

We are producing energy. The argument is specious that somehow this inflation is caused by our cutting back on energy supply when I just read a figure, subject to dispute. Maybe next week I will hear, no, that figure is wrong. Maybe. We are producing more energy than Trump did—not Trump himself, but the country—during Trump's Presidency.

I urge, Mr. Speaker, my Republican friends to tell the American people the truth. Yes, there are some more agents because there are people not paying their fair share. If you have an audit, and they say you are not paying your fair share, and you pay more, isn't that what we expect when we pass tax bills, that people will pay pursuant to what the law says, whether they make \$100,000 or \$100 million or \$100 billion? I don't guess anybody makes \$100 billion in a year.

We ought to be honest with the American people. Give them the facts, and then they will make a decision, but tell them the truth.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, we will continue to be honest with the American people. It was the administration that used the 87,000 number. If that number should be lower, I would love to hear what that number would be.

Mr. HOYER. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SCALISE. I yield to the gentleman from Maryland. If the gentleman has a number, please tell me because that is what we heard from the administration.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, there are 80,000-plus additional, which will get back to the 20 years ago level of employment in the IRS. The IRS has been reduced in personnel in all categories, not just enforcement agents, but in all categories, which will undermine their ability to serve the public and collect taxes so that we all pay our fair share and so people who don't have accountants and who don't have ways and means to avoid taxes are treated fairly themselves.

Everybody ought to be treated fairly. If we don't think they are being treated fairly because of the law then we ought to change the law, but we ought to tell the American people the truth.

There are not that many enforcement agents. They are in so many different categories in the IRS to make sure that the IRS can successfully do its job and answer people's questions about what, when, where, and why they have to do things pursuant to law. That is what I meant, not that the 80,000 people are enforcement agents. They are not. They are not. It is a far lower number than that.

But we know that there is over \$100 billion—I think it is a much larger figure than that—in taxes that are owed under the law that are not being paid, which means that the tax rates need to be higher on others than they ought to be.

That is what this bill gets at. In other words, this bill, the inflation re-

duction bill, is more than reducing inflation. I am sorry that my Republican friends made a determination it was not a bill they could support to help bring down inflation, but that was the judgment they made.

I think they want to bring down inflation. We want to bring down inflation, but when we present a bill to the floor which does it, we would hope we would get support on a bipartisan basis.

Mr. SCALISE. We will continue to tell the truth about these policies. Clearly, there is a disagreement on many of them, but that is why we have this debate. I look forward to continuing it with the gentleman.

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

HONORING RETIRED NEW JERSEY STATE SENATOR RONALD L. RICE

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor New Jersey State Senator Ronald L. Rice after his retirement on August 31 of this year.

Senator Rice served the people of New Jersey's 28th District for 36 years. He was the longest serving Black legislator in our State's history.

Senator Rice was first elected to the Newark City Council in 1981. Then, he was elected to the State Senate in 1986 and won reelection 11 times before he retired.

His service extended beyond politics. Senator Rice was a sergeant in the Marine Corps and a decorated Vietnam veteran. He spent 8 years as a police detective in the city of Newark and 4 years as its deputy mayor.

He was known for his strong support and advocacy for social justice and civil rights. Recently, Newark renamed a street in his neighborhood in his honor for his commitment and service to the city of Newark.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate State Senator Ronald L. Rice on his tremendous career as a public servant. His work for Newark and the people of New Jersey will be missed. But I am sure this will not be the last we hear from our hero and our fighter, Senator Ronald L. Rice.

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RECOGNIZING ALAN DEWART

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

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and celebrate the 80th birthday of Alan Dewart, a business and civic leader in our community.

Alan has been an entrepreneur and real estate developer for his entire professional life. Alan's impact on the re-

vitalization of the city of Buffalo is unparalleled.

During the dark economic times of the 1980s when the city was experiencing a mass exodus of people, businesses, and hope, Alan was a pioneer who reinvested and revitalized a section of downtown Buffalo, taking vacant and derelict buildings in Buffalo's theater district and transforming it into a vibrant city center consisting of apartments, restaurants, and music/entertainment venues, infusing life and vibrancy back into a historically significant section of our city.

Alan's pioneering work sowed the seeds of future developers and future projects to bring downtown Buffalo back to life.

I interned for Alan Dewart as a college student and through him developed a passion for urban revitalization. He is a friend and a mentor, and I thank him for all he has done for me and all he has done for our city.

WE MUST ENSHRINE THE FREEDOMS ROE V. WADE PROTECTED

(Mr. MALINOWSKI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, when the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, Republicans swore up and down that all they wanted was for the States to decide.

But this week, in this Congress, they introduced a national criminal ban on abortion, saying this is what we stand for, this is what we will do if our party takes the House and Senate.

Their bill is designed for one purpose and will have one effect: to shred protections women still enjoy in States like New Jersey, where we codified Roe v. Wade this year.

Let me tell you where the overwhelming majority of folks in New Jersey stand. We know abortion is a painful and personal issue for many families. That is precisely why we want and trust women to decide, not the government. The issue is complicated. Who decides is not.

That is why I will do everything in my power to prevent Congress from imposing on New Jersey laws that treat women and doctors as criminals and why we must enshrine the freedoms Roe v. Wade protected in the law of our land once and for all.

REMEMBERING DIDAR SINGH BAINS

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to acknowledge the loss of a pillar of our community in northern California, Didar Singh Bains of Yuba City.

He lived a full life to the age of 84 and passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family, on Tuesday, September 13.

He was born in 1938 in Nangal Khurd, Hoshiarpur District of Punjab, India, to a farming family. As a young man, he immigrated in 1958 to Sutter County, settling in Yuba City, because of the potential he saw in the land, soil, weather, and its likeness to Punjab, India.

Indeed, it worked out very well. Through his hard work and determination, he became the largest independent peach grower in the world, earning him the title of “the Peach King.”

He was a deeply religious man, a leader in the Yuba-Sutter area, philanthropist, and active member of the Sikh Temple of Yuba City.

He played a critical role in founding Sikh institutions and festivals in the Yuba City area, as well as around the world.

In 1980, he started the Yuba Nagar Kirtan, called the Yuba Sikh Parade, which has now become an annual event and a staple to the area where people travel from all over the State, even all over North America, tens of thousands, to take part. I have had a chance to take part myself. It is indeed incredible.

When Sikhs faced hate crimes after the September 11 terrorist attacks due to misunderstanding, it was Didar who led a delegation of Sikhs to meet the U.S. President, George W. Bush, at the time.

He was a pillar of our community. His loss will be felt by Yuba City and indeed internationally.

HONORING MS. WHEELCHAIR AMERICA ALI INGERSOLL

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight Raleigh's own Ali Ingersoll, who won the title of Ms. Wheelchair America last month.

Ms. Wheelchair America is not your typical beauty pageant. Contestants are evaluated on their community advocacy and achievements, and the winner carries the responsibility of being a champion for the 61 million Americans living with disabilities.

Ali Ingersoll has embodied that mission since an incident left her paralyzed 12 years ago. She has dedicated much of her adult life to advocating for affordable healthcare for individuals with disabilities.

As Ali personally experienced in 2020, insurance companies often deny coverage of important equipment to help these Americans lead fulfilling lives. Now, Ali is fighting for full coverage of medically necessary equipment.

I am honored to represent Ms. Wheelchair America and look forward to everything she will accomplish in the future.

HONORING EDITH K. KENAO KANAKA'OLE

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

Mr. KAHELE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize September as Hawaiian History Month in my home State of Hawaii. It is a time of celebration, recognition, and reflection.

Throughout this month, we honor individuals who have made a significant impact on the lives of Native Hawaiians everywhere.

Today, we recognize Edith Ke'kuhikuhiipu'uoneonaali'iokohala Kenao Kanaka'ole, a revered Native Hawaiian dancer, chanter, teacher, kuma hula and founder of Halau o Kekuhi.

Edith was one of only five women in the country honored this year in the 2023 American Women Quarters Program.

“Grant us knowledge.” “E ho mai ka'ike,” is inscribed on the commemorative coin for Edith Kanaka'ole. It is a reminder of her lasting legacy and a guiding principle for Hawaiians. That is, to look to those who came before us so that we may find success in the present and prosperity in our future.

DERAILING THE FREIGHT INDUSTRY STRIKE

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I first want to indicate my appreciation to President Biden and Secretary Walsh, for, yes, diving in and stopping a union worker/freight industry collision and understanding the importance of providing benefits to our hard workers.

Yesterday, at the Teamsters, I indicated how important it is that workers have benefits, and the ability to go to the doctor. That is the fight that we must continue. I am glad it has been derailed, but we need to continue to fight to get a permanent solution for our workers.

I rise today as well, Mr. Speaker, to introduce and acknowledge the SHIELD Act, to shield doctors and nurses and other reproductive healthcare providers from harassment, litigation, and draconian laws. I ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation that would protect pregnant people and the medical personnel who provide reproductive healthcare services to them and will prevent interference, restriction, and retaliation against doctors, nurses, nurse midwives, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and others who evaluate, diagnose, advise, treat, or provide other services in order to protect them, to give healthcare, and to stop women from standing outside the door of doctors' offices and not getting

care. I ask my colleagues to support the SHIELD Act.

ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, these are the times that try men's souls.

We have heard so much in recent days about the raid by the FBI in Mar-a-Lago. I have continued to hear from FBI agents and former FBI agents. Republicans on the Judiciary Committee have, as my friend JIM JORDAN has pointed out, received, I think, 14 complaints from people within the FBI about very serious problems. I have had several that I have received personally that were not included in those 14. I understand Senator GRASSLEY has also gotten some.

There is a systemic problem at the FBI. Christopher Wray was appointed to clean up the FBI. As I told President Trump later on: You have asked me about a few of your appointments; I wish you would have asked me about that one, because I could have told you a great deal, going back to the days of Mueller as director of the FBI. Director Christopher Wray learned some of those techniques.

Director Mueller, even going back as far as Boston, tried to keep two people who were innocent of the murder of which they were convicted—they were set up by FBI agents—and Director Mueller continued, even after it was clear they were innocent, to try to keep them from being released from prison.

Then along came Comey. He has had serious issues with truthfulness and yet does a great job of trying to play the victim.

I had one FBI agent, who had been around a long time, say: You remember back to the 1980s, 1990s, at the FBI? We were completely professional. If someone had a nonviolent background, we were just about doing our job. We would notify the—especially if we knew the person had a lawyer, we would notify the lawyer that your client needs to appear, is being indicted or has been indicted, needs to appear at this or that jail at a certain time. And, of course, if the person didn't arrive, they knew they would be picked up. But they were given a chance to voluntarily surrender. Normally, that went very well, quite professionally.

But what we have seen arise with the Department of Justice and the FBI is absolutely disgusting. I mean, I was a law-and-order felony judge. I have sentenced people for felonies, everything from probation to the death penalty. I know what it is to wrestle over the issue, presentence reports, evidence at sentencing, and what appropriate sentences are.