

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: God of mercy, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We thank You once again that we can come before You and ask guidance for the men and women of this assembly. Send Your spirit of peace, honesty, and fairness during this week when the budget is being considered and the work of appropriations continues.

As violence and the threat of violence hang over our world, may we be continually thankful for and supportive of those whose life's work is keeping us safe. Send Your spirit of healing and comfort to those who are victims of these horrors in our world.

May we in America, and all men and women of good will, be committed to working for peace in our homes, neighborhoods, and throughout our land and the world.

Bless us this day and every day. May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

THE SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HILL led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

THE SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, May marks Military Appreciation Month, a special time to recognize the tremendous support and encouragement families offer their servicemembers. As the son of a Flying Tiger who served in India and China, and as the grateful father of four sons who have all served overseas, and as a 31-year veteran of the Army Reserve and Guard, I know firsthand the commitment of our troops, veterans, and military families.

Last week, I was honored to join Senator ROY BLUNT, Senator KIRSTEN GILLIBRAND, and Congresswoman SUSAN DAVIS to introduce common-sense, bipartisan legislation, the Military Families Stability Act, which provides for greater flexibility by allowing military families a 6-month option of moving to the start of their next assignment.

The happiness and success of our military families is critical to overall troop readiness and retention. I am confident this legislation will greatly benefit families around the country.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism. We offer our sympathy and solidarity for the victims of Manchester and our beloved allies in the United Kingdom. Together with members of the European Union Parliament, we will defeat the murderous losers.

OPPOSING PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

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

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, today the President put forward his budget proposal. It will be damaging to the people in our communities and the places that we call home.

It cuts Medicaid by over \$600 billion and cuts the food stamp program by over 25 percent, affecting the most needy within our communities. It slashes infrastructure programs, eliminates TIGER grants, cuts student loan and financial aid programs, and includes catastrophic cuts to the Environmental Protection Agency.

For my home State of Hawaii, this budget zeroes out Federal funding for the Native Hawaiian Housing Block Grants, the Native Hawaiian Loan Guarantee program, and cuts Native Hawaiian education programs by nearly \$33 million, crippling the progress that has been made for over 30 years to strengthen Native Hawaiian early education, literacy, gifted and talented education programs, higher education, vocational programs, and more.

I strongly oppose this budget, and I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to pass a budget that actually serves the people and our planet.

VENEZUELA IS A FAILED STATE

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

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, all of us in the Western Hemisphere are in horror. Venezuela is a failed state and potentially on the brink of civil war. The Wall Street Journal reported earlier this week that thousands of Cuban intelligence agents are helping the Maduro regime maintain control over the army, while Maduro orders his soldiers to shoot his own people who are demonstrating in the streets.

We cannot let countries like China, Russia, Iran, and Cuba continue to play a role in propping up the Maduro regime. While I commend Treasury Secretary Mnuchin for issuing sanctions against individuals of the Venezuelan Supreme Court, I call on the administration to ratchet up the pressure on these outside forces and have them answer for their role in the emergency situation in Venezuela.

While we face many challenges across the globe, America must re-engage in the Western Hemisphere and not let the neighbors in our backyard slide back into tyranny.

PRESIDENTIAL BUDGET SHORTSIGHTED AND RECKLESS

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, well, the President's budget is shortsighted. It is reckless. Hopefully, it is dead on arrival when it lands here in the House.

President Trump and Republicans want to throw billions of dollars more on defense programs and drastically cut investments in job training, after-school programs, and lifesaving medical research.

Think about this:

It cuts Social Security disability benefits.

If you are a worker in Saginaw looking for your next job, you are out of luck. President Trump wants to cut worker training programs.

If you are a senior in Bay City, Michigan, and you depend on Meals on Wheels, too bad. President Trump wants to take away those meals, take away that contact that you have.

If you are a parent in Flint with a child in Head Start just trying to find a way forward, too bad. President Trump's budget will cut support for education and for early childhood education.

A budget is a statement of our values. What does this document say about the values of this President?

We must reject the President's proposed budget. It is bad for America.

MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

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

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this time to recognize Military Appreciation Month.

This month allows us the opportunity to educate Americans regarding the impact our military has had throughout history.

This month allows us to honor the important men and women who have served and who are serving in uniform.

Mr. Speaker, this month allows us to celebrate over 90 million patriots who chose to put our country before themselves.

As a Representative of the 25th Congressional District of Texas, it is my

honor to represent Fort Hood Army Base. I am proud to speak on behalf of “The Great Place.” Located in Killeen, Texas, this 340-square-mile installation is the gold standard for the Army.

My visits to Fort Hood have given me a deeper appreciation for our military and their families. This appreciation is why I would like to recognize Memorial Day, which we will all celebrate on Monday, May 29.

This day reminds us of the brave men and women who gave up their todays so we could have our tomorrows. It gives us a chance to say thank you to a soldier, sailor, airman, coastguardsman, or a marine. Please join me in paying tribute to military members who have given our country the ultimate sacrifice.

May God bless our troops. God bless The Great Place, and God bless the United States of America.

In God we trust.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS

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

Mr. CONNOLLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the international students and the U.S. institutions of higher education they attend. They have been unfairly penalized by the Trump administration through unconstitutional and illegal immigration executive orders.

I urge my colleagues and the administration to recognize the vital contribution these international students make to our country. International students who spend time in the United States become ambassadors when they return home, sharing an appreciation of our values, counteracting stereotypes about Americans and the United States, and enhancing respect for cultural differences and democratic norms.

International students contribute to the economic well-being of the United States. According to the Association of International Educators, during the last academic year, international students and their families supported 400,000 jobs and contributed \$33 billion to our domestic economy. In my district alone, 4,978 international students and families contributed \$137 million to our local economy, supporting 1,725 jobs.

Actions taken by this administration and this President have generated a great deal of fear and uncertainty within academia. It hurts America. I urge us to support more international students to come to our country.

RECOGNIZING FLAT ROCK MIDDLE SCHOOL

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

Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work of the

students and faculty at Flat Rock Middle School in Tyrone, Georgia.

Four years ago, Dr. Monica Reckley decided to found a STEM program at Flat Rock to give her students more than just a traditional classroom experience. She hoped to show them how science, technology, math, and engineering could lead to future careers.

Today, the program has 150 students spread over 6th, 7th, and 8th grades, and it is helping students develop an interest that could lead them to new professional opportunities. The program introduces students to STEM, brings in speakers from these fields, and allows students to participate in related competitions.

Last month, 10 students from the program participated in the Georgia Tech InVenture Challenge and had several inventions showcased. These inventions included a bulletproof vest designed specifically for female police officers, a wireless vital signs monitoring device for elderly patients, a dental floss guard to make flossing easier, and an extension cord and power outlet combination that reduces the number of electrical outlets needed in a home.

I am so proud of these students and the opportunities this school district has provided to encourage young people to explore careers in the 21st century.

I am a proud supporter of career and technical education programs because they prepare students and young people for work and careers in the modern workforce.

PRESIDENT'S BUDGET IS AWFUL

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak out against the President's newly released budget request.

When I began reading this budget request, only one word came to mind, at least that I can say here—awful:

It is an awful budget for American families struggling to make ends meet who haven't had a raise in years.

It is an awful budget for older Americans who paid into Social Security with the promise that it would be there for them.

It is an awful budget for local businesses who can't get their products to consumers because of our crumbling roads and bridges.

It is an awful budget for common sense, with unnecessary spending on a border wall that the American people will pay for.

It is an awful budget because it sets the stage for even more waste, fraud, and abuse in government.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, the only group that this budget isn't awful for is the President and his friends.

The President calls this an America First budget, so why is it leaving so many American families behind?

I urge my colleagues to completely reject this awful budget that doesn't

create jobs, doesn't uplift families, and doesn't make any sense.

ROWLAND THEATRE CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true gem in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, the Rowland Theatre, which celebrates its 100th anniversary this year.

Rowland Theatre opened its doors on June 4, 1917. Its visionary was Congressman Charles Rowland, who was elected to the House of Representatives in 1915 and represented the 21st Congressional District, which included Cameron, Centre, Clearfield, and McKean Counties.

The Rowland Theatre was actually one small part of Congressman Rowland's life, but it would be the project that would become his legacy. The theater not only showed the latest silent movies during its first few decades, it was also the location for the top traveling shows in the country.

Now the Rowland Theatre shows feature films and also hosts plays, as well as choir and orchestra performances. The 1,000-seat theater remains an anchor of downtown Philipsburg, and it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Rowland Theatre is open 364 days a year, closing only on Christmas Eve.

Mr. Speaker, the Rowland Theatre is a real treasure. Here is to another 100 years.

Congratulations.

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RAISING THE DIALOGUE ON MIDDLE NEIGHBORHOODS

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

Mr. EVANS. Mr. Speaker, President Trump's budget is officially live, and he plans to make massive cuts to programs that help our hardworking families get ahead.

What do we have to lose under President Trump's budget? What don't we have to lose? Education programs for our children, Medicare and Medicaid for the health and safety of our neighborhoods, affordable housing, SNAP benefits, veterans, seniors, and the hits keep coming. A budget is a moral document, and this one shortchanges Americans from the middle neighborhoods in Philadelphia to Beaver, Pennsylvania.

The President talks about putting the country first, yet the budget does no such thing.

There is a big difference between governing and campaigning. President Trump, our neighborhoods have a lot to lose when it comes to your budget. Over 40 percent of the populations of