Captain Pamela Jean Wynfield,
Ambassador (Ret.) Kenneth Spencer Yalowitz,
Ambassador (Ret.) John M. Yates,
Ambassador (Ret.) Stephen M. Young,
Ambassador (Ret.) Marie L. Yovanovitch,
Honorable Joseph Zengerle,
Honorable Jane B. Zimmerman.

FURTHER INCREASES IN ENERGY COSTS

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, as Congress leaves for the weekend, we have to alert the American public over the potential results of the Build Back Better bill as well as the American Rescue Plan that was already passed.

Soon we will be getting our winter heat bills in the Midwest. If you are from Wisconsin, if you are from Michigan, if you are from Minnesota, look out, because we have a big increase in energy costs, and you ought to be cutting back on your spending right now.

In any event, this bill looks like it is stoked up for more spending, which means more inflation. We have new Pell grants for people who are here illegally, and the idea of getting free college for people here illegally and paying for it by inflating the dollar still more is just plain irresponsible.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the American people to pay attention because if this bill passes, it will be further increases in your heat bill.

IRS SURVEILLANCE

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, today I come to the House floor with bad news for American workers and small businesses. Democrats are pushing a misguided provision within their massive tax-and-spend boondoggle that will allow the Internal Revenue Service to spy on practically every financial account in the United States.

Included in their $5.5 trillion socialist, tax-and-spend package is a proposal to create an IRS surveillance program that would require all financial institutions to monitor, track, and report accounts that have more than $10,000 worth of inflow or outflow in a given year without limit.

This is nothing short of widespread, indiscriminate government spying that lays bare a direct threat to our American way of life. The Democrats' plan to give the IRS unfettered access to the personal and private finances of American citizens is a gross abuse of power and should be deeply concerning to anyone who values privacy and economic inclusion.

Given the IRS' past reputation, there is little reason to believe in the agency's capacity to protect this unprecedented access to our personal financial information from cyberattacks and other security breaches.

As the concept of a surveillance state becomes more of a reality, we must oppose Democrats' far-left, socialist policies.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND THE HYDE AMENDMENT

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, as with any massive spending package, the Democrats' $3.5 trillion—it may be getting smaller—reconciliation bill does have some good items in it that we could agree on in a better package, such as critically important disaster relief funds for fires, flood, and other recovery efforts.

Unfortunately, tucked amongst this are some necessary programs but also attempts by the Democrats to once again circumvent the Hyde amendment, originally passed in the House in 1976, and which would force American taxpayers to fund elective abortions.

In the reconciliation bill, there are millions of dollars worth of public health grants not Hyde-protected. This bill also mandates abortion coverage in the Affordable Care Act for plans covering individuals above the poverty line.

Additionally, it sets aside $1.75 billion for public health activities that would allow the CDC to construct facilities that perform elective abortion and trains others to do so.

If this bill is adopted as currently written, violating the Hyde amendment, all Americans will have to pay for abortions regardless of their State's policies or their own moral or religious convictions.

AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE ON THE MOVE

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, this morning President Joseph Biden was brilliant. He gathered together the members of the Democratic Caucus, and he spoke to the American people about the brilliance of a seismic, monumental effort to change the lives of generations of Americans.

We as Democrats stood united behind the framework of Build Back Better, realizing that we will change the lives of kindergartners and children across the land and change the world. With universal preschool for 3- and 4-year-olds; affordable, high-quality childcare; affordable, high-quality care for hundreds of thousands of those older Americans in the latter part of their lives, allowing them to live at home in dignity—expanded child tax cut, is what I would like to call it—we stood unified.

For all the chattering about friends on the other side of the aisle, name one good deed that they have done to change generations of Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to stand with Joe Biden, the President of the United States. When he leaves and goes to the G20, he will be able to say that he has a united Caucus that believes in climate change, that believes in humanity and the human infrastructure that Build Back Better is.

We are on the move. We are on the road. We are going to pass both bills. And we are going to change Americans' lives forever and ever and ever. I am proud to be a Democrat and to stand in this monumental era of our time.

Mr. Speaker, tell the American people we are on the move.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN THE ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 5763, FURTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2021

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of H.R. 5763, the Clerk be directed to make the correction I have placed at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the changes.

The Clerk read as follows:

On page 3, line 17, insert ''of this section'' after ''(c)''.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Rhode Island?

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until noon on Monday next for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

Thereupon (at 7 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, November 1, 2021, at noon 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–2547. A letter from the Director, Regulations Management Division, Rural Development Innovation Center, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's funding opportunity announcement — Rural eConnectivity Program [Docket Number: RUS-21-Telecom-0010] received October 25, 2021, 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–2548. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for Legislation Regulations, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — Extension of Time and Required Disclosures for Notification of Nonpayment of Rent [Docket No.: FR-6286-I-01] (RIN: 2501-AD99) received October 19, 2021, pursuant to