

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. All right, I am going to talk faster. Sorry about that. Oh, the poor people who try to take our words down. It is a punishment, I am sorry.

I have some other boards here, so I am just going to try to do two more boards in this 2 minutes.

Tax policy, you go back to functionally 1950, when we have had very high marginal tax rates, we get about 17, 18 percent of the economy in tax receipts. When we have had very low marginal tax rates, we get about 17, 18 percent of the economy in tax receipts.

The fact of the matter is, for some reason, the American economy for the last 75 years, we fall back into this mean, so you have Democrats running around here saying, we need much higher marginal tax rates. However, when we have done that, we still just get the same percentage of the economy. The secret, once again, is that productivity, have a bigger economy.

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Our structural crisis now is if we are getting 17, 18 percent of the economy in tax receipts, we are spending about 24 percent of the economy year after year.

Back to the point, this is the pie chart. Every dime of nondefense is borrowed. Every dime of defense is borrowed. You have to pay your interest. Remember, interest is now our second-biggest expense in government. It is number two now. Part of this red here is also on borrowed money.

There are ways to make the math work—the willingness to modernize this government, the willingness to use technology to crash the price of this government, crash the price of healthcare, but make us a healthier society. There is a way.

I sometimes just feel like an idiot. I come behind this microphone every week. I do charts. I show these things, here are the ways. Last week, I showed I think \$100 billion, \$200 billion of savings we could have in government by just modernization. There is hope, but I only think we have maybe 3 or 4 more years to start to understand how upside-down we are.

Mr. Speaker, I know I am out of time. I thank you for your patience. There is hope, but there is only hope if the American people start to hear these words and start to push those of us in Congress to do the right thing.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 9 a.m.

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. GRAVES of Missouri: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 7779. A bill to promote remediation of abandoned hardrock mines, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-823, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 1377. A bill to direct the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information to take certain actions to enhance the representation of the United States and promote United States leadership in communications standards-setting bodies, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-860, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. ARRINGTON: Committee on the Budget. H.R. 9716. A bill to amend the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974 to require the Congressional Budget Office to provide baseline updates, and for other purposes (Rept. 118-861). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 115. A bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for "midnight rules", and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-862, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. JORDAN: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 7137. A bill to provide for the vacating of certain convictions and expungement of certain arrests of victims of human trafficking, with an amendment (Rept. 118-863). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Rules discharged from further consideration. H.R. 115 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Foreign Affairs discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1377 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Natural Resources discharged from further consideration. H.R. 7779 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 Mr. STEUBE (for himself and Mr. BUCHANAN):

H.R. 10350. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate the portion of the Myakka River lying within Sarasota County, Florida as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. FLOOD (for himself and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER):

H.R. 10351. A bill to direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, to publish guide-

lines and best practices for State zoning and local zoning frameworks, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10352. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to improve the annual budget assessment relating to electromagnetic spectrum operations capabilities; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10353. A bill to direct the Secretary of Defense to conduct an assessment of space and satellite security relating to ally and partner countries in the Middle East; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed 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 Mrs. BEATTY (for herself, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, and Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois):

H.R. 10354. A bill to amend the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act to require regulated entities to provide information necessary for the Offices of Women and Minority Inclusion to carry out their duties, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. BICE:

H.R. 10355. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require the recording of communications between Secret Service agents deployed for protection of certain persons; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CASTRO of Texas:

H.R. 10356. A bill to provide a per diem allowance for newly hired members of the Foreign Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. CASTRO of Texas:

H.R. 10357. A bill to require a report on former Federal employees advising foreign governments; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. CASTRO of Texas:

H.R. 10358. A bill to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to provide for portability of professional licenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. DELBENE (for herself and Mr. PFLUGER):

H.R. 10359. A bill to establish the Immersive Technology Advisory Panel to promote the use of immersive technology in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, 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. ESCOBAR (for herself, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. TOKUDA, and Ms. SHERRILL):

H.R. 10360. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to enhance the readiness of the Department of Defense to challenges relating to climate change and to improve the energy and resource efficiency of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. EZELL (for himself and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana):

H.R. 10361. A bill to amend the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965 to establish the Capacity Building for Business Districts Pilot Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on 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 Mrs. HARSHBARGER (for herself and Mr. AUCHINCLOSS):

H.R. 10362. A bill to prohibit pharmacy benefit managers and pharmacies from being under common ownership, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. HAYES:

H.R. 10363. A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 1961 with respect to the Emergency Loan Program; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. JAMES:

H.R. 10364. A bill to safeguard children from harmful app services accessible through app stores across the United States, to provide parents with parental controls, to provide parents clear and accurate information about apps and their services to ensure proper parental consent is achieved, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. JAMES:

H.R. 10365. A bill to extend certain authorities relating to United States efforts to combat HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria globally, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. JAMES:

H.R. 10366. A bill to reauthorize the African Growth and Opportunity Act; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE (for herself, Ms. MACE, Mr. TRONE, and Ms. NOR-TON):

H.R. 10367. A bill to establish Federal policies and procedures to notify the next-of-kin or other emergency contact upon the death, or serious illness or serious injury, of an individual in Federal custody, to provide model policies for States, units of local government, and Indian Tribes to implement and enforce similar policies and procedures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KEATING:

H.R. 10368. A bill to codify in statute certain sanctions with respect to the Russian Federation; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Financial Services, Oversight and Accountability, 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. MCGARVEY:

H.R. 10369. A bill to improve the emergency management capabilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H.R. 10370. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish certain labeling requirements for caffeine, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. NORMAN (for himself, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. CLYDE, Ms. MACE, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. MILLS, and Mr. MOOLENAAR):

H.R. 10371. A bill to prohibit sanctuary jurisdictions from receiving community development block grants; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. SCHNEIDER:

H.R. 10372. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to prohibit schools and public libraries that receive universal service support from blocking internet access to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer resources, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. TENNEY (for herself and Mr. COSTA):

H.R. 10373. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to create a tax credit for nurse preceptors; to the Committee on

Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Appropriations, 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. TONKO (for himself and Ms. MCCLELLAN):

H.R. 10374. A bill to require the Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy to develop a consistent set of policy guidelines for Federal research agencies to address mental health and mentoring of graduate researchers and postdoctoral researchers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. TORRES of New York (for himself, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. GIMENEZ, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, and Ms. STEVENS):

H.R. 10375. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act and the Mutual Education and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 to strengthen the critical minerals workforce in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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. WITTMAN (for himself, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. GIMENEZ, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. TORRES of New York, and Mr. CLINE):

H.R. 10376. A bill to amend the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 to prevent the People's Republic of China from exploiting items such as black mass and certain other products produced in the United States; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. WITTMAN (for himself, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. GIMENEZ, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. TORRES of New York, and Mr. CLINE):

H.R. 10377. A bill to encourage the Secretary of the Interior to enter into memoranda of understanding with agencies in other countries with respect to scientific and technical cooperation in the earth sciences; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. WITTMAN (for himself, Mr. GIMENEZ, and Mr. MOOLENAAR):

H.R. 10378. A bill to establish the Critical Mineral Reserve of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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. ROGERS of Alabama:

H. Con. Res. 134. Concurrent resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 5009; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. PAPPAS (for himself and Mr. MANN):

H. Res. 1614. A resolution expressing support for the recognition of December 2024 as "National Impaired Driving Prevention Month", and promoting efforts to help prevent tragic and preventable crashes, deaths, and injuries caused by impaired driving; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted re-

garding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. STEUBE:

H.R. 10350.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate the portion of the Myakka River lying within Sarasota County, Florida as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and for other purposes.

By Mr. FLOOD:

H.R. 10351.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To provide for housing frameworks at the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10352.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 14

The single subject of this legislation is:

Joint Electromagnetic Spectrum Operations Modeling and Simulation Act

By Mr. BACON:

H.R. 10353.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 14

The single subject of this legislation is:

Middle East Space and Satellite Security Alliance Act

By Mrs. BEATTY:

H.R. 10354.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Financial Services

By Mrs. BICE:

H.R. 10355.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18: To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Homeland Security

By Mr. CASTRO of Texas:

H.R. 10356.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Congressman Joaquin Castro

Constitutional Authority—Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. I, Sec. 8, Clause 18)

THE U.S. CONSTITUTION ARTICLE I, SECTION 8. POWERS OF CONGRESS

CLAUSE 18

The Congress shall have power . . . To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for

The single subject of this legislation is:

Foreign Affairs Administration

By Mr. CASTRO of Texas:

H.R. 10357.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Congressman Joaquin Castro

Constitutional Authority—Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. I, Sec. 8, Clause 18)

THE U.S. CONSTITUTION ARTICLE I, SECTION 8. POWERS OF CONGRESS

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