

Mr. CARNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Judge Leonard Williams, who died recently at age 78.

Judge Williams was one of Delaware's most prominent civil rights leaders and a successful lawyer and judge in Wilmington. Judge Williams spent his life breaking barriers and paving the way for others. Judge Williams was one of the first African American students to integrate the University of Delaware and was the first African American on its football team.

Judge Williams was the longtime law partner of Louis Redding, the Wilmington lawyer who argued Delaware's *Brown v. Board of Education* case before the Supreme Court.

He was a friend and mentor to countless members of our community. Judge Williams was part of the Greatest Generation of African Americans, those who fought the often lonely fight for civil rights and justice, enduring struggle and hardship to make our State and our country a better place for everyone. His presence in the State of Delaware, and particularly in my home city of Wilmington, will be sorely missed.

My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

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A BALANCED BUDGET MEANS JOBS

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

Mr. RADEL. Mr. Speaker, as a freshman, I am the first to make fun of myself and, quite frankly, of both parties. It seems that last session's budget negotiations consisted of Democrats making videos of Republicans throwing your grandmother off a cliff while wonky Republicans would be in the corner, talking about the debt-to-GDP ratio and other things that most hard-working Americans don't have time to think about or understand. But let me tell you what we can all understand: Republicans are doing what Senate Democrats have not done in years—we will pass another budget.

So why does this matter to you?

It matters because a balanced budget means jobs, opportunity and, ultimately, more money in your pocket. More money in Washington means less money for you—less money for your gas, your groceries, your rent, your mortgage, and maybe your next vacation to Florida. Now, being bipartisan, do you know who understood that more than anyone? President Bill Clinton. With a Republican House, the budget was balanced.

We conservatives are working hard to balance that budget today for your opportunity and your job. We are here working for you.

THE RYAN BUDGET

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

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, the Republican budget, sometimes called the "Ryan budget," also called the "path to prosperity," is really more of the same, more of the same that we've seen for the past 3 years. The only difference is it's worse. The budget is supposed to be the blueprint and is supposed to set forth the philosophy and the policy of the majority; but look at some of the problems. There are many of them, but let's concentrate on seniors. Let's see how it affects them.

The voucher is back. It means Medicare costs are going to rise. There is no closing of the doughnut hole anymore for your prescription drugs because ObamaCare is repealed, and we're going to lose \$810 billion in Medicaid, which is a cut of one-third, two-thirds of which go to the disabled and seniors. The irony is that the majority says it repeals ObamaCare; yet it keeps \$716 billion in Medicare savings and all revenues from ObamaCare for a total of \$1 trillion. So \$2 trillion of its balancing the so-called budget is on the backs of ObamaCare—the ObamaCare that it says it repeals.

This cannot be what this body wants to be identified with—a path to nowhere.

SUPPORTING THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET

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

Mr. STUTZMAN. It's hard for President Obama to find a solution when he doesn't understand the problem.

This week, he told ABC News that he doesn't believe that our country faces a debt crisis. Yesterday, Senate Democrats outlined a budget that never balances but that sinks us further and further into debt year after year.

The American people understand that nearly \$17 trillion of debt is no way to run a country. Hoosiers know that every penny Washington borrows today will be taken from taxpayer pockets tomorrow. Folks back home know this, and so do House Republicans. That's why I am proud to support the budget my friend and colleague Chairman RYAN introduced this week.

Mr. Speaker, this budget actually balances in 10 years—something our Democrat colleagues' budget in the Senate never does. It never balances. Our budget encourages economic growth and promotes opportunity for all Americans. By simplifying the Tax Code, scaling back government overreach and strengthening the promises made to seniors, our budget puts this country on a responsible, balanced path.

I commend Chairman RYAN and the House Budget Committee for their work.

BUDGET PRIORITIES

(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, it is time to debate the budget again, but despite the differences in this Chamber, we could come together and choose to invest in our middle class. We could compromise and responsibly reduce spending while protecting the most vulnerable. We could reach across the aisle and protect the jobs of our teachers and police officers while ending the ludicrous tax loopholes for oil companies.

Instead, we see another case of political gamesmanship. Instead of providing targeted tax cuts to working class families, the Republican budget increases tax breaks for the wealthiest in the country at the expense of middle-income taxpayers, who will pay an average of \$2,000 per family. Instead of solidifying the safety net for our seniors, the Republican budget guts it by turning Medicare into a voucher program. Instead of healing our still fragile housing market, the Republican budget refuses to protect the mortgage interest deduction that our middle class families depend upon.

What we should be doing is working together to put the American Dream back within the reach of our middle class.

IN SUPPORT OF THE SKILLS ACT

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

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, I have made it a priority since day one to support pro-growth, pro-jobs legislation that encourages entrepreneurship and supports innovation—all in the name of strengthening our economy and making certain the United States remains globally competitive and is the place where the hardest working and best minds exist.

To remain competitive, we must continue to have the best trained workforce in the world. Quite often, programs in Washington, D.C., are cumbersome and difficult to use. We must all endeavor to make the Federal Government more efficient and effective.

That's why, today, I rise in approval of the SKILLS Act, and encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this commonsense legislation that will eliminate burdensome and frustrating roadblocks that prevent out-of-work Americans from accessing beneficial workforce development programs and job skills training efforts that will only help our national economy.

Mr. Speaker, everyone must have a chance to succeed in our current economy, a chance to realize the American Dream. Let's pass the SKILLS Act so we continue working together in a competitive and thriving economy.

RYAN BUDGET

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

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Mr. RYAN's budget would cause millions of people to lose access to health care and tens of millions more to lose their jobs.

My question is simple: Why?

I've been here 802 days, and we have not considered a serious jobs bill yet. There are approximately 12 million people unemployed. It's unemployment, not debt, that's at an emergency level. When people lose their jobs, they lose their dignity; they lose their health care and eventually lose their homes.

Shame, shame, shame.

There is only one responsible way to reduce the deficit—get everyone trained, get everyone working, and get everyone contributing to the tax base. People are hurting. People are suffering. They want opportunities. Mr. Speaker, our mantra should be “jobs, jobs, jobs.”

RYAN BUDGET

(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, I rise today in opposition to the Republican budget proposal that's soon to be considered by the House.

The policies therein were debated and soundly rejected in the last election. In Las Vegas and across the country, Americans made it clear that our budget should be a path forward for a strong middle class and should be a serious investment in the next generation.

Instead, the Republican budget shrinks investment in infrastructure and education, cuts funding to research and development, eliminates the safety net for our most vulnerable, and ends the Medicare guarantee. Furthermore, it should include a question mark or a giant asterisk because so many aspects of it are vague and so many details are missing. This budget isn't a path to prosperity. It's a collection of inconsistent assumptions and mathematical gimmicks. It's full of phantom revenue and undelineated cuts.

People in my district, District One of Nevada, want Congress to pass a budget that represents a balanced approach, not one based on partisan ideology that's out of touch with their priorities. So I say let's get to work on that.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

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

Ms. GABBARD. I rise today to highlight some of the unique immigration challenges that we face. The good news

is that Washington is finally focused on fixing this very complex issue. Comprehensive reform is crucial to our families, young people, and our economy.

In Hawaii, for example, Filipino families often wait up to 24 years to reunite with their loved ones. We are a community of immigrants—immigrants who came to Hawaii who were seeking greater opportunity, who toiled day in and day out working in our pineapple fields and on our sugar plantations; yet many are still waiting to be reunited with their loved ones. This is unacceptable and unnecessary. It also hurts our economy when small businesses face unnecessary, draconian audits and automatic labeling as fraudulent businesses simply due to their sizes, stifling their ability to grow and create jobs.

We must address these unique immigration issues in Hawaii, across the Pacific, and across the country as part of our national reform legislation in order to reunite families and grow our economy.

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REPUBLICAN BUDGET HURTS WOMEN

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

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, March is Women's History Month, and so I would like to point out that this week the Republicans and Chairman PAUL RYAN once again put forth a budget that hurts women and fails to meet the moral code of our Nation. There is no morality in a budget that takes food from the mouths of struggling women and children while slashing taxes for millionaires and billionaires. These attacks on breast cancer research, on child care, on affordable health insurance for families, on maternal health and education are not what we owe our mothers, our sisters, and our daughters. Make no mistake: women, especially poor women, will shoulder the burden of these cuts.

At a time when so many Americans are struggling just to make ends meet, we must do more, not less, to provide a strong safety net for all Americans. I call on my colleagues to support a budget that provides compassion of the government to help American women in need and invests in the future that they deserve.

REPUBLICAN BUDGET IS CYNICAL DOCUMENT

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

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, while I recognize that this Republican budget is just a political document that will never become law, I am still disappointed at what a cynical, cruel, and

dishonest document it is. It is cynical because it repeals the protections and benefits of the Affordable Care Act while keeping in place all of the cost savings in order to pay for another tax cut for millionaires. It's cruel because it would gut Medicaid, a program designed to protect our most vulnerable seniors from sickness and death, by over \$800 billion. This budget would slash Pell Grants for students, food assistance for needy families, and the Head Start school program for children.

Most of all, it's simply a dishonest document. My Republican friends claim that their budget will cut taxes and balance the budget. They say they will pay for all of it with trillions of dollars in savings from closing tax loopholes, but the budget conveniently refuses to name any of them.

Mr. Speaker, we should reject this budget and its displaced priorities. I urge my colleagues to support the Democratic alternative, which presents a balanced way to bringing down our deficit that doesn't leave our seniors at risk.

OPPOSING THE REPUBLICAN BUDGET

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the Republican budget proposal. This plan hurts the middle class, repeals health care for millions of Americans, and does nothing to guarantee seniors the benefits they earned and have been promised.

The Republican budget plan introduced this week offers no new, real solutions. This is the third time this plan has been introduced, even though the country clearly rejected it this past November. Congress needs to listen to the American people and work together on responsible, long-term solutions.

The House Republican plan has devastating consequences for seniors, our parents, and our grandparents. The Republican budget turns Medicare into an extensive private insurance program for seniors. Our country made a commitment to care for our parents and grandparents, and it's important that we uphold that commitment. Let's not forget that one day our kids will grow older and will depend on these vital programs. We need to balance our budget and reduce the deficit, but we must not do so on the backs of our middle class and our seniors.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.