

few months, Americans have seen and continue to see the potential for personal information to be misused and compromised by the government.

Now another government agency that has touted itself as being transparent is spending millions of dollars to collect and store information on potentially millions of U.S. citizens.

Even more troubling is that in today's hearing, the Acting Deputy Director of the CFPB couldn't even give a broad estimate of the number of Americans having their data monitored.

Americans have a right to know that their government has gone too far. It is time for the CFPB and the administration to answer questions from Congress, allow for greater transparency, and safeguard the privacy and constitutional rights of American citizens.

OUR NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, this month we celebrate one of America's best ideas, our national park system, and what it means for millions of our families each year to be able to enjoy the park system throughout our country. As we mark National Parks and Recreation Month, we remember that the parks in America belong to all of us.

We have some wonderful parks in California. Yosemite National Park is in my backyard, and it brings millions of Americans to California, who stand in awe of Half Dome and Yosemite Falls, Toulumne Grove and the Mariposa redwoods.

I have introduced legislation before this House that would protect Yosemite's vulnerable western boundary by expanding the park to include 1,600 acres that was originally intended by John Muir. This would ensure that we continue to preserve the park for future generations of Americans as it was originally envisioned almost 150 years ago.

It has been said that nothing is more American than our national park system. My bill would guarantee that we're protecting one of the crown jewels of this truly American treasure.

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OBAMACARE DELAYS EMPLOYER MANDATE

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Three and a half years and hundreds of millions in taxpayer dollars later, this administration still hasn't figured out how to implement their healthcare law. What more proof do they need?

More now than ever, it's clear that this law is too complicated, too expensive, and worst, failing American families.

Last week, the Obama administration announced they would no longer require businesses to offer health insurance to workers next year, nor require States to verify residents' income before signing them up for insurance.

While these actions provide much-needed relief to our job creators, who have been forced to shrink paychecks and freeze hiring, it still requires individuals and families to obtain insurance. It also opens the door to more waste, fraud, and abuse of precious taxpayer dollars.

American families want, need, and deserve patient-centered care, not the government-knows-best healthcare system.

It's time to repeal and shred this broken law into ribbons. Let's start over with real, commonsense reform before it's too late.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF KAITLYN KIRCHNER

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

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kaitlyn Kirchner, a constituent of mine from Madelia, Minnesota. She created the winning recipe in the White House's second annual Healthy Lunchtime Challenge and won an invitation to today's Kids' State Dinner hosted by the First Lady.

Yesterday, I had the honor of meeting Kaitlyn and her family, and what an impressive young woman. At age 9, she created not only a healthy recipe that would make any chef proud, she did it making it healthy with 100 calories or less in the dish.

Since she's been 3 years old, Kaitlyn has been helping her mother handpick vegetables and cook seasonal dishes.

Her recipe for the competition was a garden stir fry featuring Minnesota homegrown carrots, broccoli, yellow summer squash, sugar snap peas, red bell peppers, and onions.

There's no doubt that Kaitlyn has a bright future ahead of her in whatever she decides to do. It's an honor for me to meet Kaitlyn and her family and congratulate her on this high honor and her contribution to making America a healthier Nation.

OUR MANTRA SHOULD BE: JOBS, JOBS, JOBS

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

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it's now been 919 days since I arrived in Congress—919 days—and the Republican leadership has still not allowed a single vote on serious legislation to address our unemployment crisis.

After learning of Friday's lackluster job numbers, many pundits and politicians actually cheered. It could have been worse, they said. They also said things are returning to normal.

Try telling that to any of the 11.8 million Americans who are still out of work, or to the millions more who are underemployed or have given up looking for work.

According to Friday's job numbers, the average length of unemployment is now at 35 weeks. Before the Great Recession, the average was just 16 weeks.

Mr. Speaker, it's no wonder people are losing hope. It's our obligation to restore that hope.

As we begin this July session, let's commit to passing a comprehensive bill to restore unemployment for young people, recent grads, and the long-unemployed.

Mr. Speaker, our mantra should be: jobs, jobs, jobs.

THE NEXT CHAPTER IN THE WAR ON WOMEN

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

Ms. TITUS. When the majority leader announced a list of bills that the House may consider over the next few weeks, I was disappointed to hear that, in July, instead of focusing on significant challenges that face our Nation, House Republicans will begin the next chapter in their war on women.

We may consider, we heard, appropriations bills and another farm bill that would have drastic cuts to vital programs like SNAP and WIC that disproportionately devastate low-income women and families.

We may, yet again, vote on legislation to repeal or gut the Affordable Care Act, which has provided millions of women with access to preventive care and ensured, finally, that being a woman is not a preexisting condition.

What's equally troubling is what we didn't hear, what's missing from the list. Where is a budget to replace the sequester, which is prohibiting access to lifesaving programs for victims of domestic violence?

Where is legislation to create jobs, put Americans back to work, and strengthen economic opportunities for the middle class?

And where is the Paycheck Fairness Act to finally ensure that women get equal pay for equal work?

I say we need another list.

CONDOLENCES TO THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CRASH OF ASIANA AIRLINES FLIGHT 214

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

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join Leader PELOSI in expressing my condolences to all those affected by the crash of Asiana Airlines Flight 214 on Saturday morning at San Francisco International Airport in my district.

My thoughts and prayers are with the families of the two victims of the crash on their way to a summer camp

in southern California. My thoughts and prayers are with all those who were seriously injured and face months or years of recovery.

The miracle of Flight 214 is that 305 passengers and crew survived this horrific tragedy. That is due, in no small part, to the many heroes of that day: crew, fellow passengers, valiant first responders, SFO staff, everyone who evacuated the plane, even when fire was burning in the fuselage; the crew-member who carried a young passenger off the plane on her back because he was too frightened to escape; the firefighters and San Francisco Police Officer Jim Cunningham, who was wearing no protective gear, who entered the plane and helped four passengers escape, including one who was trapped. It was nothing short of heroic and remarkable.

Plane travel is safer than it ever has been, but this crash is a reminder that we need never stop the focus on safety. Thankfully, the National Transportation Safety Board, under the leadership of Chairman Deborah Hersman, is there to fully investigate and determine exactly what happened.

Mr. Speaker, this was a horrible tragedy, but we have much to be thankful for.

THE NEED FOR COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

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

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call upon this body to pass comprehensive immigration reform.

Moments ago, I was at a mock graduation of hundreds of Dreamers. These are young, de facto Americans, Americans who are as American as you or I, grew up, played on the sports team, were cheerleaders, in some cases valedictorians in their high schools, and yet they lack the paperwork to prove that they are Americans.

They are as American in their hearts as any of us and have so much to give to the great country in which they grew up. And yet they are prevented from doing so by the failure of this body to act.

I applaud President Obama's deferred action program, at least a temporary solution to allow these young de facto Americans to have the paperwork they need to get a job or get a driver's license. But there's no certainty there.

What becomes of them in 2 years, in 4 years?

How do they know that the time that they spend investing and earning a college degree will be able to pay off with a good job down the road?

It's time for this body to take up action on the Senate bill or pass a comprehensive House bill. We have a unique window of opportunity to do something very important for our economy, creating jobs for Americans, important for our national security,

and important for the future of our country.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HULTGREN) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 9, 2013.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, U.S. Capitol, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on July 9, 2013 at 10:50 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 793.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2609, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2014

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 288 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 288

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2609) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. Points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived. During consideration of the bill for amendment, the chair of the Committee of the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. When the committee rises and reports the bill back to the House with a recommendation that the bill do pass, the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Texas is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman

from Colorado (Mr. POLIS), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. BURGESS. House Resolution 288 provides for an open rule for consideration of H.R. 2609, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for fiscal year 2014.

This rule contains the tradition reinstated by the Republican majority in the last Congress that appropriations bills should come to the floor in a manner that allows every Member of the House, both Republican and Democrat, to amend those bills and to have their voices heard.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this rule and the underlying bill, making appropriations for the Department of Energy and the United States Corps of Engineers. The bill provides for \$30.4 billion for these agencies, which is \$2.9 billion below fiscal year '13 enacted and \$4.1 billion below the President's request, at a time of fiscal constraint, when government, like our constituents, must make tough choices on where to smartly spend the money the American taxpayers have trusted it to oversee.

The bill provides critical funding for our energy needs, making \$450 million available for advanced coal, natural gas, oil and fossil fuel technologies. Moreover, the bill provides \$5.5 billion for environmental cleanup activities, funds to safely clean sites contaminated by nuclear weapons production.

The underlying bill before us has been carefully crafted by the Appropriations Committee under the leadership of Chairman ROGERS, Ranking Member LOWEY, Subcommittee Chairman FRELINGHUYSEN, and Subcommittee Ranking Member KAPTUR.

Funding for energy programs is cut by \$1.4 billion, while simultaneously prioritizing funds to advance our goal of an all-of-the-above solution to energy independence.

Further, the House continues its commitment to achieve a long-term storage facility for nuclear waste, providing support activities in support of the opening of Yucca Mountain, a solution long overdue.

The House energy and water bill furthers this majority's commitment to spending taxpayer money wisely, cutting waste and inefficiencies wherever they may be.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the rule and the underlying legislation. I encourage my colleagues to vote "yes" on the rule and "yes" on the underlying bill.