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Weekly Wrap-Up with Congressman Byron Donalds March 18, 2024

Last week my office was hard at work on Capitol Hill holding the radicals in the Biden administration accountable and delivering upon meaningful solutions on behalf of our Southwest Florida community, the State of Florida, and the American people.

The week began with another unfortunate reminder that Joe Biden's economic policies are failing our nation. The newly released February 2024 CPI report confirmed that inflation is up 3.2% and a total of 18.6% since Joe Biden took office. Also since Joe Biden took office, average weekly earnings are down 4.2%, average year over year inflation is 5.6% and some of the largest price increases include air fare up 31.4%, natural gas up 30%, baby formula up 29.6%, electricity up 28.4%, pet food up 22.7%, groceries up 21.2%, public transport up 20.8% and rent up 20%. Reminder: This cost-of-living crisis is a direct result of Joe Biden's trillions of dollars in reckless overspending during the 117th Congress.

As the week, progressed another bombshell report was released regarding the House Administration Committee's investigation into Nancy Pelosi' now-defunct January 6th Select Committee. According to investigators, the January 6th Committee improperly deleted records and hid key evidence from the American people. The committee also colluded with the now-infamous Georgia District Attorney Fani Willis and promoted false testimony. This committee was a media farce used to go after President Trump and I look forward to the House Administration Committee's subsequent findings.

Later in the week, shocking developments occurred on the floor of the U.S. Senate. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer recklessly meddled in Israeli elections and called for the ouster of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. President Biden later confirmed that he had spoken with Schumer before he gave his speech and was supportive of his sentiments. This is completely inappropriate and out of line. Israel fighting for survival against genocidal terrorists who just committed the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust. America must stand with Israel. Note that Schumer constantly warns of interference in U.S. elections but willingly interfered in Israel's elections. We should not be trying to replace the leaders of our allies, especially as they're facing existential threats to their existence.

Furthermore, I joined colleagues in addressing national security concerns. The Logan Act forbids private citizens from engaging in unauthorized negotiation with foreign governments. John Kerry engaged in backchannel communications with Iran during the Trump administration. We cannot have former officials backchannelling with our greatest adversaries and I joined my colleagues in demanding answers. Illegal alien crime is also a key national security concern affecting our nation. Just days ago, a member of our Southwest Florida community was sexually assaulted by an illegal alien. Americans throughout all corners of our nation are bearing the perilous consequences of Joe Biden's open border crime wave. I stand with Rep. Buchanan (R-FL) to ensure that all illegal aliens who have been convicted of sexual assault are deemed immediately deportable. These shocking and completely avoidable crimes must come to an end.

As your Congressman, you have my commitment to work on your behalf and restore order and proper governance to The People's House.

Legislative Updates

February 2024 Inflation Numbers Released

Last Monday, February inflation numbers were released. Inflation was up 3.2%. Here are some of February's largest increases:

- Frozen drinks up 27.2%
- Car insurance up 20.6%
- Sports tickets up 11%
- Fabric/Clothing supplies up 11%
- Accounting services up 9.8%
- Nonprescription medicine up 9.3%
- Senior care up 9%
- Baby formula up 8.8%
- Veterinarian services up 7.9%
- Outpatient hospital services up 7.9%
- Vending machines/Food trucks up 7.7%
- Financial services up 7.1%

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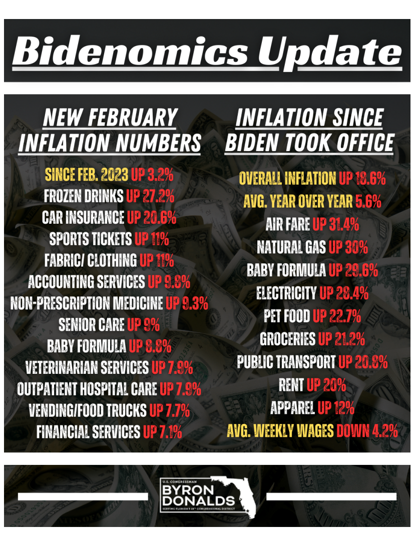


Initial Findings Report From The Investigation Into The January 6th Committee Released

A new initial findings report from the House Administration Committee's Oversight Subcommittee chaired by Rep. Barry Loudermilk (R-GA) reveals:

- The Democrats' January 6th Committee deleted records
- The Democrats' January 6th Committee hid evidence from America
- The Democrats' January 6th Committee colluded with DA Fani Willis
- The Democrats' January 6th Committee promoted false testimony

Find the full initial findings report *HERE*.

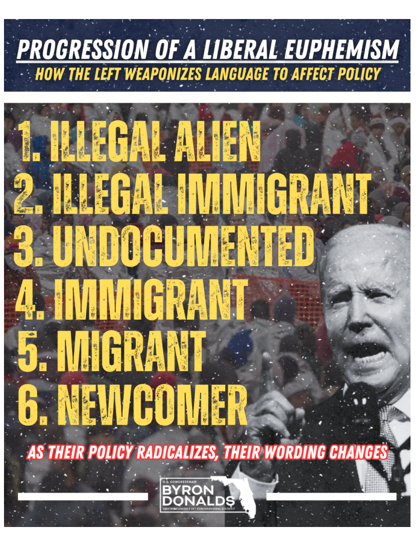
The Progression Of A Liberal Euphemism

The Biden administration is now referring to illegal aliens as "newcomers."

This is the progression of a liberal euphemism:

1) Illegal Alien
2) Illegal Immigrant
3) Undocumented Immigrant
4) Immigrant
5) Migrant
6) Newcomer

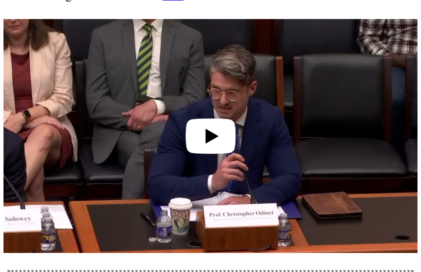
NOTE: If a noncitizen enters the US unlawfully & without authorization, they're by definition, an "ILLEGAL ALIEN." Stop with the semantics.



Donalds Attends House Financial Services Full Committee Hearing

Congressman Donalds attended a full committee hearing of the House Financial Services Committee entitled, "Bureaucratic Overreach or Consumer Protection? Examining the CFPB's Latest Action to Restrict Competition in Payments."

See the Congressman's remarks here or below:



Donalds Attends Subcommittee On Economic Growth, Energy Policy, & Regulatory Affairs Hearing

Congressman Donalds attended a hearing of the House Oversight & Accountability Committee–Economic Growth, Energy Policy & Regulatory Affairs Subcommittee entitled, "The Power Struggle: Examining the Reliability & Security of America's Electrical Grid."

See the Congressman's remarks here or below:

Donalds Joins Buchanan To Fight Illegal Alien Crime in Southwest Florida

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See Daily Caller exclusive *HERE*.

POLITICS

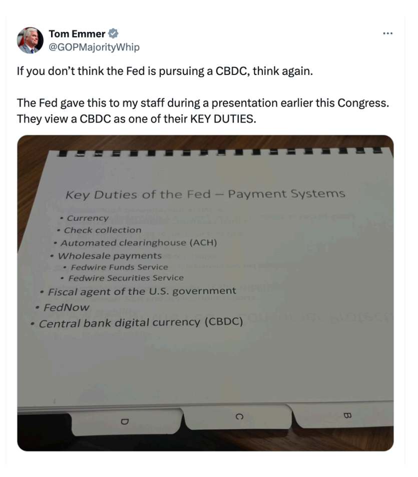
EXCLUSIVE: House Republicans Introduce Bill To Detain And Deport Illegal Immigrant Sexual Predators

CBDC Is A Dangerous Threat To Freedom

CBDC would give the federal government absolute control over your money.

This is a dangerous threat to freedom.

It is critical that we work to protect the American people from government tyranny & that we never allow the creation of CBDC in America.



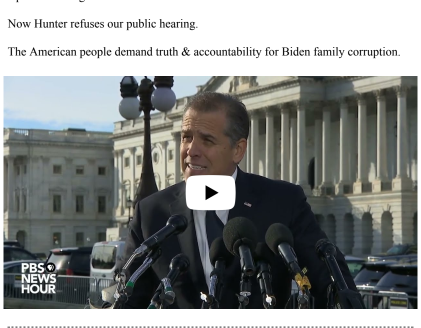
Hunter Biden Refuses Invitation After Begging For Public Hearing

In December, Hunter Biden declared to the world, "I've chosen. I'm here to testify at a public hearing...What are they afraid of? I'm here. I'm ready."

The House Oversight & Accountability Committee subsequently scheduled Hunter a public hearing.

Now Hunter refuses our public hearing.

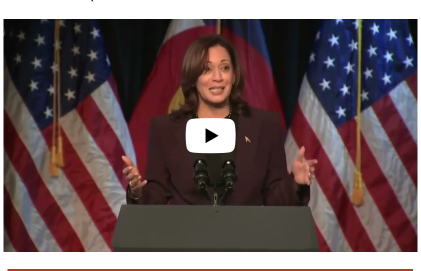
The American people demand truth & accountability for Biden family corruption.



VP Harris Deflects From Democrat Lawfare: Let's Check The Tape

Despite radical Democrats committing the most egregious lawfare in American history, Kamala Harris just tried to shift blame.

Let's check the tape...



Community Updates

Save The Date: Congressional Art Competition

Our annual Congressional Art Competition for SWFL students living in Florida's 19th Congressional District has begun!

If you are interested in participating please submit your artwork to either our Lee Co. or Collier Co. District Offices by FRIDAY April 12th.

Team Donalds Attends Valerie's House Grand Opening

The mission of Valerie's House is to help children & families work through the loss of a loved one & go on to live fulfilling lives.

This week, my team attended the grand opening of their newest location within our Southwest Florida community.

No child should ever grieve alone.

Thank You Greater Naples Fire District Chief Nolan Sapp

"Fire service has never been a job for me. It's a way of life."

The consummate public servant, Chief Nolan Sapp of the Greater Naples Fire District served the American people in law enforcement & fire safety roles for the past 46 years.

Thank you for your service to our community!

Attention Americans In Haiti

The Florida Division of Emergency Management is working to help Floridians currently in Haiti.

If you need help or know of Floridians who need help in Haiti, please complete this form: https://floridadisaster.org/Haiti

Team Donalds Celebrates Save The Florida Panther Day

The Florida Panther is an iconic fixture of Southwest Florida.

Not long ago, this endangered species was on the brink of extinction.

It is critical that we work to protect endangered species like the Florida Panther in our community & across our great state.

In The Media – Print Media

GOP Blasts Consumer Agency Over Push To Regulate Digital Wallets, Payment Apps

US Explored Adding More Cobalt To Defence Stockpiles

Byron Donalds Finds It 'Disgusting' That Biden Scolded Supreme Court

House GOP Demands John Kerry Discloses Details Of His 'Shadow Diplomacy' With Iran During Trump Presidency

House Republicans Introduce Bill To Detain And Deport Illegal Immigrant Sexual Predators

Donalds To Newsmax: Biden Made, Not Fixed, Economic Crisis

In The Media – Digital Media

ICYMI: Rep. Donalds Joined Fox & Friends Sunday on Fox News Channel

Watch my full interview *HERE* or click below:

ICYMI: Rep. Donalds Joined The Balance With Eric Bolling on Newsmax

Watch my full interview *HERE* or click below:

ICYMI: Rep. Donalds Joined The Evening Edit on Fox Business Network

Watch my full interview *HERE* or click below:

ICYMI: Rep. Donalds Joined Daybreak With Drew Steele on 92.5 Fox News Radio Fort Myers, FL

Watch my full interview *HERE* or click below:

ICYMI: Rep. Donalds Mentioned-On Hannity on Fox News Channel

Watch my full interview *HERE* or click below:

ICYMI: Rep. Donalds Joined Rob Schmitt Tonight on Newsmax

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ICYMI: Rep. Donalds Joined The Sean Hannity Show

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ICYMI: Rep. Donalds Joined Kudlow on Fox Business Network

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ICYMI: Rep. Donalds Joined Sunday Morning Futures on Fox News Channel

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Serving the hardworking men and women of Florida's 19th Congressional District is my distinct honor and privilege. It's time Washington works for our community's values, and I will always strive to ensure your government is working for you every day.

Sincerely,

Byron L. Donalds
Member of Congress

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