UNLEASH AMERICAN ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

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

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, today, I rise as average gas prices across the country approach $4.50. The average American household will now have to spend an extra $2,000 per year thanks to President Biden's war on American energy.

On his very first day in office, he canceled the Keystone pipeline. He has since raided the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, leaving us unprepared for national security emergencies. He has made it more difficult and expensive to drill for oil. And just last week, President Biden canceled drilling permits in Alaska and the Gulf of Mexico. It is apparent that he wants gas prices to continue to rise. I don't know how else to say it.

The folks of middle Tennessee know exactly who to blame for rising energy costs: President Joe Biden.

Madam Speaker, President Biden must do better. The President's energy policies are crushing middle Tennesseans while the answer to this crisis lies right under our feet. We can't afford to wait for the next President to unleash America's energy independence.

CONGRATULATING LISA WILKINS

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate my friend Lisa Wilkins—I used to know her when she was Lisa Morgan—on her retirement after 32 years of teaching in the Knox County school system.

Lisa started teaching in 1987 as a first-grade teacher at Karns Elementary School, and she held that position for 17 long years. After that, she took a job at Rocky Hill Elementary School as a teacher for third and fourth graders, then became a literacy coach for Chilhowee Intermediate School, Maynard Elementary School, and Sequoyah Elementary School. She then returned to teaching first graders for the last 8 years of her career at Rocky Hill Elementary School.

Lisa's favorite thing about teaching these little kids was the joy she could see on their faces, Madam Speaker, every day. She loved seeing their sweet little faces light up every time they entered her classroom, and she took great joy in seeing the proud looks on their faces when they finally understood a difficult concept.

Lisa had a positive impact on so many students and teachers, Madam Speaker, throughout her career. She had a special talent for mentoring new teachers and helping them find their footing, and that talent will surely be missed.

At a weak moment, she married her husband, Kent, and 31 wonderful years later, they have raised two daughters, Morgan and Madison, along with their two dogs, Baylee and Brentley. Kent adores his wife, as he should, and says she is the best mother, wife, and teacher anyone could ever dream of.

I congratulate Lisa on her retirement. I wish her all the best in the next chapter of her life. I can't imagine her retiring, since she is 1 year younger than I am.

THE INFLATION CRISIS

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, we just got back from our home districts, and we all heard different things, but I am sure I talked to dozens, maybe over 100, people over the weekend. The number one topic of concern is inflation.

In particular, I ran across someone whose house sold for probably 50 percent more than I would have thought that house would sell for a year-and-a-half ago. I am sure it was good for the person who sold the house, but I feel so sorry for young people today.

Now, why is the cost of housing up so much? The same reason the cost of gas is up and the same reason the cost of food is up. It is because we have a greatly increased money supply.

I encourage all Americans to get on your computers, look at M2 and M1, measure of the monetary supply. That is not something that has anything whatsoever to do with the war in Ukraine. It is simply overspending on the part of this Congress.

The American Rescue Plan Act, the first big spending act of the new administration, is one of the most fiscally irresponsible things I have ever seen.

But I encourage all Americans, when you talk to your Congressman, tell them: ''Government is big enough. Please don't spend any more.''

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GRIFFITH (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today on account of family matters.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. ROSS). Pursuant to section 11(b) of House Resolution 188, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 7 o'clock and 56 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 17, 2022, at 9 a.m.

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF FINAL REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO THE CONGRESSIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

MAY 16, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: On May 10, 2022, the House of Representatives passed House Resolution 1096, thereby approving the regulations adopted by the Board of Directors of the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights that were promulgated under section 220(e)(1) of the Congressional Accountability Act (CAA), 2 U.S.C. §1351(e)(1), to the extent such regulations are consistent with the provisions of the CAA. The approved regulations govern unionizing and collective bargaining rights in the House offices listed in section 220(e)(2) of the CAA.

Section 304 of the CAA, (2 U.S.C. §1384) provides that, after congressional approval of substantive regulations, the Board shall submit the regulations to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate. Accordingly, on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, I am transmitting the enclosed Notice of Issuance of Final Regulations, together with a copy of the final regulations.

The CAA further specifies that the enclosed notice be published in the Congressional Record on the first day on which both the House and the Senate are in session following this transmittal. Because the approved regulations only govern rights in the House offices listed in section 220(e)(2) of the CAA, the Board requests publication only in the Congressional Record for the House.

Sincerely,

BARBARA CHILDS WALLACE,
Chair of the Board of Directors,
Office of Congressional Workplace Rights.

Attachment.

NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF FINAL REGULATIONS

The Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (CAA) was enacted into law on January 23, 1995. In general, the CAA applies the rights and protections of 14 federal labor and employment law statutes to covered congressional employees and employing offices. Section 220 of the CAA addresses the application of chapter 71 of title 5, United States Code (chapter 71), relating to Federal Service Labor-Management Relations. Section 220(a) of the CAA applies the rights, protections, and responsibilities established under sections 7102, 7106, 7111 through 7117, 7119 through 7122, and 7131 of chapter 71 to employing offices, covered employees, and representatives of covered employees.

Section 220(d) of the Act requires the Board of Directors of the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights (Board) to issue regulations to implement section 220. The Board adopted final regulations under section 220(d) on July 9, 1996; Congress subsequently approved those regulations; and they became effective on November 30, 1996.

Section 220(e)(1) of the CAA further requires that the Board issue regulations ''on the manner and extent to which the requirements and exemptions of chapter 71 . . . should apply to covered employees who are employed in the offices listed in'' section 220(e)(2). The offices listed in section 220(e)(2) include:

(A) the personal office of any Member of the House of Representatives;

(B) a standing, select, special, permanent, temporary, or other committee of the House of Representatives;

(C) the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Office of the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives,