

will continue to climb. I will remind President Biden and my colleagues on the other side of the aisle that when you pass bloated spending packages that include Green New Deal funding or money to build a new park named for NANCY PELOSI or funding for gender programs in Pakistan, this isn't monopoly money that you are playing with. You are spending the hard-earned tax dollars of people who wake up every day, who go to work so that they can provide for their families. Our children, our grandchildren, and our great-grandchildren will still be paying for this debt long after all of us are gone from this legislative body.

This kind of spending must end. We must reverse course now to secure our Nation's financial future and that is why House Republicans have been focused on cutting Federal spending. That is why we work to avoid a trillion-dollar Christmas omnibus and that is why we are going to keep fighting to put this country back on the right track.

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Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the distinguished gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HARRIS).

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, the leadership at the Department of Homeland Security under the Biden administration is a complete and dangerous failure at our southern border.

Last month, I joined nearly 60 of my House Republican colleagues to witness firsthand the Biden administration's catastrophe at Eagle Pass, Texas, in the Del Rio sector of our southern border.

After being briefed by Border Patrol at the southern border, it became clear to me that this administration has allowed dangerous terrorists, drug traffickers, child sex traffickers, and other human traffickers to enter this country easily as a result of this administration's wide open southern border policies.

In fact, since Joe Biden took office, 361 individuals whose names appear on the terrorist watch list have been apprehended attempting to cross our southern border illegally.

Who in the world knows how many from that terrorist watch list were among the millions of got-aways, people who weren't apprehended at the southern border?

In addition to these terrorists coming through our borders, more than 54,000 pounds of fentanyl has been intercepted at American borders. Now, I know fentanyl well. I am an anesthesiologist by trade. We use it in the operating room all the time. 54,000 pounds of fentanyl is enough to kill the entire human population of the planet. That is the amount that was intercepted at the southern border. Only God knows how much was not intercepted at the southern border because our Border Patrol agents, instead of patrolling the border, are processing illegal immigrants into our interior through the asylum process.

As we stood at the banks of the Rio Grande watching this catastrophe unfold at our southern border, the President of the United States that very same day that we were down there chose to help the flow of illegal immigration by actually sending his lawyers into Federal court to remove the razor wire that the Texas Department of Public Safety had put up to protect their communities from the invasion, the protection that Joe Biden was not providing to the State of Texas or to the rest of America.

Now, while speaking to the press yesterday, Joe Biden, with a straight face, declared: "I've done all I can do. Just give me the power. . . . Give me the Border Patrol, give me the people, the judges—give me the people who can stop this and make it work right."

Wow is all I have to say. The American people know that he refuses to admit that during his first 100 days in office, he took 94 executive actions on immigration, most notably including the halting of the construction of the border wall.

Now, I will note, Mr. Speaker, it is kind of interesting. He has got a wall around his house, but he won't put a wall around our country to protect us from invasion.

In August 2022, President Biden and his administration decided to make the border crisis worse by formally ending President Trump's successful remain in Mexico program. Yes, Mr. Speaker, the President could at any time reinstate the program under the same statutes and laws that were in place during President Trump. President Biden could reinstate remain in Mexico tonight.

I would suggest if the President is listening, Mr. President, you asked yesterday what you can do. Pick up a pen, reinstate remain in Mexico.

If that wasn't bad enough, the Biden administration announced on May 10, 2023, that it would allow for the release of migrants into the U.S. with no way to track them. Millions of people entering the United States, given identification papers, even if we really have no idea who they are, and we are not tracking them at all. That is mind-boggling to most Americans.

Make no mistake, Joe Biden absolutely has the power to stop this invasion. He is simply unwilling to do it and unwilling to use those powers.

It is a reckless dereliction of duty for the Biden administration, our border czar Kamala Harris, and Secretary Mayorkas to continually allow the cartels to smuggle both humans and fentanyl into our streets without putting an end to this crisis. It is well within his power.

Last year, in May, House Republicans passed the Secure the Border Act, a comprehensive immigration overhaul that would protect and secure the United States from illegal immigration, force the Biden administration to restart construction of the border wall, end catch and release—very im-

portant—and increase the number of Border Patrol agents to stop the flow of deadly fentanyl into this country.

House Republicans passed that bill a year ago, but Leader SCHUMER and the Democrats in the Senate refuse to even take up the bill for a vote. Shame on them. If President Biden were really serious about fixing the crisis at our southern border, he would end it today by reinstating the successful border policies put in place by President Trump and instructing the Senate to pass H.R. 2, the Secure the Border Act passed by House Republicans, tomorrow before they go home on their weekend break.

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I also want to highlight another piece of legislation that I am spearheading, H.R. 1547, the One Seat Ride Act, which I introduced with Representative WATSON COLEMAN of New Jersey, and I am glad to say this legislation passed this House in December in a large bipartisan fashion.

This legislation directs the Secretary of Transportation to conduct cost-benefit analysis of a one seat ride trip versus a transfer trip option during peak hours on New Jersey Transit's Raritan Valley Line. The results of this study would then be transmitted to key congressional committees.

Currently, Raritan Valley Line passengers are forced to change trains at Newark Penn Station to access New York City and to make the same change headed westbound. A one seat ride allows passengers to take one-time efficient trains from stations such as Westfield, Somerville, and Lebanon directly into New York City.

Since the bill passed in this body, we are now one step closer to paving the way for a more connected and efficient future where commuters can travel seamlessly both eastbound and westbound at all times of the day and night. For New Jerseyans, this means more time at home and less time commuting.

My priority will continue to be breaking down transportation barriers by enhancing our region's infrastructure. Again, I am proud that this bill passed the House, and I am working hard to get the Senate companion bill introduced and work its way through the Senate.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President and to direct their remarks to the Chair and not a perceived viewing audience.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 3427.—An act to extend the authority to provide employees of the United States Secret Service with overtime pay beyond other statutory limitations, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, February 1, 2024, at 9 a.m.

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

EC-3008. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's Major final rule — Community Reinvestment Act [Regulation BB; Docket No.: R-1769] (RIN: 7100-AG29) received January 31, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-3009. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Annual Update of Filing Fees [Docket No.: RM24-2-000] received January 12, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-3010. A letter from the Attorney Advisor, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revisions to Civil Penalty Amounts, 2024 received January 18, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3011. A letter from the Acting Director, General Counsel and Legal Policy Division, Office of Government Ethics, transmitting the Office's final rule — 2024 Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustments for Ethics in Government Act Violations (RIN: 3209-AA69) received January 12, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3012. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of Enforcement, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Civil Monetary Penalty Inflation Adjustments [Docket No.: RM24-3; Order No. 903] received January 12, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3013. A letter from the Deputy Executive Director, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Guam-Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Visa Waiver Program Automation and Electronic Travel Authorization; Creation of CNMI Economic Vitality and Security Travel Authorization Program (EVS-TAP) [Docket No.: USCBP-2023-0020; CBP Dec. 23-07] (RIN: 1651-AB37) received January 12, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-3014. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, OBRHI, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Advancing Interoperability and Improving Prior Authorization Processes for Medicare Advantage Organiza-

tions, Medicaid Managed Care Plans, State Medicaid Agencies, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Agencies and CHIP Managed Care Entities, Issuers of Qualified Health Plans on the Federally-Facilitated Exchanges, Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) Eligible Clinicians, and Eligible Hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals in the Medicare Promoting Interoperability Program [CMS-0057-F] (RIN: 0938-AU87) received January 8, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

EC-3015. A letter from the Executive Director, Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, transmitting the Office's Annual Report on Awards and Settlements for Calendar Year 2023 for Employing Offices of the House of Representatives, the Report on Awards and Settlements for Calendar Year 2023 for Employing Offices of the Senate, and the Report on Awards and Settlements for Calendar year 2023 for Employing Offices other than Employing Offices of the House of Representatives or the Senate, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 1381(1)(1)(A); Public Law 104-1, title III, Sec. 301(1)(1)(A) (as added by Public Law 115-397, title II, Sec. 201(a)(1)(B)); (132 Stat. 5315); jointly to the Committees on House Administration and Education and the Workforce.

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. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 1121. A bill to prohibit a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing (Rept. 118-19, Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 2553. A bill to amend title 28, United States Code, to authorize removal of an action or prosecution against a President, Vice President, former President, or former Vice President, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-371). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

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 Mrs. HARSHBARGER (for herself, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. PETERS, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. ALLEN):

H.R. 7155. A bill to provide for the establishment, within the Food and Drug Administration, of an Abraham Accords Bureau to promote and facilitate cooperation between the Food and Drug Administration and entities in Abraham Accords countries wishing to work with the agency in order to develop and sell products in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FITZGERALD (for himself, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, and Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 7156. A bill to expand the investigative authorities of the United States Secret Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, 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. DUARTE (for himself and Mr. COSTA):

H.R. 7157. A bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to ensure fair enforcement of such Act; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARBAJAL:

H.R. 7158. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 East Battles Road in Santa Maria, California, as the "Larry Lavagnino Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. CASE (for himself, Mr. BARR, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. MOYLAN, Mr. SABLON, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. PORTER, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. BERA, Mr. DUNN of Florida, and Mr. MEEKS):

H.R. 7159. A bill to bolster United States engagement with the Pacific Islands region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. LAWLER (for himself, Mr. LALOTA, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Mr. MOLINARO, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California, and Mrs. KIM of California):

H.R. 7160. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the limitation on the amount certain married individuals can deduct for State and local taxes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BANKS (for himself, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. MOONEY, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. BURCHETT, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, and Mr. CARL):

H.R. 7161. A bill to require States to report information on Medicaid payments to abortion providers; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BEYER (for himself, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, and Mr. BLUMENAUER):

H.R. 7162. A bill to create children's lifetime savings accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Ms. BROWNLEY (for herself and Ms. CROCKETT):

H.R. 7163. A bill to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to establish the Climate Scientific Research Advisory Committee and the Rural Climate Alliance Network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. CARAVEO (for herself and Mr. NUNN of Iowa):

H.R. 7164. A bill to advance population research for chronic pain; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CAREY (for himself and Ms. SANCHEZ):

H.R. 7165. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for working family caregivers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. DINGELL (for herself and Mr. HUIZENGA):

H.R. 7166. A bill to establish the Great Lakes Mass Marking Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself and Mr. KEATING):