

Democrats took unified control of the Federal Government.

And at this point there is no denying that Americans are worse off today than they were 12 months ago.

Consumer prices have risen 7 percent since Democrats won congressional majorities and the White House, marking a 40-year high rate of inflation.

Gas prices reached \$3.28 a gallon last month, a 49.6 percent increase from a year ago.

1.7 illegal immigrants were encountered unlawfully crossing the border in FY21, the highest number ever recorded.

Sixteen major U.S. cities set new homicide records this past year.

And just last week, COVID hospitalizations hit a record high.

Thirteen American servicemembers tragically lost their lives, and the Taliban captured Afghanistan as a result of this administration's disastrous withdrawal plan.

Madam Speaker, Democrats are certainly setting records, just not the records that they want to be breaking. Their party has utterly failed the American people.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I would like to address another, perhaps inadvertent, perhaps not so inadvertent, group of provisions in the Build Back Better bill.

As we look across the country, when one compares to where America is today compared to where America was 50 years ago, certainly one area that I think most Americans would think is a step in the wrong direction is the breakdown of the traditional family. However, not all people consider the breakdown in the so-called western prescribed nuclear family structure as a bad thing.

Black Lives Matter, which played such a big role in the elections last November, on their website came out saying we want to disrupt the western prescribed nuclear family structure.

They are not the only ones who don't like the western family. We know Karl Marx felt that as he wanted to work his way towards paradise, we had to get rid of the traditional family.

I don't know whether it is a coincidence or not, but our current welfare system with all of the programs that are part of it, be it the education grants, be it the medical grants, be it the food stamps, be it the low-income housing, are all set not to benefit families in which there are two parents at home to raise the children.

In other words, the United States for years and years has been trying to get rid of the nuclear family. It is like Karl Marx himself were writing the welfare policies.

In the Build Back Better bill, we are going further on down this line. I don't know that this is exactly supposed to be a pay back to Black Lives Matter, but the reconciliation bill will more than double the earned income tax credit marriage penalty. It has provisions for greatly increasing the number

of low-income housing units. And I feel that the way those units are doled out, again, very difficult to get those units if you have a mom and dad at home. But there are people who want to get rid of that sort of family.

I would strongly encourage the majority party, before they push this bill any further, to have a study done on who benefits from these new provisions and who doesn't, and is it one more time a situation which we are bribing people not to have old-fashioned nuclear families.

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I am afraid, like I said, right now, this looks like another victory for the hard leftwing of the Democratic Party that embraces the idea that we ought to get rid of the nuclear family. It is not a coincidence. It is in the bill.

In any event, these are things I will leave our audience with as we break for the following week. If you know somebody who works in a sheltered workshop or work center, or know a Congressman, invite them to the sheltered workshops to see what they are in danger of shutting down.

If you know people who do not yet have COVID, remind them to get more vitamin D. If there are any doctors out there—I know sometimes you can't be reimbursed for everything, but you guys make enough money—make sure you begin to do some testing of vitamin D levels so that if people are below 30 nanograms per milliliter, they know it and they know that they should go to the drugstore and begin to get more vitamin D, together with zinc and vitamin C.

Finally, I encourage the majority party, before they do any more with Build Back Better, to have some work done and see whether you really want to go ahead and further steepen the penalty for married couples who have children, which already, like I said, is like the policy of the United States: We don't want to have old-fashioned nuclear families.

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

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1192. An act to impose requirements on the payment of compensation to professional persons employed in voluntary cases commenced under title III of the Puerto Rico Oversight Management and Economic Stability Act (commonly known as "PROMESA").

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 4 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, January 20, 2022, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-3208. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — TRICARE Program: TRICARE Reserve Select Coverage for Members of the Selected Reserve [Docket ID: DOD-2020-HA-0073] (RIN: 0720-AB79) received January 12, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3209. A letter from the Alternate OSD FRLO, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Protection of Privacy and Access to and Amendment of Individual Records under the Privacy Act of 1974; Technical Amendment [Docket ID: DoD-2021-OS-0088] (RIN: 0790-AL42) received January 12, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-3210. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, CG-LRA, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Drawbridge Operation Regulation; Ogeechee River, Richmond Hill, GA [Docket No.: USCG-2021-0596] (RIN: 1625-AA09) received January 12, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3211. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, CG-LRA, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Potomac River, Between Charles County, MD and King George County, VA [Docket Number: USCG-2021-0745] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received January 12, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3212. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Special Local Regulation; San Diego Bay, San Diego, CA [Docket Number: USCG-2021-0768] (RIN: 1625-AA08) received January 12, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3213. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, CG-LRA, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Special Local Regulation; San Juan Bay for Jurakan Triathlon, San Juan, PR [Docket Number: USCG-2021-0775] (RIN: 1625-AA08) received January 12, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3214. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Regulated Navigation Area; Biscayne Bay Causeway Island Slip, Miami Beach, FL [Docket Number: USCG-2021-0077] (RIN: 1625-AA11) received January 12, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3215. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland

Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Oil Pipeline Repairs; San Pedro Bay, CA [Docket Number: USCG-2021-0784] (RIN: 1625-AA11) received January 12, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3216. A letter from the Legal Technician, CG-LRA, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Security Zone; Corpus Christi Ship Channel, Corpus Christi, TX [Docket Number: USCG-2021-0876] (RIN: 1625-AA87) received January 12, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3217. A letter from the Legal Tech, CG-LRA, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Ohio River, Olmsted, IL [Docket Number: USCG-2021-0495] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received January 12, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3218. A letter from the Legal Tech, CG-LRA, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Security Zone; Houston Ship Channel, Houston, TX [Docket Number: USCG-2021-0883] (RIN: 1625-AA87) received January 12, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3219. A letter from the Legal Tech, CG-LRA, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Tchefuncte River, Madisonville, LA [Docket Number: USCG-2021-0808] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received January 12, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3220. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Frantic Inc Chase Center Fireworks, San Francisco Bay, San Francisco, CA [Docket Number: USCG-2021-0865] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received January 12, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3221. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Oil Pipeline Repairs; San Pedro Bay, CA [Docket Number: USCG-2021-0911] (RIN: 1625-AA11) received January 12, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-3222. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Incorporation by Reference; North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria; Hazardous Materials Safety Permits [Docket No.: FMCSA-2021-0063] (RIN: 2126-AC40) received January 12, 2022, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following

titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. BAIRD (for himself, Mr. MAST, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, and Mr. CARBAJAL):

H.R. 6421. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to ensure the timely scheduling of appointments for health care at medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. BANKS (for himself, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. BACON, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. MANN, Mr. RESCIENTHALER, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. LATURNER, Mr. CAWTHORN, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. FALLON, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. BENTZ, Mr. KELLER, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. ISSA, Mr. OWENS, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Mr. BABIN, Mr. HERN, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, and Mr. WENSTRUP):

H.R. 6422. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BURGESS:

H.R. 6423. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 respecting the scoring of preventive health savings; to the Committee on the Budget.

By Mr. DEFAZIO:

H.R. 6424. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to improve loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DEFAZIO:

H.R. 6425. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to increase the maximum Federal Pell Grant amount, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GOODEN of Texas:

H.R. 6426. A bill to increase accountability, transparency, and local control of governing boards under the Continuum of Care program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana:

H.R. 6427. A bill to amend the Red River National Wildlife Refuge Act to modify the boundary of the Red River National Wildlife Refuge, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. KHANNA:

H.R. 6428. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a State and local general sales tax credit for small businesses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. MILLER of Illinois:

H.R. 6429. A bill to establish certain protections for members of the Armed Forces

who refuse to receive vaccinations against COVID-19, and to increase basic pay for members of the uniformed services; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. PINGREE (for herself, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. YOUNG, and Mr. COURTNEY):

H.R. 6430. A bill to include Iceland in the list of foreign states whose nationals are eligible for admission into the United States as E1 and E2 nonimmigrants if United States nationals are treated similarly by the Government of Iceland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. SCHRIER (for herself and Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 6431. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to prohibit the alteration, falsification, fabrication, destruction, omission, or removal of records or certain information required to be produced or maintained for a drug, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. TRONE (for himself, Mr. KATKO, Mr. CORREA, and Mr. MEIJER):

H.R. 6432. A bill to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to limit the use of business integrity and reputation factors in determining the eligibility of a retail food store or wholesale food concern to be approved to accept and redeem supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. WALTZ (for himself, Ms. WEXTON, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. RESCIENTHALER, and Ms. SALAZAR):

H.R. 6433. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to eliminate the tax exemption of the International Olympic Committee and similar organizations; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. RODGERS of Washington:

H. Res. 874. A resolution supporting the designation of a National Year of Humiliation, Fasting, and Prayer; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. STEFANIK:

H. Res. 875. A resolution electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. BURGESS:

H. Res. 876. A resolution expressing the sense that the process behind Operation Warp Speed should be integrated within operations at the Food and Drug Administration; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. BOWMAN, Mr. CARSON, Mr. GRUJALVA, Ms. JACOBS of California, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PAYNE, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. TLAI, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN):

H. Res. 877. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding many of today's greatest national security challenges and outlining a new framework for foreign policy for the 21st century; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Ways and Means, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. CHU, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GALLEGÓ, Ms. HOULAHAN,