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DEMOCRATS HAVE A BETTER DEAL

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, the President and our Republican colleagues are at it again, promoting economic policies that enrich the wealthy and the biggest corporations in our country. That will hurt middle class families. We saw it in the tax scam. We see it in the President's budget. And now we even see it in the infrastructure proposal.

President Trump proposes a \$200 billion infrastructure plan that will raise fees and tolls on commuters, burden cities and States and ask others to fill the funding gap, sells off infrastructure to Wall Street and private companies, and ends vital worker and environmental protections.

The Democrats have proposed a better deal: a \$1 trillion investment, five times the President's plan, to really rebuild America. It will create 6 million good-paying jobs. It will deliver lower prices and better choices for consumers. It safeguards clean air and clean water and worker protection. It builds more resilient infrastructure to withstand climate change and ensures products are built with American materials.

There is a real contrast here between what the President has proposed, which is basically to shift the burden to cities and States and for the Federal Government to abandon its responsibility to help rebuild our country.

The Democrats have a better deal than this raw deal. It is a deal to rebuild our country to create 16 million good-paying jobs to make sure the Federal Government remains a real partner in rebuilding America.

SHERIFF GRADY JUDD NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE MAJOR COUNTY SHERIFFS OF AMERICA

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

Mr. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in recognition of a man whose service to his community has resulted in greater safety, security, and justice in Polk County, Florida.

Sheriff Grady Judd, a stalwart of law enforcement in the 15th District and a dear friend, has been sworn into the role of president of the Major County Sheriffs of America, a position to which he will bring his knowledge, his skill, and his integrity to advocate for safer communities across our great Nation.

For centuries, the Anglo-American sheriff system has produced officers who secure the peace and prosperity of

the land, and even two American Presidents, Grover Cleveland and Teddy Roosevelt, served in such a capacity.

Sheriff Judd has long been an advocate for the rule of law, and we will all benefit as he rises to this position to fight to uphold the noble tradition of keeping the peace.

My deepest congratulations to Sheriff Judd and his family, and to the Major County Sheriffs of America, who do such important work to keep us all safe.

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, this week, the long-awaited Trump infrastructure plan was finally released. What a disappointment, after coming here a year ago and promising a \$1 trillion plan. Then, in his State of the Union, saying it is going to be even bigger—huge—\$1.5 trillion. In the fine print, however, \$1.3 trillion of the \$1.5 trillion comes from communities like my hometown of Flint, Michigan.

Now, let's be clear. If States and local communities had an extra \$1.3 trillion laying around, they would be servicing those roads and bridges. They would be rebuilding their water systems. They would be doing this work already.

If we are going to have a Federal infrastructure plan, we need to have a Federal infrastructure plan that is really investment and not just checking the box so that the President can say he submitted a big, bold infrastructure plan.

Well, it is not big and bold, from the Federal Government's point of view. The \$200 billion investment from the Federal Government, offset by a \$170 billion reduction, boils down to \$3 billion a year over 10 years.

That is not big. That is not bold. That won't fix the roads and bridges in this country.

NO MORE "STRATEGIC PATIENCE" WITH IRAN

(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, this weekend, Iran has wrongfully seized another American hostage.

Morad Tahbaz, a dual American and Iranian citizen, was volunteering with the Persian Wildlife Heritage Foundation when he was maliciously arrested. This is in addition to the tragic news that Canadian Kavous Seyed Emami, who was arrested working with the Foundation, died last week under suspicious circumstances in an Iranian prison.

Morad Tahbaz is the CEO of the Persian Wildlife Heritage Foundation and former president of Empire Resorts. He

attended Colgate University and Columbia Business School. He is an upstanding American citizen who does not deserve to be treated like a criminal, nor a political pawn, by a rogue regime as he promotes the extraordinary heritage of Persia.

The Obama administration caved to the dangerous ransom deals with Iran, but "strategic patience" only emboldened them to subjugate the brave citizens of Iran.

As the Iranian Government continues to undermine peace, free nations must work together to address this serious threat. I support Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley in calling for the release of all American citizens unjustly detained in Iran.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, February is National Children's Dental Health Month.

During this month, we raise awareness about the importance of oral health, especially for America's kids. Tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease—five times more common than asthma and seven times more common than hay fever. Oral health status is directly tied to academic achievement and school attendance.

One way we can fix this is by passing my Action for Dental Health Act, H.R. 2422, which was unanimously reported out of the Energy and Commerce Committee on September 25. This bipartisan bill is cosponsored by 83 Members and supported by the American Dental Association, the National Dental Association, the American Dental Education Association, and 39 other advocacy groups.

Once enacted, this bill will empower the CDC to deliver more and better healthcare to underserved populations, especially urban and rural communities, and increase education about the importance of oral health.

I am proud to be working with Congressman MIKE SIMPSON from Idaho on this bipartisan bill. I ask the Speaker to schedule a vote on the bill before the end of National Children's Dental Health Month.

Lastly, I would like to wish my colleagues and constituents a Happy Valentine's Day.

ADDRESSING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

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

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, this week, the Senate is taking action to address

our illegal immigration problem, so I rise today to share some feedback from the people I represent in Alabama's Second Congressional District.

I recently held two telephone town-hall events to hear directly from some of my constituents. Let me start by thanking every person who took the time to participate and ask questions.

During both townhalls, I asked everyone what their top priority was regarding our country's illegal immigration issue, and the vast majority of participants said they are most concerned about securing our border.

I couldn't agree more. I have always said that, in order to truly fix our immigration system, we absolutely have to start by securing our border. If I had a leak in my house, I wouldn't start by replacing the damaged drywall. I would fix the leak first.

Mr. Speaker, the same idea applies for our illegal immigration problem. We will only be able to make real progress towards fixing the issue once we secure our border once and for all.

I am proud to support these efforts in the House, and I stand ready to continue to work to tackle this problem where it starts: at the border.

TRUMPISM

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

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, outside this building, more and more Republicans bemoan the effect of Trumpism on their party. We should take a moment to define this new phenomenon.

Trumpism is when the whims of our authoritarian President "trump" the values Republicans once stood for. It is when evangelicals say character doesn't matter. It is when "rule of law" constitutionalists shield Trump by attacking the institutions that guarantee the rule of law.

It is when First Amendment champions join Trump in attacking our free press. It is when Russia hawks bow and scrape before a President who chooses to believe his pal Vladimir over our own intelligence agencies.

Trumpism is when this House, which is supposed to conduct serious oversight, acts like Trump's lapdog, ignoring or abetting corruption and obstruction of justice.

Because Trumpism threatens democracy, many Republicans are leaving their party or, like George Bush's speechwriter, Michael Gerson, are calling on voters to deliver a message this fall. Without that political jolt, Gerson writes, "elected Republicans will just keep clinging to the USS Trump as it sinks further into the swamp."

Now that we have defined Trumpism, let's work together to save this country from it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CURTIS). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

AMERICANS SUPPORT WELFARE REFORM

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the welfare system in America has a problem and the great majority of Americans want to fix it.

Since 2000, the amount of Federal dollars spent on Medicaid that goes to able-bodied adults has increased 713 percent. The amount spent on food stamps for able-bodied adults has increased nearly 500 percent. These figures do not include seniors or individuals with disabilities.

Every welfare dollar that is spent on able-bodied, working-age adults diverts resources from the very individuals the program was designed to help—the truly needy—and from other important priorities such as education and public safety.

The solution is a work requirement. Able-bodied adults on welfare should be required to work, get training, or perform community service to receive benefits. An overwhelming 90 percent of voters support this reform, which could move 10 million able-bodied adults off of welfare.

Those who can work, should. Work is essential to helping individuals regain their independence and self-worth.

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COMMEMORATING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 911 SYSTEM

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

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 911 system and to honor its founder, Congressman Ed Roush from Huntington, Indiana.

As the representative for my northeast Indiana district, the late Congressman Roush was a driving force behind the efforts to create one central telephone number that citizens could use in a time of crisis to receive help. Launching a one-man crusade in the House, Congressman Roush wrote to all 50 Governors and countless public servants to gain support for an emergency phone number that was easy to remember under stress and short enough to dial quickly.

On March 1, 1968, the congressman's efforts were successful, and the 911 system went live in Huntington, Indiana, with Congressman Roush placing the first test call. Due to his efforts, Huntington led the way for other municipalities to adopt the important emergency system that has saved so many lives. Hoosiers are proud of the late Congressman Roush for his leadership 50 years ago on this initiative.

We as a nation are safer due to his efforts and the everyday lifesaving actions of 911 operators and first responders.

RECOGNIZING COLORADO OLYMPIANS

(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 in support of the Olympic athletes from the great State of Colorado. The Olympics are a demonstration of fellowship, sportsmanship, commitment, determination, and grit—a wonderful example for the world.

There are 36 Olympians participating from Colorado, the most from any State in the USA, and they are competing in 17 different disciplines. I am proud to say that 12 of these Olympic athletes are from Colorado's Second Congressional District. Lindsey Vonn, Mikaela Shiffrin, Sarah Schleper, Joanne Reid, Casey Andringa, Chris Del Bosco, Jaelin Kauf, Mike Testwuide, Katie Uhlaender, Chris Corning, Kyle Mack, and Red Gerard all hail from the Second Congressional District of Colorado.

And I am exceptionally proud that this past Saturday Red Gerard, at 17 years old, from Silverthorne, Colorado, won the Pyeongchang Olympic Gold Medal for the United States, the first Olympic Gold Medal for Team USA, before going from last place to first place on the final run. Red learned to snowboard right in his backyard in beautiful Summit County.

Another young Coloradoan, Arielle Gold—and Gold is a great name if you are going to be an Olympian—despite dislocating her shoulder in training earlier in the week, is bringing home a bronze medal in the women's halfpipe.

Those are just two of the 36 Olympic stories from Colorado. I wish I had time to talk about the other 34 because their dedication, perseverance, and spirit is an inspiration to all Americans, and I am rooting for them every step of the way.

USA. USA. USA.

CHALLENGING MORNING JOE HOST FOR AN INVITATION TO SPEAK ON THE PROGRAM

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

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because I am a proponent of impeachment. I have not only as much as said so but brought Articles of Impeachment before the House of Representatives. There are a good many people who are antithetical to my position, Mr. Speaker.

As a Member of the House, I would challenge any Member who desires to debate this issue on the floor of the House. I would also challenge any member of a morning program, "Morning Joe," who believes that he should back up his words, to talk to me on his program. Never talked to me. Never said a word.