

We have a plan that we in the House Freedom Caucus have put forward to cut somewhere in the range of \$1.5 trillion immediately out of the gate. Mr. BIGGS led the way on this with 500 bills with 500 specific target cuts toward those 1,200 unauthorized, but still appropriated in the previous Congress' programs. That would save us another \$500 billion so that we would never have to raise the debt ceiling again if we have the immediate \$1.5 trillion in cuts now, and we use the appropriations process this fall to cut even further.

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Mr. BIGGS. I thank the gentleman for his remarks.

May I inquire of the Speaker how much time I have remaining?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Arizona has 14 minutes remaining.

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, HFC put in a proposal just recently. I think this is really important. The idea is to shrink Washington and grow the country again. We proposed it in early March.

The first thing is we cancel the student loan forgiveness plan which totals \$609 billion. We cut the wasteful, woke, weaponized spending programs and get the Nation back on track. We eliminate Green New Deal tax credits and subsidies.

I recently scored it at 350. I am told now it is \$400 billion. Between those two items alone, Mr. Speaker, we are moving towards \$1 trillion.

We cut the IRS expansion. We already passed that out of the House. That is \$80 billion. We take into account the 500 targeted reductions that we have made. Maybe we don't do all of them. Maybe we just do half of them. Maybe we do 50, 70, \$85 billion worth.

Then I will tell you something else, Mr. Speaker, that you have to do. You take back the COVID money that we sent out. There is about \$80 billion of that that hasn't been spent. Bring that back.

All of that is in the first year, and I haven't even talked about reductions. That is the rescissions.

Then we start reducing, and we can make it targeted. We can do the discretionary.

Guess what?

We start getting to a place where we are not in the hole \$100 billion per month.

How about doing that for a year?

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I am told that a lot of these folks don't really want to do that, and I find that hard to believe.

So in fiscal year 2024 alone, if we add to what I just outlined, what we proposed, what we cosponsored, those 500 bills, we just want you to look at them for mercy's sake.

If we took all of them, then we would be a little over \$100 billion in savings in fiscal year 2024 alone.

There are ways out of this, aren't there?

But it is going to take some courage and some discipline. Quite frankly, part of the reason that I wanted to do this tonight is I am hearing all the time that we don't know where you guys are.

I say: How can you not know where I am?

I have been so explicit, and I am transparent. Everybody knows where Biggs is because Biggs doesn't keep his mouth shut.

This is where we need to be. We need to be telling the truth. The American people need to understand clearly what is about to happen to them. What is about to happen to them is they are going to raise that debt ceiling. Somebody is going to raise the debt ceiling.

The idea that they are talking about now—just so people know—is anywhere from 1.5 to \$4 trillion. That is what they are talking about.

They are going to trade it for 10 years with maybe \$3.5 to \$4 trillion in reductions in savings, net savings—not even net savings, I'm sorry to say that, gross savings.

So over here on that ledger, Mr. Speaker, you have to get \$4 trillion over 10 years. But if you raise the debt ceiling by \$1.5 to \$4 trillion over that year, 18 to 24 months, now extend that out for the rest of that 10-year cycle.

We are not raising the national debt by \$24 trillion. We are raising it by \$19 trillion.

So we are still hitting 50-plus trillion dollars because we didn't have the courage to make the reductions and the hard choices this year.

My favorite thing to hear around here is that we are going to have a 10-year plan to balance the budget. Mr. Speaker, I could go back and show you from 15 years ago. They still relive that first year over and over again because it is like *deja vu*.

So this year they are telling everybody: We are going to do a 10-year plan. It is going to be great. We think we can get balanced in 10 years. We are going to have to make some tough decisions.

But next year they will come back and say: We have got a 10-year plan. You have to make some tough decisions.

Two years they will come back and say: We have a 10-year plan.

Do it now. Do it now.

People tell me: You are conflating the budget with the debt ceiling.

Do you know why, Mr. Speaker?

Because I can tell you that if we don't do it now in the debt ceiling, when that budget comes around, you are going to have an omnibus bill. You are going to have an omnibus bill. That is what is going to happen. That may not work, so you get a CR.

Part of the package that HFC put out is that if you end up with a mandatory CR, then you start reducing funding on that. So you never have a government shutdown, which is in some ways too bad, quite frankly.

Then we have also proposed adding the REINS Act. The REINS Act says

that before a bureaucratic agency can impose rules on anything that will impact more than—it is \$100 million—I think that is way too high. It should be like \$10 million, but they are telling me it is \$100 million—then we have to bring it back to Congress.

I think that is a great place to start.

Do you know why, Mr. Speaker?

We have delegated our authority to bureaucracy. So we have the bureaucracy out there, and they are making rules. That is the same thing as legislating. They are enforcing the rules. That is the executive branch power. They are adjudicating whether you have committed a violation of the rules and fining you.

In some cases most of the 40,000 crimes that are Federal in nature were created under the rulemaking process.

Mr. Speaker, I am just telling you: Our government is out of control, and our spending is out of control.

Guess what, Mr. Speaker?

If we went back to 2019 levels—which is what we have proposed—if you go back to 2019 levels which nobody would say: Oh, we had too little government in 2019. If you go back to those levels, Mr. Speaker, guess what?

You can pay it because we were spending about \$5 trillion, and now we are bringing in about \$5 trillion. So let's go back to the 2019 levels, for Pete's sake, and then let's do the rescissions to boot, and let's stop the seemingly endless cycle of a national debt increase.

If we do that, then we stop the imminent bankruptcy of this country, we stop the devaluation of our currency around the world, and we stop the inflationary pressures. Then once we do things like reduce some more taxes, reduce some more regulations, and get some better energy production, then we will, again, be the world's economic leader.

I am just here to tell you, Mr. Speaker, we have got a plan. We presented our plan. I don't think anybody should ever say that Mr. GOOD, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. BIGGS, and the half dozen others or so, that they don't know where we are. I have never voted to raise the debt ceiling. I don't think that is what I was sent here to do, and I am finding it awfully hard to believe that there is any justification for raising it \$2 to \$4 trillion.

I encourage everyone to understand that we can put an end to this cycle of self-immolation.

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

JOINT RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported that on April 5, 2023, the following joint resolutions were presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.J. Res. 7. Relating to a national emergency declared by the President on March 13, 2020

H.J. Res. 27. Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense and the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Revised Definition of 'Waters of the United States'"

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 48 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-756. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Prohibition Against Certain Flights in the Territory and Airspace of Libya [Docket No.: FAA-2011-0246; Amdt. No.: 91-321F] (RIN: 2120-AL79) received April 10, 2023, 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-757. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31475; Amdt. No.: 4050] received April 10, 2023, 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-758. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31474; Amdt. No.: 4049] received April 10, 2023, 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-759. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31480; Amdt. No.: 571] received April 10, 2023, 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-760. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Mefford Field Airport, CA [Docket No.: FAA-202-1453; Airspace Docket No.: 21-AWP-57] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 10, 2023, 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-761. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Hanford Municipal Airport, CA [Docket No.: FAA-2022-1448; Airspace Docket No.: 21-AWP-58] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received

April 10, 2023, 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-762. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route T-380; Emmonak, AK [Docket No.: FAA-2022-0245; Airspace Docket No.: 19-AAL-49] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 10, 2023, 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-763. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class C Airspace; Chicago, IL [Docket No.: FAA-2022-0999; Airspace Docket No.: 22-AWA-2] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 10, 2023, 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-764. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Escalante Municipal Airport, Escalante, UT [Docket No.: FAA-2022-1561; Airspace Docket No.: 22-ANM-58] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received April 10, 2023, 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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. COMER: Committee on Oversight and Accountability. Authorization and Oversight Plans for All House Committees (Rept. 118-36). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mrs. HOUCIN: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 298. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 734) to amend the Education Amendments of 1972 to provide that for purposes of determining compliance with title IX of such Act in athletics, sex shall be recognized based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth, and providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 42) disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 (Rept. 118-37). Referred to the House Calendar.

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. SANTOS:

H.R. 2631. A bill to prohibit the Federal Government from imposing any mandate requiring an individual to receive a vaccine that has not been authorized for marketing for at least 10 years, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SANTOS:

H.R. 2632. A bill to require reports on the immigration status of individuals convicted of State crimes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANTOS:

H.R. 2633. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to submit to Congress a report on the

designation of MS-13, Queen Nation, Sinaloa, Cartel Jalisco Nueva Generación, and Beltrán Leyva Organization as foreign terrorist organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SANTOS:

H.R. 2634. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make alimony deductible; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SANTOS:

H.R. 2635. A bill to amend section 230 of the Communications Act of 1934 to limit liability protection provided by such section for providers of social media service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SANTOS:

H.R. 2636. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to include neuropathy in the list of conditions covered by the World Trade Center Health Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SANTOS:

H.R. 2637. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to waive the early withdrawal penalty on certain distributions from qualified retirement plans; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. GIMENEZ (for himself, Ms.

SALAZAR, and Ms. MALLIOTAKIS):

H.R. 2638. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to treat certain individuals who participated in the invasion of the Bay of Pigs, Cuba, in April, 1961, as veterans for the purposes of eligibility for benefits under laws administered by the Secretary; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

H.R. 2639. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for additional requirements with respect to electrodiagnostic services under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on 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. MCCLINTOCK (for himself and Mr. BIGGS):

H.R. 2640. A bill to provide for reform of the asylum system and protection of the border; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Education and the Workforce, and Homeland Security, 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. ALLRED:

H.R. 2641. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow students to take the saver's credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. BALINT:

H.R. 2642. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, to award grants for peer mental health first aid, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Ms. LEE of California, and Ms. MACE):

H.R. 2643. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow deductions and credits relating to expenditures in connection with marijuana sales conducted in compliance with State law; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BURGESS:

H.R. 2644. A bill to reduce the amount of foreign assistance to El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras based on the number of