

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to alert the House and the country to the latest boondoggle in foreign policy executed by President Biden, and this time it is the decision we have made to become the port authority of Gaza.

This pier has been a debacle, at a cost of \$320 million. In 2 weeks, we have not even distributed 1,000 metric tons of food aid. Also, in 3 months, the entire pier has to be dismantled because of rising seas and impermissible weather conditions. At most, we are going to be able to deliver about 7,000 metric tons of food at a cost of \$320 million.

Now, I don't know much about what a metric ton is, but I know what the price per pound is. This is \$20,730 per pound for food. If my colleagues are in preparations for their summer barbecue and Members think your grocery bills are too high, know that the American taxpayers are incurring debt to send food to Gaza at a cost of \$20,730 per pound.

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HONORING VALLEY INDUSTRY & COMMERCE ASSOCIATION

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

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Valley Industry & Commerce Association, known as VICA, on the momentous occasion of their 75th anniversary.

Since its founding in 1949, VICA has been a cornerstone of the greater San Fernando Valley, tirelessly advocating for the business community and playing an instrumental role in shaping the region's economic landscape.

VICA has served more than 1.8 million residents and 245,000 businesses, making it an important voice in the prosperity of southern California.

As VICA celebrates this significant milestone, we acknowledge their outstanding contributions and unwavering dedication to the economic growth of the San Fernando Valley, making the valley a vibrant and prosperous place to live and work for decades.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate my good friend Stuart Waldman and the entire VICA board of directors and staff. May VICA continue to thrive and lead with the same passion and commitment for many years to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF HERB ELFRING

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

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, as we commemorate the 80th anniversary of the heroic Normandy invasion, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Herb Elfring of Jackson, Michigan, who passed on May 25 at the age of 102.

From 1940 to 1945, Herb served in the U.S. Army National Guard as a mem-

ber of the 251st Coast Artillery. He was stationed in Hawaii during Pearl Harbor and is one of the last known survivors.

By 1944, Herb had completed Officers Candidate School and was promoted to the rank of captain. Herb was awarded medals for his heroism, including a World War II Medal, American Defense Medal, and the American Campaign Medal.

Following his military service, Herb earned a degree in electrical engineering from the University of Michigan and went on to have a successful career at Consumers Energy. Herb and his late wife, Ruth, were married for 57 years and had five children, eight grandchildren, and their family continues to grow.

Herb was a giant in the Jackson community and was known to enjoy square dancing, playing euchre, and spending time with his loved ones. He was also an advocate for his fellow veterans, helping start the One Stop Veterans Resources. Herb also helped mentor young veterans, including those from recent conflicts.

I was honored to know Herb and spend time with him. He will be sorely missed. We honor Herb for his service to our country, his commitment to our community, and his life well lived.

WE WERE NOT BETTER OFF

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

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, it has come to my attention that a so-called leader has made the factually inaccurate statement that Black folks were better off during Jim Crow. That is an outlandish, outrageous, and out-of-pocket observation.

We were not better off when a young boy named Emmett Till could be brutally murdered without consequence because of Jim Crow. We were not better off when Black women could be sexually assaulted without consequence because of Jim Crow. We were not better off when people could be systematically lynched without consequence because of Jim Crow. We were not better off when children could be denied a high-quality education without consequence because of Jim Crow. We were not better off when people could be denied the right to vote without consequence because of Jim Crow.

How dare you make such an ignorant observation. You better check yourself before you wreck yourself.

EXTENDING THE RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION PROGRAM

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

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of the Radiation Exposure Compensation program, which is set to stop accepting new claims on June 10.

RECA is an essential program for those who are exposed to radiation connected to aboveground nuclear weapons tests conducted here in the United States from 1945 to 1962. Many of those tests took place in Nevada.

While these tests helped the United States keep the peace during the Cold War, they also caused long-term health problems for on-site participants, uranium miners and transporters, individuals, veterans, and all who lived downwind from the Nevada test site. RECA provides compensation to those individuals who have developed various kinds of cancer.

To date, the program has paid out \$2.6 billion to over 40,000 individuals, including 2,500 Nevadans, but these residents are in every State and territory. It is imperative that we not let this program expire.

I urge the Speaker to bring forward legislation that extends RECA so that our government can compensate these Cold War warriors who sacrificed so much for our national security.

WE MUST PROTECT OUR PRECIOUS WATERS

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

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, in New Mexico, we say water is life.

Yet, 1 year ago this week, the United States Supreme Court handed down a 5-4 Sackett decision that gutted the Clean Water Act.

This decision shocked the Nation, defied science, hydrology, and even common sense, upending years of precedent and going even farther than the last administration in undermining the Clean Water Act.

In the process, it left over 90 percent of New Mexico's waters vulnerable, but as New Mexicans, we always rise to the occasion, which is why I am proud of our State's efforts to create a new surface water program and the funding that I helped to secure through the process. To get it done, we are going to need the support of our communities, of the State legislature, and our Federal agencies. Here in Congress, we have to continue to fight to protect the Clean Water Act because our precious waters can't wait. The time to act is now.

DECOLONIZE PUERTO RICO

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

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, it is time to finally decolonize Puerto Rico. We have kept Puerto Rico as a territory since 1898, more than 125 years. Over 3 million people have been denied full political rights.

My grandfather, Amaranath Vidyalkar, was in jail with Gandhi for over 4 years as part of India's independence movement.

Self-determination is essential, and it is essential for Puerto Rico. We must either grant them full independence or statehood. I am committed to working directly with Puerto Ricans on this issue.

It is not our place to tell them what they should choose, but we must end harmful policies like Act 22 that enables tax evasion by the wealthy at the expense of Puerto Rico. We also need to end the lack of food sovereignty in Puerto Rico.

We must end Puerto Rico's colonial status. It was wrong for India, and it is wrong for Puerto Rico in 2024.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE STRATEGIC COMPETITION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment pursuant to section 1(a)(2)(A) of House Resolution 11, 118th Congress, as amended by section 1(b) of House Resolution 78, 118th Congress, and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following Member to the Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party:

Mr. CLINE, Virginia

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HOUSE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces, without objection, the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to clause 11 of rule X, clause 11 of rule I, the order of the House of January 9, 2023, and notwithstanding the requirements of clause 11(a)(1)(D), of the following Members of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

Mr. JACKSON, Texas

Mr. PERRY, Pennsylvania

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 23 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, June 7, 2024, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-4446. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Interim Report to Congress: Post-Planning Period Activities and

Progress", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1396b(aa)(6)(B)(i); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XIX, Sec. 1903 (as amended by Public Law 115-271, Sec. 1003); (132 Stat. 3908); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-4447. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Consumer Confidence Report Rule Revisions [EPA-HQ-OW-2022-0260; FRL 8464-01-OW] (RIN: 2040-AG14) received May 23, 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-4448. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Listing of Substitutes under the Significant New Alternatives Policy Program in Commercial and Industrial Refrigeration [EPA-HQ-OAR-2023-0043; FRL-10125-02-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AV77) received May 23, 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-4449. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of the Clean Air Act, Section 112(1), Authority for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Asbestos Management and Control; State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services [EPA-R01-OAR-2022-0496; FRL-10522-02-R1] received May 23, 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-4450. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-488, "Healthy Homes and Residential Electrification Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-4451. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-485, "Special Education for Young Adults in the Custody of the Department of Corrections Temporary Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-4452. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-484, "Certified Business Enterprise Program Compliance and Enforcement Support Temporary Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-4453. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-480, "Downtown Arena Financing Partnership and Revised Budget Temporary Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-4454. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-481, "Medical Cannabis Patient Card Extension and 4/20 Medical Cannabis Sales Tax Holiday Week Temporary Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-4455. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-482, "Virtual Open Meetings Authority Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-4456. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, trans-

mitting D.C. Act 25-486, "Relief for River East at Grandview Condominium Owners Temporary Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-4457. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-487, "Local Rent Supplement Program Eligibility Temporary Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-4458. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-477, "Vulnerable Youth Guardianship Protection Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-4459. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-479, "Health Occupations Revision General Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-4460. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-478, "Open Movie Captioning Requirement Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-4461. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's Semiannual Report to Congress prepared by the Office of Inspector General, covering the six-month period ending March 31, 2024; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-4462. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-483, "Association Meeting Flexibility Temporary Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-4463. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress covering the 6-month period, which ended on March 31, 2024; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-4464. A letter from the President and Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, transmitting the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis 2023 management report and financial statements, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 9106(a)(1); Public Law 97-258 (as amended by Public Law 101-576, Sec. 306(a)); (104 Stat. 2854); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-4465. A letter from the Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's Semiannual Inspector General report covering the period of October 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-4466. A letter from the Chairman, United States Postal Service, transmitting the Service's Semiannual Report to Congress prepared by the Office of Inspector General for the period of October 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-4467. A letter from the Branch Chief, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Southeast Region, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Electronic Reporting for Federally Permitted Charter Vessels and Headboats in Gulf of Mexico Fisheries [Docket No.: 210907-0179] (RIN: 0648-BH72) 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 Natural Resources.