

some Members of Congress are voting to enrich themselves and wealthy special interests with farm subsidies while refusing benefits to millions of the neediest and most vulnerable Americans.

I issued a report earlier this year that detailed 14 Members of Congress who are collectively worth up to \$124 million, received at least \$7.2 million in farm subsidies, and yet voted to cut the nutrition allowance for 47 million working poor families and children.

Imagine that.

In honor of the Chair, let me just say, "And that's just the way it is."

CONTINUING RESOLUTION

(Mrs. WALORSKI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the House plan to hold a vote on a continuing resolution to fund the government and defund ObamaCare. This straightforward approach achieves two objectives: it keeps the lights on for the Federal Government while halting an unworkable law.

The list of problems with ObamaCare gets longer every day. This law was passed in 2010. But since just last week, I would like to share three examples that negatively impact my district and the State of Indiana.

Yesterday, just 12 days before the full implementation, the White House warned Americans of "massive fraud" triggered by ObamaCare, causing identity theft and cybersecurity leaks. Last week, Indiana University reported they're laying off 50 workers and sending them to a temp agency because of ObamaCare. This includes graduate students who are having their hours cut to stay under the 30-hour threshold. The Indy Star reported that over 200,000 Hoosiers are impacted by higher insurance rates under ObamaCare.

The list is getting longer, and the problems are getting worse.

The House plan is similar to legislation penned by my colleague, Mr. TOM GRAVES, which has already been co-sponsored by 79 Members of Congress. I'm confident the House will work its will to pass this legislation to reflect the wishes of the American people. Next it's time for the Senate to step up and do the same.

CONTINUING RESOLUTION

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

Mr. BERA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn yet another manufactured crisis that House leadership has created. Americans are sick and tired of the fighting and of having their economic security put on the line repeatedly.

Instead of doing their jobs and serving the people, House leadership is holding the American people hostage

to partisan politics and taking us down a path to a government shutdown. That means our military serving overseas would have to work without pay while they're sacrificing for us. Their families are going to struggle. It means benefits to our veterans, who are already struggling to get benefits and enduring a backlog, are going to have to wait longer for those benefits. It means Americans who count on Social Security, a program that they paid into their whole life, may not be able to get their payments.

This is absolutely shameful, Mr. Speaker. The clock is ticking. We've got 11 days. Let's do what is right and begin to work on a real budget—a budget that creates jobs, that secures a strong middle class and starts to reduce our debt and the burden on the next generation.

Eleven days, Mr. Speaker.

A VICTORY FOR COMMON SENSE

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

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, today we have an opportunity to win a victory for common sense. For decades, business as usual has fostered an unholy alliance between food stamps and farm policy. Year after year, Washington spent money that it never had. This summer, when the House considered a trillion-dollar welfare bill that was a farm bill in name only, taxpayers had seen enough.

The American people were able to defeat business as usual by insisting that both food stamps and farm policy be considered individually and on their own merits. It's just common sense. Finally, we passed a farm-only farm bill that ended direct payments. Today, we can continue that work by passing a food stamp bill that doubles the savings that the House originally considered.

Mr. Speaker, this bill eliminates loopholes, ensures work requirements, and puts us on a fiscally responsible path. In the real world, we measure success by results. It's time for Washington to measure success by how many families are lifted out of poverty and helped back on their feet, not by how much Washington bureaucrats spend year after year.

DRASTIC CUTS TO SNAP

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

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in opposition to the drastic cuts proposed to the supplemental nutrition program, better known as SNAP. The SNAP program helps millions of Americans in need, including 16 percent of the residents of my State, put food on the table, provide for their families, and get back on their feet.

This is a sad day because the House will soon vote to cut \$40 billion—an enormous amount—from the SNAP program. But this isn't about government programs. It's not even about dollars. It's about 6 million Americans. It's about dismantling a highly effective program that my home State has used to get people back to work.

In these tough economic times we should be helping folks get back on their feet. We shouldn't be asking the least fortunate among us to shoulder the burden for a Congress that can't get its act together and pass a budget.

Martin Luther King, Jr., once said:

Why should there be hunger and deprivation in any land, in any city, at any table, when man has the resources and the scientific know-how to provide all mankind with the basic necessities of life? There is no deficit in human resource. The deficit is in human will.

SNAP ONE

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, the majority leader and the Tea Party Caucus have been railing against providing sufficient SNAP funding that provides food to the hungry. This is certainly not something to be proud of. I have never understood making scapegoats out of the most vulnerable Americans.

The majority has been holding up passing bills to keep our country afloat in 2014 because they want to demonize ordinary Americans who are struggling to make ends meet. The Republican majority seems to enjoy the company of the very wealthy who are eating cake, while casting aside those who have really been scraping by economically. Some have lost their jobs due to outsourcing overseas, their homes to Wall Street greed, and for too many can barely maintain a foothold in the middle class.

So let me propose a deal. Let's transfer out three of the massive government buildings in Virginia that employ thousands of people in the majority leader's Seventh Congressional District of Virginia and let's move those jobs to Ohio's Ninth Congressional District. Culpeper's loss would be Cleveland's gain.

After we strike this deal, we in Ohio will enjoy the guaranteed jobs and income flows to which the Seventh District of Virginia has grown accustomed. We can cash in on the regular flow of funds to the majority leader's district that he takes for granted, including being the number one State for Federal procurement in the whole country. Let's harmonize Ohio's unemployment rate with Virginia's.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on the majority leader's harsh let-them-eat-dirt proposal. He lives in an insulated economy. Ohio does not. We want responsible government that values every citizen. Let no one in America go hungry.

IN HONOR AND REMEMBRANCE OF
MR. JERRY RUSSELL

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and remembrance of Mr. Jerry Russell, a man dedicated to his family and his community, who passed away on September 5, 2013. Mr. Russell was a generous man who committed his life to the Fort Worth theater community for 35 years.

A Rhode Island native, Mr. Russell made his home in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1973. It was there that he left a well-paying job at National Cash Register to pursue his career and dream. He started Stage West Theater in 1978. Mr. Russell led Stage West by taking risks and never giving up on what became one of the early foundations of the early Fort Worth theatrical community. Now Stage West is a major supporter of local theater performance and the arts in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

While he did not attend college, he became a theater teacher at my alma mater, Texas Wesleyan University, where he spread his love and passion for theater to his students. He was a major supporter for the development and funding of the arts in Texas schools and communities.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention that in his spare time outside of the theater, he loved rooting for the Texas Rangers. Go Rangers.

He will always be regarded as a true talent and benefactor to not only the Fort Worth community but to the State of Texas. I offer my condolences to his friends and family. In addition to his wife, Suzi McLaughlin, he leaves his five children, Christopher Neal Russell, Joe Russell, Kathy Russell, Jennifer Russell James, and my friend, Texas Senator Wendy Davis. He also leaves his legacy behind with 11 beautiful grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

May he rest in peace and his legacy and contributions to the arts never be forgotten.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 19, 2013.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, 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 September 19, 2013 at 11:39 a.m.:

Appointments:
Public Interest Declassification Board.
With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 687, SOUTHEAST ARIZONA LAND EXCHANGE AND CONSERVATION ACT OF 2013; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1526, RESTORING HEALTHY FORESTS FOR HEALTHY COMMUNITIES ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3102, NUTRITION REFORM AND WORK OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2013; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 351 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 351

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. 687) to facilitate the efficient extraction of mineral resources in southeast Arizona by authorizing and directing an exchange of Federal and non-Federal land, 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 Natural Resources. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived. No amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. 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.

SEC. 2. 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. 1526) to restore em-

ployment and educational opportunities in, and improve the economic stability of, counties containing National Forest System land, while also reducing Forest Service management costs, by ensuring that such counties have a dependable source of revenue from National Forest System land, to provide a temporary extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, 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 Natural Resources. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113-21, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. No further amendment to the bill, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part C of the report of the Committee on Rules. Each such further amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such further amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 3. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 3102) to amend the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008; and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture; and (2) one motion to recommit.

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

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Mr. SESSIONS. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker. And congratulations to the Clerk for the long reading of the rule.

For the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Worcester, Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), my dear friend—