

I hope you will all join me in congratulating Bishop Glenn on this momentous achievement.

DO YOUR JOB

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

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, trust in government is at a record low, and it is not hard to see why.

In 2016, Members of the House of Representatives were in session for a total of just 55 full legislative days. That is 55 days out of 365. In what other job are you allowed to work for just 55 days a year?

Looking at this, it is not hard to understand why Congress has a lower approval rating than cockroaches, colonoscopies, and Genghis Khan.

Despite working for 55 days out of the year, Members of this body are paid more than three times the median household income in America.

Mr. Speaker, this is why I have introduced the Do Your Job Act, which would prohibit Congress from taking a recess until it passes a budget and funds the government. In other words, Congress can't take a vacation until it does its job. I know this sounds simple. But where I am from in northeast Wisconsin, if you don't do your job, you lose that job; if you don't finish your work, you do not collect a paycheck.

Here we are just a day away from leaving this Chamber for a 2-week break from legislative activity, risking government shutdown, and yet we are leaving.

This is unacceptable, and this is why I am standing before you today. I am urging all of my colleagues in the 115th Congress to unite behind a simple idea: let's work together and do our jobs.

STATE DEPARTMENT CUTS

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of our Nation's dedicated diplomats, the hardworking men and women at the State Department and USAID who are heroically serving our country here and around the world.

In his very first budget, President Trump has proposed draconian cuts to these agencies. These reductions threaten not only our leadership in the world, but they put our Nation's people and interests at unnecessary risk.

Our global leadership depends on balanced investment in three areas: defense, diplomacy, and development. Undermining any one of these pillars weakens all of them.

The State Department and USAID's effectiveness and success is not a function of equipment or technology. Rather, it is the experience, capabilities, and strategic deployment of our people.

In a world where our challenges are, every day, more numerous and more

complex, we are constantly sending our diplomats to places further afield. They are deserving of our full support and our utmost respect for their bravery, dedication, and service in defense of the United States and our values.

I call on my colleagues to join me in protecting our strategically important investments in diplomats, diplomacy, and development, as well as defense.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. BUDDY HICKS

(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, it is with heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and memory of my friend, Dr. Buddy Hicks of Kingwood, Texas, who passed away Sunday while delivering a sermon at Pipeline Church in Humble, Texas.

This is a photograph of Buddy and his wife, Carolyn, and their grandson, Cole.

Buddy was doing what he loved to do until the very moment that the good Lord called him home. The Lord called him home right in the middle of his sermon.

For nearly 30 years, Buddy has faithfully and tenaciously ministered to congregations throughout the great State of Texas. He was a man of God, always had a smile, never met a stranger. He spent his life spreading the gospel to communities throughout Texas and bringing other followers to fellowship with each other.

Buddy was a member of my pastors' roundtable, an organization that he organized that had religious leaders from all faiths come together to work together in our community.

I leaned on him for prayer and guidance. I have a great deal of appreciation for Buddy and his dedication to church and the Humble-area community. He will be sorely missed.

My prayers are with his wife, Carolyn; their three children, Angela, Shari, and Trey—Trey worked for me here in Congress—and our prayers also go to his two grandchildren, Cole and Zoe, for they will miss their Pops.

2 Timothy 4:7 recites Buddy's life to a tee:

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

And that is just the way it is.

OPIOID EPIDEMIC

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

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize families across this great country who have been tragically affected by the growing opioid epidemic plaguing our communities.

All too often, we hear the heart-wrenching stories from families who have lost loved ones to this pernicious

scourge. We have heard from law enforcement officers and healthcare providers who have chronicled the growing influx of crime and addiction in our society.

In 2016, in Broome County alone in my district, 76 people died from drug overdoses. Ninety percent of those deaths were opioid related.

We have kicked the can down the road for far too long. Now, Congress must act swiftly and work to provide resources for those struggling with addiction by supporting rehabilitation centers, as well as educational and preventative programs.

That is why I am taking the lead on the national level by supporting the funding of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act in the 2018 budget. This is only a start, but I will continue to fight across all sectors to find comprehensive and caring solutions to this tragedy in our communities.

RECENT ATTACKS IN SYRIA

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise as a mother. As I looked at the video of young children trying to survive, trying to live in Syria—this is one of the most potent pictures—I had to come and cry out for the mothers and children of that vile and heinous act.

I am calling upon Americans and this government to stop talking and to act, to begin to demand that Russia stop assisting President Assad—himself a terrorist—against his people and begin to understand that the chemical attack was driven by Assad's bombers.

No matter where it might have been, you have to know that families are here.

To my Syrian neighbors in Houston, Texas, we are standing with you. We must find a resolution.

Even as we are investigating Russian collusion and Russian investigation into elections, the President must say to Vladimir Putin to become a world citizen and not a thug. This is thuggish. We are killing people.

The Syrian people and Syria deserve to live. We must stand up and fight together, and I hope that we will immediately be able to respond to this with the United Nations, with our surrounding neighbors, and with legislation that brings sanctions against Russia and Assad.

MAJOR GOALS

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

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak to my constituents and report on promises I made to them.

I promised to introduce legislation to prevent Members of Congress from being paid until a balanced budget is passed.

I promised to rein in bureaucratic rulemaking and restore Article I authority to Congress.

I promised to end the ObamaCare loophole that is designed to benefit Members of Congress.

I promised to pass Grant's Law to protect innocent U.S. citizens from violent illegal immigrants.

I promised to ensure that Common Core never becomes a Federal mandate, and that States and local officials have authority over the teaching of our Nation's youth.

I promised to remove Arizona from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and place it into a newly established 12th circuit that can provide more equal access to justice.

I am pleased to inform and report to my constituents that I have cosponsored legislation to address all six of my promises. I am working every day to pass these bills through the United States Congress. My constituents expect me to keep every promise I made. I intend to do that just as long as I am in this body.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF KAREN DELANEY SHIDELEFF IN HER FIGHT WITH ALS

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of my constituent, Karen Delaney Shideleff of Ottsville, who passed away this January after a courageous fight with ALS.

During her 6 years with ALS, Karen did everything to make a difference and serve as an advocate for individuals and families living with ALS. She participated in the Ride to Defeat ALS; the Phillies Phestival benefiting research efforts; served as a board member for the Greater Philadelphia ALS Association Chapter; and she lobbied her representatives both in Washington and in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, all the while undergoing numerous drug and other research trials.

The strength, compassion, and zest for life exhibited by Karen is an inspiration for those dealing with the diagnosis of ALS and those individuals and community members committed to defeating this uncompromising disease. It is with Karen's legacy in our minds that the fight against ALS continues, and must continue.

Our thoughts and our prayers as a nation and in this Chamber go out to Karen's husband, Bob, and her family and friends.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I want to re-cite this prayer:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

JEANNETTE RANKIN AND 100 YEARS OF WOMEN IN CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2017, the gentlewoman from Indiana (Mrs. BROOKS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks, and include extraneous materials on the topic of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the first woman elected to Congress, Jeannette Rankin. 100 years ago this week, on April 2, 1917, Jeannette Rankin inspired millions of Americans when she became the first woman in the Nation's history to serve in the United States House of Representatives.

It is hard for me to believe, but Jeannette Rankin served in Congress before women had the national right to vote in this country. In fact, it was a driving force behind her decision to run for elected office. Upon her historic election in November 1916, she declared: "I may be the first woman Member of Congress, but I won't be the last."

The women who have joined me here, and are going to join me here on the floor this afternoon, are her living legacy, along with the more than 300 women who have served in Congress before us.

Representative Rankin, a Republican from Montana, served two terms in Congress; the first term from 1917 to 1918, and the second term from 1941 to 1942.

Because of Rankin's groundbreaking achievement 100 years ago, hundreds of women from across the country have made history in Congress, drawing attention to the pressing issues of their time and creating policies that have impacted generations of Americans. We are as diverse as the districts we represent, and I am pleased to be joined on the floor by my fellow women in Congress to celebrate this important milestone.

In recognition of her work and the rich history of women in Congress, Members of Congress from across the country, across party lines, will be ris-

ing to honor Representative Rankin and to share what 100 years of women in Congress means to them.

Mr. Speaker, with that said, I yield to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. FRANKEL), my friend and co-chair of the Congressional Women's Caucus.

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to be with you today.

First of all, I want to celebrate Jeannette Rankin also as being the first woman in Congress.

Today I am going to talk about someone who was my role model, one of my favorites, Bella Abzug.

Bella Abzug was a leading liberal activist and politician. She lived from 1920 to 1998, and was especially known for her work with women's rights. After graduating from Columbia University Law School, she became involved in the antinuclear and peace movements. In the 1960s, she helped organize the Women Strike for Peace and the National Women's Political Caucus.

I just want to say that I feel like that is how I got my start in political activism, was in the antiwar marches in the 1960s at Boston University.

Mrs. Abzug won a seat in the United States House of Representatives, where she advocated for women's rights and withdrawal from the Vietnam War. And even after leaving office, she continued to work on many causes, including the establishment of the Women's Environment and Development Organization.

Incidentally, I know we have a lot of Harvard lawyers in this Congress, but she was rejected because of her gender. But kudos to Columbia because they got her.

She was known for her hats and her big voice, and she really left a mark for many of us.

Representative BROOKS, I am happy to be with you here today. I think there are a lot of women today who are feeling nervous or anxious because of political situations, but someone like Bella Abzug gives us inspiration that you can have a big voice, you can be a community activist, and you can make a difference in life.

I am going to leave you with her quote. She said of herself:

"I've been described as a tough and noisy woman, a prizefighter, a man-hater, you name it. There are some who say I'm impatient, uppity, rude, profane, brash and overbearing"—oh, my goodness, I think I am talking about the whole Women's Caucus here—"but whatever I am—and this ought to be made very clear at the outset—I am a very serious woman."

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank another very serious woman. It has been a pleasure to be with you and to honor the women who came before us and led the pathway.

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congresswoman FRANKEL for her remarks and for reminding us that often while those of us in this arena might be called names, we are a strong voice. She was a very serious