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The House is back! I'm proud to support my friend and our new Speaker, Mike Johnson (more on that below). Immediately following his election my colleagues and I passed a resolution supporting Israel and condemning the terrorist attack by Hamas. We then took up debate on our appropriations bills and other legislation that will help the American people. It will be a very busy few weeks as we finish our nation's budget, address the atrocities committed against Israel, and deal with the other priorities we have, but I know that the Republican majority in the House is up to the task.

The Reality of "Bidenomics", Part 2

Back on October 1st, I shared with you how "Bidenomics" is hurting our pocketbooks and erasing our life savings. I mentioned the direct impacts Biden's failed policies are having on our ability to put food on the table and provide for our energy needs. Although America has the resources available to provide affordable, clean, and reliable energy (much of which is right here in Wyoming). President Biden and his band of bureaucrats refuse to allow us to access them, adopting more and more regulations and restrictions, thereby preventing us from lessening the economic burden on the everyday taxpayer.

Just this week, the [New York Times](#) exposed the Biden Administration's efforts to fudge the numbers by falsely claiming that they are actually *saving* taxpayer money. The NYT article also discusses the damage that this Administration has done by implementing bad fiscal decisions and wasteful spending. Biden officials have sought to employ an "accounting mirage" to claim a \$300 billion "savings" that they had allocated to implement their student loan forgiveness program – money Congress never appropriated, related to a program Congress never approved, and a giveaway that the Supreme Court has declared to be illegal. The Administration, in other words, is claiming a "savings" of \$300 billion related to money they were never entitled to appropriate in the first place. If only we could all use that time-worn trick of "saving" money we never had in the first place!

This NYT article describes how interest on the national debt is now a record \$659 billion per year – and growing. Within 30 years, the interest on our debt alone will be our nation's largest annual expenditure. We simply cannot ignore this reality any longer: we must get our nation's spending under control. For Democrats, the solution is to continue to raise taxes. My Republican colleagues and I have a different approach: we must look at our nation's spending habits, cut out the waste, cut federal agencies and programs, stop the nonsense surrounding such things as "diversity" offices, force our military to focus on national defense rather than the newest woke agenda, and dramatically shrink the size and scope of the federal government. That is why House Republicans are committed to passing individual appropriations bills; offsetting necessary expenditures through cuts to the enormous waste, fraud, and abuse that has exploded in the federal government; and defunding programs that shouldn't exist.

It's not often that I recommend a NY Times article, but if you focus on the actual numbers and statistics they provide, while ignoring their attempted spin, the reality of our nation's spending problem is becoming unavoidable, even for committed leftists.

[Read the Article Here](#)

Congratulations, Speaker Johnson!

“Mike outlined a clear plan and timeline to pass the remaining appropriations bills, NDAA, farm bill, and conference with the Senate. He also committed to canceling the 2024 August recess unless all 12 appropriations bills have passed the House. He will fight for our Constitutional rights and for a limited federal government, which are also the same ideals that we hold in Wyoming. I look forward to being a strong ally of our new Speaker in this fight, which is one that we can and must win.”

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This week House Republicans **UNANIMOUSLY** elected my dear friend and fellow Judiciary Committee member, Mike Johnson, to assume the House's highest position. As the 56th Speaker of the House he will be 2nd-in-line to the Presidency, set the legislative road map for the House, lead Congress as we pass our remaining appropriations bills, and champion our conservative constitutional agenda across the nation.

Speaker Johnson is a man of great character and a staunch constitutional conservative with an impressive record; he was the only candidate for this position to present a clear plan for implementing all of the House's upcoming priorities. I am a strong supporter of Speaker Johnson and have no doubt that he will excel in this role.

My Newest Bill will Protect Wyoming's Industries

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H.R. 6085

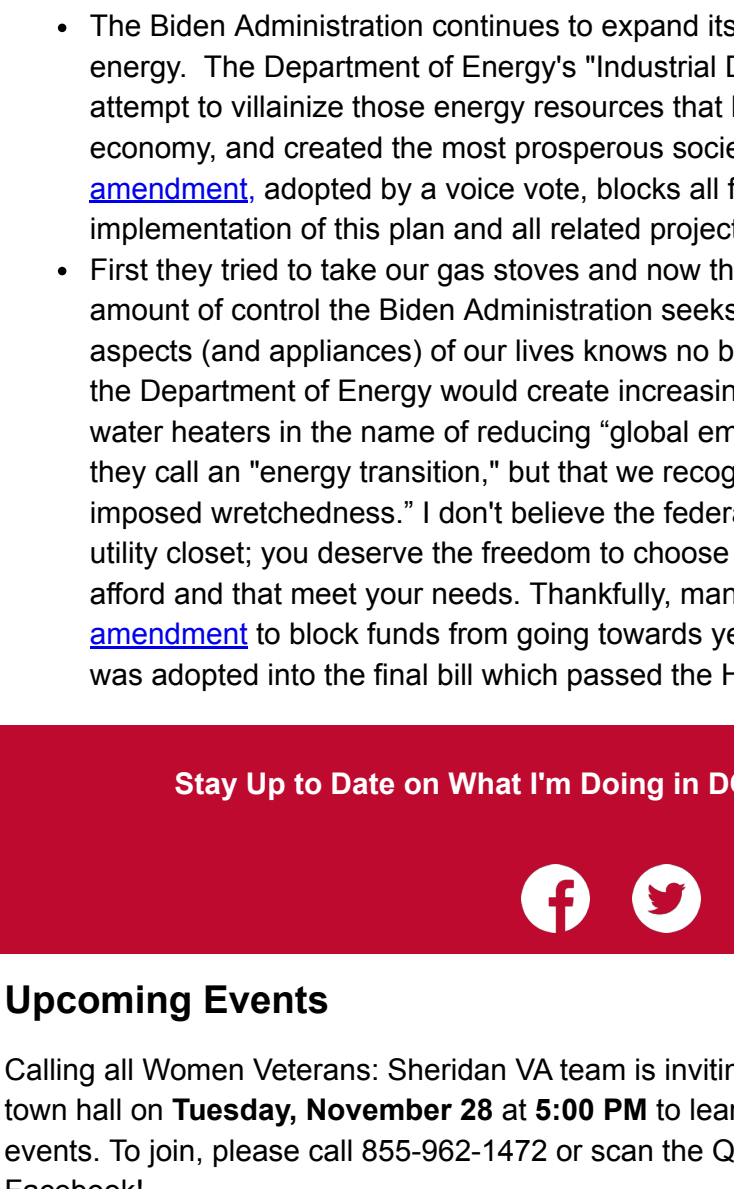
- Blocks implementation of the Bureau of Land Management's Rock Springs Resource Management Plan
- Preserves Wyoming's recreation, hunting, energy, trona, and livestock sectors

Ever since the Bureau of Land Management first announced their draft resource management plan for the Rock Springs Field Office, Wyomingites far and wide have loudly pointed out its countless flaws and the disastrous outcomes it promises for our state. Regardless of which alternative BLM selects, Wyoming will suffer, though Alternative B (unsurprisingly, the BLM's preferred option) promises the greatest damage to our economy.

In order to protect the industries like recreation, energy production, and livestock grazing that drive Wyoming's economy and form our resilient spirit, I introduced H.R. 6085 on Friday. This bill will permanently prevent the BLM from using this draft plan, forcing them to restart their evaluation process, hopefully listening this time to the needs of our communities. By legislatively preventing this rule from taking effect, our recreation, energy, ranching, and related industries will be able to continue to operate as they have been, removing confusion over potential changes and allowing for uninterrupted activities. For more information, check out this [Cowboy State Daily article](#) on the bill.

A Busy Week in the Natural Resources Committee

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H.R. 3415

Pilot Butte Power Plant Conveyance Act

- Transfers plant ownership from Bureau of Reclamation to Midvale Irrigation District
- Mitigates water scarcity concerns in Wyoming
- Provides local communities with additional revenue streams

✓ Bill Introduced

✓ Approved by Subcommittee

✓ Passed by Full Committee

○ Referred to House Floor for Vote

○ Bill Passed

Following Speaker Johnson's unanimous election, the Natural Resources Committee convened to hold two important hearings related to Western resources.

In the first, [I spoke](#) in favor of Rep. Boebert's *Restoring American Energy Dominance Act*, pushing back against government-forced dependence on unreliable energy sources such as wind and solar. Tom Kropatsch, representing the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, testified about how vital the revenue generated by our oil and gas companies is to funding Wyoming services. Reliable energy is not only important for keeping our lights on and heating our homes, but it provides some of the highest paying jobs in the state, and all of us benefit. More oil, gas, and coal development will lower our utility and transportation costs, while also producing more revenue to be reinvested in our communities.

In my Water, Wildlife and Fisheries Subcommittee [I questioned](#) the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) witness about the agency's attempt to unilaterally adjust the process used to delist species from the Endangered Species Act. Not only are these unelected bureaucrats ignoring and distorting Congressional intent (requiring the USFWS to delist once a species meets objective recovery criteria), but they are also attempting expand what is considered "critical habitat" as a workaround to restrict recreational access and economic development on our public lands. I was able to prod the USFWS employee into admitting that critical habitat has little conservation value. That is an important admission for future efforts to use the ESA to control large swaths of land.

The bottom line is that the Biden Administration officials have far exceeded Congressional authority, to the detriment of our country, and we are all paying the price – at the gas pump, at the grocery store, and everywhere else. This hearing was another example of the importance of the work my colleagues and I are doing on the ESA Working Group.

The full committee of Natural Resources met Thursday for a mark-up which included my bill, [H.R. 3415](#), the *Pilot Butte Power Plant Conveyance Act*. This bill transfers ownership of the Pilot Butte Power Plant from the Bureau of Reclamation to Midvale Irrigation District and was passed without opposition by the Natural Resources Committee! H.R. 3415 is now awaiting a full vote by the entire House of Representatives.

Ensuring Taxpayer Dollars are Used Properly, Part 3

Less than 36 hours after Speaker Johnson was sworn in, House Republicans completed debate on and passed the Energy and Water Development appropriations bill. The Republican-led House has now passed **5** of the 12 appropriations bills, funding over 70% of our government. We are still awaiting the Democrat-led Senate to pass any. Next week, the House will begin consideration of three additional appropriations bills as we work toward fully funding the government for Fiscal Year 2024. I am pleased to report that two of my amendments were adopted as part of the Energy and Water Development bill:

- The Biden Administration continues to expand its war against reliable American-produced energy. The Department of Energy's "Industrial Decarbonization Roadmap" is the latest attempt to villainize those energy resources that have built this country, powered our economy, and created the most prosperous society in the history of mankind. [My amendment](#), adopted by a voice vote, blocks all federal funds from going towards the implementation of this plan and all related projects.
- First they tried to take our gas stoves and now they are coming after our water heaters. The amount of control the Biden Administration seeks to exercise over even the most basic aspects (and appliances) of our lives knows no bounds. If implemented, proposed rules from the Department of Energy would create increasingly burdensome standards for consumer water heaters in the name of reducing "global emissions" and their effort to force us into what they call an "energy transition," but that we recognize is more accurately called "government imposed wretchedness." I don't believe the federal government belongs in your kitchen or utility closet; you deserve the freedom to choose what appliances and products you can afford and that meet your needs. Thankfully, many of my colleagues agree, and [my amendment](#) to block funds from going towards yet another instance of government overreach was adopted into the final bill which passed the House.

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Upcoming Events

Calling all Women Veterans: Sheridan VA team is inviting you and your families to join their virtual town hall on **Tuesday, November 28 at 6:00 PM** to learn about available services and upcoming events. To join, please call 855-962-1472 or scan the QR code to join the live stream online or on Facebook!



Congress in Your Community

Sign up for a time slot to meet with my staff [here](#) or call 307-261-6595 to schedule an appointment! Exact addresses for Congress in Your Community locations will be provided once meeting times are confirmed.

Congress in Lincoln County:

Thu, November 8, 2023 – 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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Recent Votes

To see my full voting record and more information on each bill, [click here](#).

- Voted **YES** on [H.Res. 771](#), which affirms the House of Representatives' support for Israel and condemns the actions of Hamas and other Islamist terrorists.
- Voted **YES** on [H.R. 4394](#), the *Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act*.

Cosponsored Legislation

Here are some highlights of [bills I'm cosponsoring](#):

- [H. Res. 812](#), censuring Rep. Jamaal Bowman for illegally triggering a fire alarm and attempting to obstruct Congress.
- [H.J. Res. 66](#), which nullifies a Consumer Financial Protection Bureau rule that would force financial institutions to collect and report credit application data for small businesses.
- [H.R. 5959](#), which prohibits individuals holding passports from the Palestinian Authority from receiving visas, parole, or admission into the United States.
- [H.R. 2365](#), the *National Plan to End Parkinson's Act*, which directs the Department of Health and Human Services to begin a project to prevent and cure Parkinson's disease.

Tweet of the Week

 Rep. Harriet Hageman @RepHageman · 21h

"Net Zero" carbon is a Green New Deal fantasy. No matter the amount of

wasteful subsidies, the world needs fossil fuels - and America should be

supplying them.

 FreedomWorks @FreedomWorks · 21h

⚠️ Climate Realism: "No-carbon fuels" are not only no-such-thing, and only a charlatan would argue otherwise, but they receive four

times the amount in federal subsidies while producing less than one

fifth of the energy as compared to our legacy industries."

@RepHageman #ampFW

Video of the Week

For the West to thrive, more local water storage is needed

In the News

"A weak America makes for a very dangerous world"

I'm thankful for every opportunity to return to Wyoming and update our citizens on everything that's happening in Washington. Thanks to all who were present at last week's event in Riverton!

Hageman Pleased With Election Of 'Solid Conservative' Mike Johnson As Speaker

Speaker Johnson is a Constitutional Conservative who has spent his career fighting for a limited government. I am excited to work with him and have full confidence in his ability to lead our Republican Majority!

