

no way is the mindset of a 5-year-old, not the leading legislative body of the Western World.

This is a direct quote, Mr. Speaker, and I know it's accurate because it's from me over a decade ago. I was in Congress for the shutdowns of the Federal Government in 1995. They were as disastrous as they were unnecessary—a national disgrace. Today's funding debate is equally shameful.

Holding government funding hostage, and potentially following up with an act of blackmail over the debt limit is irresponsible and indifferent to the needs of millions across our country, particularly the military.

This debate is another manufactured crisis—a willful, needless, self-inflicted wound—that will have terrible effects on our economy, our fiscal outlook, and the American pocketbooks.

The Congress of the United States should never, ever bow down before the rigid dictates of a handful of ideological extremists. We should do what is right for the people of our country and pass a clean budget now.

CONGRATULATING THE ROSE-HULMAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology on their number one ranking as the top undergraduate engineering school in the Nation. This is the 15th consecutive year for this honor by the U.S. News and World Report in the category of engineering schools whose highest degree is a bachelor's or master's degree.

Founded in 1874 and located in Terre Haute, Indiana, Rose-Hulman successfully delivers the world's best undergraduate science, engineering, and mathematics education in an environment of individual attention and support.

I commend Rose-Hulman for their excellent leadership and dedication and thank them for the important role they play as a world leader in the education of the STEM workforce of the future.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to discuss a portion of our community in Nevada's Fourth Congressional District that is being negatively affected under the sequestration and would be under a government shutdown.

I am proud to speak on behalf of the Nellis Air Force Base in my district. Nellis Air Force Base employs over 3,000 civilian employees. They work as engineers, physicians, nurses, and administrators.

I recently spoke with the Commander about the negative effects that sequestration has already had on Nellis Air Force Base. For the past 3 years, the salaries of these civilian employees has been frozen. Positions are being eliminated, leaving remaining employees to pick up the slack.

The civilian employees of Nellis Air Force Base are undergoing increasingly heavy responsibilities at work, without any increase in pay, and for Nellis Air Force Base, sequestration has already meant a decrease of over 40,000 flights, which affects their readiness at a time of combat.

It is time for this Congress to reach a deal on the budget. A clean continuing resolution does not jeopardize personnel, a deal that I hope we will work together to accomplish on behalf of Nellis Air Force Base and all of our civilians.

I urge Members of Congress to end the legacy of deadlock in Congress and begin the legacy of doing what we must to help the dedicated and hardworking men and women of the United States.

HONORING COLONEL BERNARD FRANCIS "BERNIE" FISHER AND LIEUTENANT THOMAS ROLLAND NORRIS

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

Mr. LABRADOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic efforts of Colonel Bernard Francis Fisher of the United States Air Force and Lieutenant Thomas Rolland Norris of the United States Navy, both of whom are Medal of Honor recipients from Idaho.

Colonel Fisher was with the 1st Air Commando Squadron and was awarded the Medal of Honor for his conspicuous gallantry on March 10, 1966, in the Republic of Vietnam.

A Special Forces camp was under attack and hostile troops had positioned themselves between the airstrip and the camp. Colonel Fisher observed a fellow airman crash on the airstrip. In the belief that the pilot was injured, Colonel Fisher decided to attempt a rescue. Directing his own cover, he landed and taxied the full length of the runway to rescue the pilot. In the face of fire, he applied power and took off at the overrun airstrip.

Lieutenant Norris was a SEAL Advisor and was awarded the Medal of Honor for supreme bravery in action from April 10 to April 13, 1972, in Vietnam.

During the 3-day period, Lieutenant Norris and a 5-man team established a forward operating base deep within heavily controlled enemy territory to conduct a rescue of several downed pilots.

It is for their outstanding display of leadership and courage that I am proud to honor and remember the actions of Colonel Bernard Francis Fisher and Lieutenant Thomas Rolland Norris.

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A TRIBUTE TO JIM FINDLAY

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable American, Mr. Jim Findlay, who has proudly served our Nation as an Air Force veteran and our Toledo community throughout his life as a successful entrepreneur, extraordinary philanthropist, and a true friend to so many.

Jim Findlay is the epitome of a gentleman. His influence and compassion have impacted the lives of thousands. He served as a coach to our youth, a mentor to our young adults. He is always there for those who seek a champion for their causes. His support of local initiatives is deep and legendary. He has been the fundraising chair for so many activities, a 70-year member of Glenwood Lutheran Church, and a founding board member of the House of Emmanuel.

Jim attended Scott High School, then the University of Toledo where he began his lifelong love affair with the UT Rockets, as well as with 1947 Homecoming Queen Celia Koontz Findlay. He and Celia were married for more than 50 years until her passing in 2004. His loving care for her during her prolonged illness inspired all who knew them. Jim is a dedicated family man to his children—Jim, Jr., Sarah, Jon—a beloved grandfather to Ally and Jonathon, and a wonderful companion to PJ Schaefer.

Jim founded Impact Products, and upon his retirement—in typical Jim Findlay fashion—he gave the company to his employees. The company's name, Impact, is a testament to the impact that one person can selflessly make on the lives of so many.

We, the family of Toledo and northwest Ohio, are blessed and honored to know and to pay tribute to our dear friend, Jim Findlay, who, in good times and in times of great struggle, teaches us by way of his courageous and generous example. May blessings flow to Jim now and to his loved ones.

We love you, Jim, now and always, and we thank you.

BUYER BEWARE

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

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, we are 5 days away from what the Chicago Tribune today called a "massively ambitious redesign of national health care," echoing what we've been saying here on the House floor since it was passed, but the details of Illinois' health exchange are still thin.

"Co-pays? Deductibles? Premiums? Still a mystery," the paper says. "Will your doctor and your hospital be included in the insurance networks? Still a mystery."

This past week, I tried to get answers for my concerned constituents. I tried to meet with one of Illinois' so-called "navigators," but he wasn't ready to show me how to sign up for health care. Their navigators were still getting trained up—with less than a week left.

The triple premiums we are seeing in other States aren't encouraging. We know that 6 million mostly middle class families may face a tax for not buying qualifying health plans. Middle class families may have to pay hundreds more in taxes each year. I urge Americans to explore how ObamaCare will affect them.

Call your exchange, and ask if you can keep your doctor. Ask them what personal information the navigators will collect. Be ready. Buyer beware.

A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, it is kind of interesting to hear all the chatter about a government shutdown here, chatter that seems to be coming from the other side. I think they, maybe, protest too loudly, because Republicans have acted to give the Senate and the President the tools, the means, to avoid a government shutdown. We've acted on two occasions to pass the language of the Full Faith and Credit Act to ensure the government continues paying its bills in the event of an impasse in budget negotiations.

However, the Senate has failed to act on a commonsense proposal which would preserve our Nation's credit rating, continue paying the military, protect Social Security and other essential services.

Where is the Senate's action on this measure? What is the President doing to help? He is, instead, more willing to meet with foreign leaders and is unwilling to talk to us in the House.

Mr. Speaker, is this what the American people asked for—that we have an impasse amongst the three legs of the legislative process in this country, that we can't even talk to each other and we'd rather talk to foreign leaders first on the important, key issues like what we have coming up: the continuing resolution, the sequester, the debt limit, and the impending ObamaCare takeover of our health system?

OBAMACARE UNDEREMPLOYMENT

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, ObamaCare is dead weight on a stagnant job market.

Millions of Americans are out of work. Millions more are underemployed—crunching numbers around the kitchen tables, trying to make ends meet. Yet ObamaCare is undermining growth and is making it harder

for businesses, large and small, to hire more full-time workers or to even maintain part-time worker schedules. It is cited as a leading cause for why nearly three out of four people hired this year were offered only part-time jobs.

The stagnant economic report we received earlier this month is a continued reminder that ObamaCare is not the job creator or economic driver the President promised. It is a burden on employers, and it is translating into prolonged underemployment for working American families.

Republicans and Democrats need to work together to repeal, defund, delay, and replace ObamaCare for these families. Meaningful reform is worth the effort.

HEALTH CARE IS A CIVIL RIGHT

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I think the real message should be that the President should not negotiate against the civil rights of Americans. Sometimes it's important for those of us who have had life experiences to reflect on them.

I remember as a younger girl riding in a segregated railcar, isolated from others because of the color of my skin. Civil rights have expanded, but there are many who stood against them—the 1957 bill, the 1964 and 1965 bills. Americans will find out that health care is a civil right and that this is one of the most historic and life-changing bills ever passed—the Affordable Care Act.

Rather than stand in the way to defund ObamaCare, I want to stand with the young cancer victim who will now be able to get insurance. I want to stand with the young child who had leukemia and who was denied insurance and died. I want to stand with small businesses that will now be able to provide health insurance for their workers.

I want to stand with understanding that, in fact, this bill is going to work. That's the fear on the other side. They are willing to defund the government because they don't want America to know that one of their civil rights—good health care—is coming and going to work.

I ask everybody to go to HealthCare.gov because your civil rights are coming on October 1.

"MY WAY OR THE HIGHWAY"

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the President says he will negotiate with Syria over chemical weapons. He is negotiating with the Russians about negotiating with the Syrians over nuclear weapons. He has offered to talk

and compromise with Iran over nuclear weapons—but the President it seems says, I will not negotiate with those in the House of Representatives. No compromise on the debt. I will not negotiate with America.

Too bad the President is more interested with negotiation and compromise with Russia, Syria, Iran, and now the United Nations than he is in working with Members of the House of Representatives and the American people to keep the government from shutting down.

It has been mentioned today of this philosophy of "my way or the highway." Well, that's the President's philosophy. It's my way, says the President, or it's the highway.

He won't talk to us about it because he is out campaigning about how ObamaCare is really good for the Nation. He is driving the train wreck of stubbornness which will lead, and has led, to chaos in America.

Come home, Mr. President. Let's sit down and talk and negotiate about what we are going to do over the debt limit and the continuing resolution.

And that's just the way it is.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 3095, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 2600, by the yeas and nays;

Approval of the Journal, de novo.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO SLEEP DISORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3095) to ensure that any new or revised requirement providing for the screening, testing, or treatment of individuals operating commercial motor vehicles for sleep disorders is adopted pursuant to a rulemaking proceeding, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. PETRI) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 405, nays 0, not voting 27, as follows:

[Roll No. 486]

YEAS—405

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Alexander
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Bachmann
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Barber
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