you listen to the people and stop playing politics, they will tell you to stop it.

There is enough now to kill 10 times over every single American.

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My good friend, GUY RESCHENTHALER, on the Rules Committee just recently told you today—well, as many of you sit home and let somebody cast your vote-300 Americans will be poisoned and die from fentanvl from vour lack of action.

What does this do to stop it?

Nothing.

What does it do to help manage the crisis at the border?

Well, this bill provides more for migrant shelter services and reduces the number of ICE detention beds, these facilities that eventually release even more migrants across the country.

Meanwhile, this disastrous bill reduces funding for border technology that would prevent more illegal border crossings in the first place.

This bill funds—and you should brag about this—300 additional Border Patrol agents. But as you brag about that, there will be 3,000 illegal border crossings in 1 single day, just in El Paso. These border crossings are over one overpass in El Paso, and in 7 weeks 70,000 people came to that one location.

I know you care about the people and the border because you say so. It is just not the border of America. Because in this bill that you say you put people before politics, you put \$410 million for border security in Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt, Tunisia, and Oman. You will fund walls and technology to protect the Middle East but not to protect America. What is worse, you brag about it.

When the American public asks you about it, you tell them to shut up, you know best, you are putting their issues first, but you are too busy to go to the border to see what is happening. So I want you to look in the eye of a parent when they come to you and tell you their child just died from a fentanyl overdose, not because they purchased fentanyl, but they purchased a Xanax or something else. It is so rampant. It is laced in everything we see. Sure, try to explain to them how you put them before politics when you pass this bill.

This omnibus will continue to fully fund the IRS, including the 87,000 new agents, and do nothing to protect you, the family, or your business from being targeted by the government. But don't fear, Mr. Speaker, you told the public that you put them before politics.

Remember earlier this year, the Democrats funded 87,000 new IRS agents and approved \$85 billion to spy on Americans spending \$600 or more. So if you go Christmas shopping this year and you spend \$600, don't fear, the Democrats looked after you. They have got an agent following your every need. But you can trust them. You can trust them

Just listen to what we recently found on the Twitter files, the collusion between Big Tech and the FBI and the intel community. Oh, you can trust the intel community. Remember those 51 individuals, Mr. Speaker, the Haydens and Brennans. They told the American public: Don't play politics. All of this stuff is just Russian and false. I want to tell you that 2 weeks before an election because you can trust me.

Well, now we find the truth. It is clear that instead of focusing on actual threats to our country and the people, they colluded with the private companies by the way of personnel and direct payments. Is there any money in here for the FBI to pay Twitter to go after Americans because you know best of what they want, you wouldn't want to do that with politics? Why does the FBI want to go after them?

Because they want to go after free speech because they may be talking about politics. Those people must not know that they are putting people before politics too. They are taking care of those people—shut them down. Not only is it wrong, it is illegal.

It is time Congress conducts real oversight and accountability in 11 days. I promise you this, House Republicans will begin that on the very first day

This bill will give the Biden administration a free pass. This bill provides the FBI with \$375 million for a new headquarters and over \$11 billion in funding. I guess this Congress of Democrat majority right now doesn't care if the FBI spied on you, if the FBI went after you simply because you wanted free speech. I guess they believe in that

I guess that is what you mean by putting people before politics. Don't listen to the people because if they talk about something other than your politics of what you agree, you should shut them down. Fund something that does that.

Oh, probably the most sacred of all the Democrats' power, before they were fired, was the wokeism. Buried in the omnibus is even more money for wokeism in the government and the military.

The woke left wants to further divide Americans against each other based upon race, sex, and background. They want to teach our kids that America is inherently bad and that you should distrust and hate your fellow Americans instead of striving to be a more perfect Union.

We look to the threats around the world, the rise of China, the threats from Africa to Asia. You brag about what you did for the Pentagon.

Where did you put the money?

Well, \$8.6 million for gender advisor programs at the Pentagon. That is going to strengthen our ability to protect America. There is \$200 million for the Gender Equity Fund. But you want to make sure it works everywhere—gender programs in Pakistan. I am not sure how many Americans requested that. But then again, you were looking out for the people.

There is \$575 million for family planning in areas where population growth threatens biodiversity; \$4 million for shared equity housing models. These type of woke handouts should not be funded by taxpayers. They go against everything we stand for as Americans. Most Americans share Dr. Martin Luther King's belief that the content of character matters more than the color of your skin.

For all the reasons I have laid out, at the very end this will cost you more than \$2 trillion more than 4,000 pages is a train wreck. It is jam-packed with wokeism, Washington special interests, and wasteful spending that means more crushing debt to 330 million Americans and generations to come.

This bill will make the border worse. It will make inflation worse. It will

make the economy worse. It will make government worse.

The American people are probably asking themselves: How did we get into this mess?

I will tell you how. Democrats failed to do their job.

Mr. Speaker, if someone wants to challenge me on that then why did the America public fire you just a few months ago?

Why did you wait to pass this bill, if it was so great, until after the election?

Why did you allow two Senators to write it that can't be held accountable, and then name things after themselves?

Why did you pass the CR to push it against Christmas with the storm before our very eyes?

Why are the majority of Democrats not even here if you think it is so good?

This is your legacy. I feel sad for you, but more importantly, for the damage that you have done to America. During the last year Democrats controlled the House, the Senate, and the Presidency, and they have yet to fulfill their most basic tasks.

Senate Democrats passed zero appropriations bills out of their committee. They passed zero appropriations bills off the floor. Mr. Speaker, they didn't do a damn thing. They went 0-12.

Instead of following the law and funding the government by September 30, they did what they do best: They created a crisis and then didn't even let it go to waste.

We all remember what Speaker PELOSI told us about ObamaCare: You have to pass it to find out what is in it. This is exactly the same. They waited until the last minute in a lameduck Congress with 4,000 pages, \$2 trillion, and put it into the laps of the American public.

Did we have time to read the bill? No.

Did we have time to debate the bill?

Did we mark up the bill? No.

Are there Members of Congress here to vote on it? Nope.

It is all right. We got your votes in the back pocket. I don't know where the American people asked for that.

In 11 days this all changes. We are going to reclaim this body's integrity and service to the American people after this institution covers itself in disgrace one last time under the Democrat one-party rule.

Mr. Speaker, a new direction is coming. In 11 days, Republicans will deliver. I request a "no" vote on the omnibus.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, after listening to that, it is clear he doesn't have the votes yet.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Perry), my good friend.

Mr. PERRY. Mr. Speaker, this is completely disgusting. Everything about it is disgusting: the fact that it showed up in the middle of the night, the fact that we knew for essentially a year, everybody in this place knew what was coming, that this had to be done.

The folks on this side of aisle made sure we were going to do this right before Christmas. We all know what is going to happen. Everybody has got to get home for Christmas, not troops that go overseas. They are not going to be home for Christmas, but you folks are.

This is not about America's priorities, this is about your priorities, your personal priorities.

You know how we know that? Because your names are on these things. Somebody wrote this.

Somebody wrote in there that we are going to protect Tunisia and Egypt's border, but we are not going to do anything to protect our border. Somebody wrote that. Yeah, I know you are all over there talking about it, somebody has got a name attached to that, and you are proud of it.

This is a Christmas tree of 7,000 of your priorities, not America's priorities.

This does absolutely nothing to fix our border.

It does nothing to fix the fire of fentanyl deaths that are raging across the United States of America, absolutely nothing at all.

It does nothing to fix the fact that people that I represent can't afford butter, milk, bread, gasoline, and energy. It does nothing to fix any of that. These are about your priorities.

Now, my friends on the other side of the aisle say we are not willing to be constructive. Well, forgive me. Forgive me for voting "no" and not being constructive in playing a part in you destroying our country. Our country is sick of what you are doing. This is why you are doing it now.

My friend on the other side of the aisle says, well, this is about getting things done. People on this side of the aisle don't want to get things done. Look at what is in this bill, ladies and gentlemen. This isn't about getting things done. This is about getting things before you are done. That is what this is. That is why it is happening now. That is why it is happening the way it is. The American people are sick of this and it must end.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, for the record, the minority leader came to the floor and was criticizing community projects, and maybe he doesn't know this, let me inform him: that over 100 of his Members on the Republican side requested and received community projects, all of which I am happy to say were vetted. Maybe he is suggesting that they should all give them back because I know they are going to vote "no" on this bill and go home and do a press release and a press conference, but he ought to understand

that. There is that saying, "physician, heal thyself."

The bottom line is that over 100 Members on that side requested community projects that were fully vetted—I am not questioning whether they are good or not—their communities requested them and they have community support. That is on your side.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from the great State of Texas (Mr. GOHMERT), my good friend.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, look, 4,155 pages, and that doesn't include the couple of thousand pages of explanation, definition, and all this other stuff.

At least with ObamaCare, 2,500 pages, we had time to go through it. I did. I read it, highlighted, made notes. This is 4,155 pages, and we haven't had a chance.

Well, the House rules make sure that you can't shove a bill through without people knowing what is in it, and that is the rule that requires that the bill be read. But the majority, for a few days more, decided we don't want people to know what is in it; and as the Speaker previously famously said, we have got to pass it and find out what is in it.

That is why the majority in the Rules Committee, in this rule, said, we consider it as already read because we don't want you to know what is in that. That is dangerous because there is so much garbage.

There are people struggling, maxing out credit cards to get gasoline, and this bill is going to do for inflation—well, I won't go there, but it is going to do a lot of damage for inflation; and people that can least afford it will be harmed tremendously by the callous treatment that the rules of the House have gotten and that the people that are hurting across America are getting.

It should be voted down, and we should have time to look at exactly what is being given away.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. Pelosi), the Speaker of the House.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and for his extraordinary leadership as the chairman of the Rules Committee for so many years. I thank the chairman and the members of his committee for expeditiously bringing us to the floor for this very, very important legislation.

This will probably be my last speech as Speaker of the House on this floor, and I am hoping to make it my shortest. Members have planes to catch, gifts to wrap, toys to assemble, carols to sing, religious services to attend to.

In terms of singing songs, one that I always think of at this time and in this setting is an English song: Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat,

pleased to put a penny in the old man's hat.

Yes, indeed, the goose is getting fat. We have a big bill here because we have big needs for our country. We have the largest defense appropriation ever and, again, to help us honor our oath of office to protect and defend, and what the Constitution says, provide for the common defense but, at the same time, pleased to put a penny in the old man's hat. We address the needs of America's working families, with special focus on our children.

So I rise in strong support of this bipartisan omnibus government funding bill for us today, to keep from shutting the government down but, more importantly, to meet the needs of the American people.

Let me applaud the magnificent appropriations chairwoman, ROSA DELAURO. She is a maestro with a baton. She has just done such a job of reflecting the values of our country in terms of how we allocate our resources.

There is plenty else in the bill that is outside the realm of the Appropriations Committee, all of it very, very important.

I commend Chairman PAT LEAHY in the Senate and Vice Chair RICHARD SHELBY for their bipartisan support; congratulate them for their service to the Congress for many years; wish them much success with much gratitude as they end their service in Congress.

I want to recognize the outstanding work of all of the staffs on both sides of the aisle, on both sides of the Capitol, but I want to point out my brilliant policy director, Richard Meltzer.

I also want to acknowledge Wendell Primus, Robert Edmondson, Alex Urry, and so many other policy professionals, again, on both sides of the aisle who helped strengthen the bill.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is about our heroes, honoring our heroes, our heroic veterans, with a major increase in veterans' healthcare, a national security imperative that falls under the non-defense discretionary, even though we know it is part of our national security responsibility.

Honoring the heroes of 9/11: delivering benefits to families that have long been wrongfully denied; and bolstering funding for a health program for first responders and survivors there.

Our firefighters and first responder heroes: those who weigh in when emergency disaster calls upon them for relief resources.

The extraordinary heroes in Ukraine, fighting on the frontlines of the battle for democracy: In this legislation, we proudly deliver another consequential round of security, economic and humanitarian aid.

As the President of Ukraine said the other night, it isn't about charity; it is about security; it is about working together. What a special honor it was for us to be on the floor when President Zelenskyy spoke powerfully about the

courage and commitment, heroism and hope of the people.

Of course, our everyday heroes, America's working families, the people who make our country work, our families grow, our communities thrive for our children, securing critical investments for the health, housing education, economic well-being, and more; on top of, under President Biden, forming nearly 10 million jobs, largely in the private sector, but with the public policy to enable that to happen.

Indeed, this bill puts people over politics.

Mr. Speaker, it was sad to hear the minority leader earlier say that this legislation is the most shameful thing to be seen on the House floor in this Congress. I can't help but wonder: has he forgotten January 6?

Indeed, this is a day of immense patriotism, immense patriotism as we reform the Electoral Count Act of 1987 to thwart future attempts to disrupt the peaceful transfer of power, and as I said before, here, in the heart of our democracy.

Mr. Speaker, this is truly a package for the people. With immense gratitude to Chairwoman Rosa Delauro, Chairman Patrick Leahy, and Vice Chair Shelby, I urge a strong bipartisan "aye" vote.

I wish everyone a happy, healthy, and safe New Year. Happy Holidays. Merry Christmas, Happy Kwanzaa, Happy Hanukkah. Whatever it is you celebrate, be safe.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. GARCÍA) my good friend and fellow Naval officer.

Mr. GARCÍA of California. Mr. Speaker, it is cold outside. It is about 24 degrees outside of the Chamber right now, and as a kid from southern California, that is especially cold. But that is not as cold as what is happening inside this Chamber.

Right now, as we speak, our Nation is \$31 trillion in debt. We are suffering from record-high inflation, and we are about to vote on a \$1.7 trillion spending bill, a record-high spending bill that is going to aggravate these things; and more than half of the Members of Congress have not shown up to vote on this bill, not to engage in debate.

The Democratic Party has not allowed us to bring this forward through the normal debate process, through the committees, through markups, just bringing it to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, that is cold. The fact that this bill pays more credence to the borders of foreign nations like Tunisia and Egypt than to ours—the fact that the Speaker of the House speaks of the personal desires and necessities of Members of Congress and prioritizes that over American citizens is cold.

The fact that we, this week, had more Members of Congress show up to listen to a speech by a president of a foreign nation than to vote on the annual operating budget for our entire Nation is cold.

We have to do better. We knew this budget was due on September 30 of this year, yet we decided to wait. The Appropriations Committee, the Republicans within the House Appropriations Committee, worked our tails off to make sure that we had something that was responsible; that gave back to America; that provided the security of Americans, and the Democrats in this House and in the Senate failed to bring that budget forward until the last minute.

It is cold outside, but what we are doing as a body, what Members of this body are doing to the American people is so much colder.

This \$1.7 trillion will aggravate our debt. It will aggravate our inflation. During a season where families are now making decisions whether to buy their kids presents—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CLYDE), my good friend, and also fellow Naval officer.

Mr. CLYDE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

If every Senate Republican did their job, we wouldn't be in this mess. Yet yesterday, 18 Republican Senators voted for this \$1.7 trillion omnibus bill in order to skip town for Christmas. Those Senate Republicans got played by the Democrats as expertly as my wife plays the violin.

Unfortunately, we are likely to see Republicans in this body do the very same thing and get played the very same way as the Senate, hoping to quickly and quietly pass this massive spending bill with no questions or accountability.

But Americans deserve the truth. A vote for this bill is a vote for increasing inflation as Americans struggle to afford the costs of living; bolstering foreign nations' border security, while woefully ignoring our wide-open southern border, rubber-stamping wasteful pork projects like LGBTQ museums, to bee-friendly highways and everything in between, empowering alphabet agencies like the ATF with more money, as bureaucrats destroy our Nation and infringe on our freedoms, pouring an additional \$45 billion into Ukraine, with zero accountability, and green-lighting another year of the left's Big Government, socialist agenda, right before the end of Democrats' one-party rule in Washington.

A vote for this omnibus bill is a vote for America last. I urge all my colleagues to reject the swamp status quo and stand up for America and vote "no" on this monstrosity.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. HIGGINS), my good friend.

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, witness then the demise of a nation once great. Witness the arrogance of thieves in suits from their wealth and comfort as they spend the American treasure of a generation yet unborn.

Witness as they smile, in full knowledge that they are comfortable with taking the position that they are better managers of our Nation's decline.

But witness ye, also, that the American people have had enough. We struggle, we the people. Americans from sea to shining sea cannot pay for groceries or fuel. They are cold and hungry and feel betrayed by this body.

I understand that sentiment and passion because I share it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

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Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I would tell the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. HIGGINS) that his veterans bill is included in this omnibus package.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

Mr. Speaker, I say again that in modern American history, a lameduck omnibus package has never been passed before the new majority takes over.

Where is the claim that there is a threat to democracy? Where is the talk about institutional integrity when we are doing this unprecedented step?

This package is designed to sideline the incoming Republican House majority, to sideline incoming Speaker KEVIN MCCARTHY by extending many programs in this bill for multiple years and providing large funding increases for Democrat priorities. This is on top of the out-of-control spending that has led to historic inflation rates this year.

Why are we not curbing wasteful government spending? Why are we not funding border security and border enforcement? Why are we not unleashing American energy dominance? Why are we not investing in our law enforcement officers?

This omnibus does nothing to effectively address any of the crises that we are currently facing.

Mr. Speaker, for those reasons, I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on the rule, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, the decision before us today is clear. Either we choose to do the job the American people elected us to do and vote for a good bipartisan, bicameral bill, or we shut down the government 2 days before Christmas as a massive storm wreaks havoc on Americans' holiday travel plans. It is as simple as that.

Games like the one House Republicans are playing by using this bill as a political wedge to threaten their

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counterparts in the Senate is equal parts dangerous and destructive.

Republican Senator CRAMER said: "The reality is this kind chest-thumping and immaturity of doesn't instill confidence in their ability to lead.'

You hear it all the time: Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good. I will be one of the first to say that this bill isn't perfect. It doesn't address everything I wanted, nor does it address everything in the way I wanted. But it is a good bill.

It was put together through hours of hard-fought negotiations that involved Members in both Chambers from both sides of the aisle. It is not anyone's fault but their own that House Republicans chose to walk away from the negotiating table.

At the end of the day, we are here to legislate, to get stuff done. We are here to help the American people, and that requires us to keep the lights on.

The last time Republicans held the majority in the House, they left us in a prolonged government shutdown that cost our country and taxpayers over \$11 billion. I can promise you that the Democrats have no plan of letting that happen under our watch.

We must pass this rule and the underlying bill and get it to the President's desk.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a "yes" vote on the rule and the previous question.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The previous question was ordered. The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays. The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 215, nays 206, not voting 10, as follows:

# [Roll No. 547]

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Mr. CARTER of Georgia and Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia changed their vote from "yea" to "nay.

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was delayed by traffic to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 547.

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PROMOTING AWARENESS OF MO-TORCYCLIST PROFILING AND EN-COURAGING COLLABORATION AND COMMUNICATION WITH THE MOTORCYCLE COMMUNITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS TO PREVENT INSTANCES PROFILING

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Pursuant to House Resolution 1531, H. Res. 366 is considered as adopted.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

# H. RES. 366

Whereas motorcycle ridership has continued to increase over time with registrations growing from 3,826,373 in 1997 to 13,158,100 in

Whereas, as of December 31, 2020, the ongoing National Motorcycle Profiling Survey (2015-2020), conducted by the Motorcycle Profiling Project, found that approximately ½ of the motorcyclists surveyed felt they had been profiled by law enforcement at least once, and approximately 90 percent of survey participants urge their State and Federal elected officials to legislatively address the issue of motorcyclist profiling;

Whereas motorcyclist profiling means the illegal use of the fact that a person rides a motorcycle or wears motorcycle-related apparel as a factor in deciding to stop and question, take enforcement action, arrest, or search a person or vehicle with or without legal basis under the Constitution of the United States:

Whereas complaints surrounding motorcyclist profiling have been cited in all 50 States:

Whereas nationwide demonstrations to raise awareness and combat motorcyclist profiling have been held in multiple States;

Whereas, in 2011, the State of Washington signed into law legislation stating that the criminal justice training commission shall ensure that issues related to motorcyclist profiling are addressed in basic law enforcement training and offered to in-service law enforcement officers in conjunction with existing training regarding profiling;

Whereas reported incidents of motorcyclist profiling have dropped approximately 90 percent in the State of Washington since the 2011 legislation was signed into law; and

Whereas, as of 2020, Maryland, Louisiana, and Idaho passed laws addressing the issue of motorcyclist profiling: Now, therefore, be it Resolved, That the House of Representa-

- (1) promotes increased public awareness on the issue of motorcyclist profiling;
- (2) encourages collaboration and communication with the motorcyclist community and law enforcement to engage in efforts to end motorcyclist profiling; and
- (3) urges State law enforcement officials to include statements condemning motorcyclist profiling in written policies and training ma-

CONDEMNING THE ATROCITIES THAT OCCURRED IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA, IN 1906, IN WHICH WHITE SUPREMACIST MOBS BRU-TALIZED, TERRORIZED, AND KILLED DOZENS OF BLACK AMERICANS, AND REAFFIRMING COMMITMENT OF OF REPRESENTATIVES HOUSE TO COMBATING HATRED, INJUS-TICE. AND WHITE SUPREMACY

Pursuant to House Resolution 1531. H. Res. 1382 is considered as adopted. The text of the resolution is as fol-

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# H. RES. 1382

Whereas the horrific act of lynching impacted race relations in the United States and shaped the geographic, political, social, and economic conditions of Black people in ways that are still relevant today;

Whereas more than 4,400 Black people were lynched across 20 States between 1877 and 1950, 594 of whom were Black victims in Georgia and 36 of those documented victims were killed in Fulton County:

Whereas, until 1906, Atlanta, Georgia, was home to more than 50,000 Black residents, many of whom owned homes and businesses in the city;

Whereas, on September 22, 1906, at 9 p.m., 10,000 White men and boys gathered at the corner of Pryor and Decatur Streets, an area known as Five Points in downtown Atlanta;

Whereas the mob was motivated by the media's false coverage of Black men brutalizing White women;

Whereas city officials, which included Mayor James G. Woodward, attempted to calm the crowds but failed to do so;

Whereas, going through Decatur Street, Pryor Street, Central Avenue, and throughout the central business district, assaulting hundreds of Black people, the mob of White men and boys continued to hunt and kill Atlanta's Black residents into the night;

Whereas, in an attempt to control the mob. Mayor Woodward called the fire department out to disperse the mob using large streams of water, but the mob quickly regathered and continued to shoot and stone Atlanta's Black residents:

Whereas, by Monday, September 24, 1906, what is now known as Downtown Atlanta. was under military rule;

Whereas the massacre continued, with plans to move outside of the city and into Brownsville, a Black community south of downtown with about 1,500 residents;

Whereas the community gathered to prepare and fight back, and with great fear of a counterattack they were disarmed by State Troops, and more than 250 African-American men were arrested:

Whereas, through the duration of the massacre, armed Black residents defended their neighborhoods, both in Brownsville and in Dark Town:

Whereas at least 25 Black residents were murdered, 2 White men were killed, hundreds of Black residents were wounded, and thousands of Black businesses and homes were burned or destroyed:

Whereas the story of the Atlanta race massacre is only 1 of many such atrocities and horrific incidents, and shows the lasting impact of White supremacy in the United States: and

Whereas the theft of property from Black landowners as well as the displacement caused by the terrorizing of the Black community in Atlanta, Georgia, shows how historic racism and injustice have significantly contributed to persistent wealth inequality between Black and White Americans in the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representa-

- (1) condemns the actions of the White supremacist mobs that drove out Black residents of Atlanta, Georgia;
- (2) honors the memory of the victims and acknowledges the lasting impact that this incident has had on the Black community of Atlanta, Georgia:
- (3) expresses support for the designation of a national day of remembrance for the victims of forced migrations of Black Americans throughout United States history; and
- (4) reaffirms the commitment of the Federal Government to combat White supremacy and seek reconciliation for racial injustice.

# PROVIDING FOR A CORRECTION IN THE ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 2617

Pursuant to House Resolution 1531. S. Con. Res. 51 is considered as adopted.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

# S. CON. RES. 51

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That, in the enrollment of H.R. 2617, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make the following corrections: