

said, no, we have to regulate it, make it more expensive. We have to mandate electric vehicles, which are piling up on lots, and you can't afford the internal combustion engine that you used to be able to go get. Now, you are wondering how you are even going to replace the car you have that you need to get around to do your job and carry out your life.

Are you free? I would suggest to you that, in supposedly the freest and greatest country in the history of mankind, we are no longer free. I would suggest to you that, as we are heading into this week to celebrate the great birth of liberty that this country provided for the world, that we have been stripped of that liberty and that we have been trading it away, that we have been trading it away right here from the floor upon which I stand, and that we have done so even this year.

These are the questions with which we should wrestle. These are the great debates we should have.

I am exceptionally proud to be an American. I am exceptionally proud to be in Congress. I believe that this country can and must be free again, but a country that has no borders, a country that is \$35 trillion in debt, a country whose government is weaponized against its own people, a country that doesn't even know how to define "man" and "woman" or pay honor to the God upon which this Nation was founded is not a free country.

If we are going to do anything in this body as Republicans or Democrats, if we are going to do anything in this election cycle, if we are going to do anything at the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue, it should be to restore our fundamental, God-given rights and to reduce the size, scope, and power of a government that is operating completely in opposition to those liberties.

The people who struggle today in this country struggle primarily because of the government that is operating against them, not because the government is protecting or helping them. The people who struggle in this country today, it is because of a burdensome, large, indebted government that has lost sight of the reason it exists and the fact that it is through the consent of the governed that it has its power.

The other thing that happened on July Fourth, somewhat miraculously, was that both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams passed away 50 years to the day of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, a document in which both had significant hands in writing, Jefferson obviously being the primary author.

On June 24, 1826, about 10 days before Jefferson died at his home in Monticello, he wrote the following to the Mayor of Washington upon having to decline the invitation to the 50th anniversary celebration due to his health, which obviously failed him 10 days later. He wrote, may our independence "be to the world what I believe it will

be (to some parts sooner, to others later, but finally to all) the signal of arousing men to burst the chains under which monkish ignorance and superstition had persuaded them to bind themselves and to assume the blessings and security of self-government. That form which we have substituted restores the free right to the unbounded exercise of reason and freedom of opinion. All eyes are opened, or opening, to the rights of man. The general spread of the light of science has already laid open to every view the palpable truth that the mass of mankind has not been born with saddles on their backs, nor a favored few bootied and spurred, ready to ride them legitimately, by the grace of God. These are grounds of hope for others. For ourselves, let the annual return of this day forever refresh our recollections of these rights and an undiminished devotion to them."

As we go out as Representatives of the people in this great Republic over the next week and go home to our districts, I hope we will remember those words, but that ultimately doesn't mean much. I hope that when we come back to this Chamber, we will remember those words.

I hope that as we form our plans for the coming years that we will embrace with the seriousness and resolve of all those we celebrate and to whom we give lip service of our great admiration for their sacrifice and their courage, whether they have worn the uniform and stormed the beaches at Normandy or they fought for our freedoms at our founding, or whether they were these men in that room, or whether they are those who came before us representing the people in this Chamber. It has to be more than just simple words of recognition.

It can't be a fancy celebration at an 80th anniversary of D-Day. We have to actually carry out those words of affection by being willing to sacrifice our own well-being and good for the next generation because that is what we have lost. We have lost the willingness to sacrifice at all so that the next generation might live free to give up the comforts of promises from a Federal Government, of continued checks, continued welfare, to give up the trappings of, frankly, a heavily falsified world of comfort in suburban America, propped up by profligate government spending, waiting, waiting to teeter off the edge.

This is not about personalities in this Chamber. This is not about someone being too caustic or mean to one of their colleagues. Grow up. Wake up. Understand your duty. Understand that when you come here and you swear an oath and you sit before that flag and you sit in this Chamber and all the speeches that come before it, that we owe it to all of those 400,000 at Arlington National Cemetery and the thousands of cemeteries across this country in which those who gave or were willing to give the last full measure of devotion, we owe it to them and those who risked it all to risk it all ourselves.

What good is an election certificate that we are unwilling to use in fullness?

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This next week, I will look forward to riding in a parade in central Texas and celebrating with my 14-year-old, my 13-year-old, my wife, and my friends and family, just like everybody else, and I will have a good time doing it.

When we come back here on July 8, let us set out to do the hard work that is actually required; not the pointing of fingers, not the recriminations, but actually set out to do the things we said we would do to cut the profligate spending; to secure the border of the United States; to make our military the strongest military they can be, sparingly used, giving them care when they get home, the tools to carry out their jobs; giving you healthcare freedom, going to the doctor of your choice; and giving you energy freedom, being able to get reliable energy and the cars of your choice without dictates from the bureaucrats in this town that are crushing the American Dream.

America is going to turn 250 years old in 2 years. As a birthday present for America turning 250 years old, are we going to give our kids and our grandkids their birthright or are we going to take it away from them?

I hope it is the former.

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

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

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

S. 870.—An act to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration and firefighter assistance grant programs, to advance the benefits of nuclear energy, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, June 28, 2024, 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-4619. A letter from the Program Analyst, Federal Grain Inspection Service, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's interim rule — Fees for Official Inspection and Weighing Services Under the United States Grain Standards Act [Doc. No.: AMS-FGIS-24-0010] (RIN: 0581-AE28) received June 7, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-4620. A letter from the OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final

rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Trade Agreements Thresholds (DFARS Case 2023-D023) [Docket: DARS-2024-0008] (RIN: 0750-AL92) received May 28, 2024, 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-4621. A letter from the OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Use of Fixed-Price Contracts for Certain Major Defense Acquisition Programs (DFARS Case 2023-D009) [Docket: DARS-2023-0030] (RIN: 0750-AL82) received May 28, 2024, 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-4622. A letter from the OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medical Malpractice Claims by Members of the Uniformed Services [Docket ID: DoD-2023-OS-0065] (RIN: 0790-AL70) received May 28, 2024, 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-4623. A letter from the OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Department of Defense (DoD) Defense Industrial Base (DIB) Cybersecurity (CS) Activities [Docket ID: DoD-2019-OS-0112] (RIN: 0790-AK86) received May 28, 2025, 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-4624. A letter from the OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Replacement of Fluorinated Aqueous Film-Forming Foam (DFARS Case 2020-D011) [Docket: DARS-2023-0028] (RIN: 0750-AK98) received May 28, 2024, 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-4625. A letter from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's circular — Unlawful and unenforceable contract terms and conditions [Consumer Financial Protection Circular 2024-03] received June 6, 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-4626. A letter from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's consumer financial protection circular — Consumer Financial Protection Circular 2024-01: Preferencing and Steering Practices by Digital Intermediaries for Consumer Financial Products or Services received June 6, 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-4627. A letter from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Required Rulemaking on Personal Financial Data Rights; Industry Standard-Setting [Docket No.: CFPB-2023-0052] (RIN: 3170-AA78) received June 6, 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-4628. A letter from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's consumer financial protection circular — Consumer Financial Protection Circular 2024-02: Deceptive Marketing Practices About the Speed or Cost of Sending a Remittance Transfer received June 6, 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-4629. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting proposed legislation that would revise the Mercury Export Ban Act of 2008 (MEBA), as amended; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4630. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Hong Kong that was declared in Executive Order 13936 of July 14, 2020, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-4631. A letter from the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Export Administration Regulations (EAR): Transfer of Access Information and Release of Software (Source Code and Object Code) [Docket No.: 230907-0214] (RIN: 0694-AJ37) received May 28, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-4632. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Export Administration Regulations: Guidance on Penalty Determinations in the Settlement of Administrative Enforcement Cases Involving Antiboycott Matters [Docket No.: 220930-9998] (RIN: 0694-AI91) received May 28, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-4633. A letter from the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Additions and Revisions of Entities to the Entity List [Docket No.: 230301-0058] (RIN: 0694-AJ06) received May 28, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-4634. A letter from the Deputy Director for Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Implementation of Additional Sanctions Against Russia and Belarus Under the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and Refinements to Existing Controls [Docket No.: 230221-0047] (RIN: 0694-AJ09) received May 28, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-4635. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Addition of Entities to the Entity List [Docket No.: 210303-0036] (RIN: 0694-AI42) received May 28, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-4636. A letter from the Deputy Director of Congressional Affairs, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Chemical Weapons Convention Regulations: Reducing the Concentration Level Above Which Mixtures Containing Schedule 2A Chemicals Are Subject to Declaration and Reporting Requirements [Docket No.: 230502-0117] (RIN: 0694-AI54) received May 28, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-4637. A letter from the Manager, Branch of SSA Science Support, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revision of the Critical Habitat Designation for the Jaguar in Compliance With a Court Order [Docket No.: FWS-R2-ES-2023-0215; FXES1111090FEDR-245-FF09E21000] (RIN: 1018-BH68) received June 4, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-4638. A letter from the Principal Deputy Director, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — West Virginia Regulatory Program [SATS No. WV-118-FOR (partial); Docket ID: OSM-2011-0009; SATS No.: WV-126-FOR; Docket ID: OSM-2019-0012; S1D1S SS08011000 SX064A000 220S180110; S2D2S SS08011000 SX064A000 220XS501520] received June 11, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-4639. A letter from the Marine Resources Management Specialist, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to the Sunrise Wind Offshore Wind Farm Project Offshore New York [Docket No.: 240501-0124] (RIN: 0648-BL67) received May 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 Natural Resources.

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. 897. A bill to provide for the establishment of the Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-560). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 7370. A bill to amend the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 to establish a deadline for processing applications related to geothermal leasing; with an amendment (Rept. 118-561). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 7377. A bill to amend the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 to improve the management of royalties from oil and gas leases, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-562). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 6368. A bill to assist Tribal governments in the management of buffalo and buffalo habitat and the reestablishment of buffalo on Indian land; with an amendment (Rept. 118-563). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. WESTERMAN: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 6062. A bill to restore the ability of the people of American Samoa to approve amendments to the territorial constitution based on majority rule in a democratic act of self-determination, as authorized pursuant to an Act of Congress delegating administration of Federal territorial