

opposed the tax cuts, which clearly benefit workers. And now, last night, Senate Democrats shut down the government in an ugly effort to smear the President while distracting the American people from the President's achievements on his anniversary.

I have just learned, in fact, that Senate Democrats are closing National Guard armories across our States today at noon, putting our military readiness and troops at risk.

I am confident that, with the positive leadership of Speaker PAUL RYAN, House Republicans will continue to be the adults in the room for American families.

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

Thank you, President Trump, for your heartfelt address to the historic March for Life yesterday on The Mall.

### IT IS TIME WE GET BACK TO WORK

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, we are about 9 hours into the Schumer shutdown, which is basically Senate Democrats holding the United States—320 million people—hostage over an executive order made by President Obama to benefit 690,000 people here illegally, the DACA program.

The DACA program has nothing to do with funding the government for the next 4 weeks. There is plenty of time to continue to address the conversation on DACA, which is underway on a bipartisan basis, for something that is due in 2 months.

President Trump rightly decided to rescind what was done by a previous executive order so we can abide by the law and put a good law in place that addresses border security; chain migration; and what to do with those here illegally, which there is a lot of sympathy for across this country for those minors who are here under DACA.

Mr. Speaker, it is time we get back to work and put this country to work again and not hold 320 million Americans ransom in order to do this for a handful of illegal immigrants in this country.

We need to get back to work and reopen the government so we are not shutting down the CHIP program we passed, the National Guard, et cetera.

### THE HOUSE REAUTHORIZED CHIP

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

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, last November, more than 2 months ago, this House passed the reauthorization for the Children's Health Insurance Program, known as CHIP.

The House again passed the reauthorization for CHIP this week, but last

night, in addition to voting "no" on CHIP, CHUCK SCHUMER and the Senate Democrats voted "no" on keeping the government funded, and here we are.

The funding that Senate Democrats rejected last night includes funding for our Nation's servicemembers, tens of thousands of whom are deployed throughout the Middle East, the Pacific, and Korea.

They could have voted "yes" to the families waiting for the Children's Health Insurance Program and "yes" to our troops, but they did not.

There is no excuse for this. The issues of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and securing our border are being negotiated separate and apart from this funding bill and CHIP, and there are serious proposals to address these issues.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Senate Democrats to change course, end the Schumer shutdown, and do what is right for the American people: pass the government funding and Children's Health Insurance Program that we sent over days ago.

### OPEN THE GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in great frustration with the partisanship that is being shown about a bipartisan program to help children and about keeping our government open.

The Children's Health Insurance Program provides affordable and comprehensive medical coverage for children under 19 whose families do not qualify for Medicaid but cannot access insurance through a private plan.

Thousands of my constituents rely on this program, and we are trying to reauthorize it for 6 years, the longest in the program's history.

Mr. Speaker, there is nothing controversial about CHIP. Keeping the government open is a fundamental responsibility of Congress, and a government shutdown is irresponsible and unproductive. We must provide certainty to servicemembers and Federal workers who rely on a functioning government to support their families.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues, particularly those on the other side of the aisle, to prevail upon Senate Democrats to open the government up. We can continue these important policy discussions with an open government.

### THE TRUMP TRAVESTY CONTINUES

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, the Trump travesty continues, as it has for the last 12 months. We have heard our colleagues on the other side of the aisle

talk about the Children's Health Insurance Program. They are very concerned about its passage. Bring it to the floor. It will pass. And I guarantee you it will pass in the Senate.

Your Speaker, our Speaker, said: "We will advance major legislation one issue at a time."

Mr. Speaker, that is not what the bill you put on this floor did. It is not what the bill that is on the Senate floor did.

You are right. There is no controversy. Government should not be shutting down. It is the Trump confrontation and chaos that continues. That is why this government is shut down, and the American people are rightfully upset with every one of us; not just Republicans, not just Democrats. They are upset that their government is not working.

Mr. Speaker, bring these issues one at a time to this floor, and some will pass and some will not.

My time has expired, but the people's time is expiring. Let us do our work one issue at a time.

### PRESIDENT TRUMP'S FIRST ANNIVERSARY

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

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, last night, on the eve of the first anniversary of President Trump's inauguration, President Trump earned an F for leadership.

President Trump and congressional Republicans' obsession with passing a tax scam to benefit the wealthiest in our country and corporations has blinded them to their responsibilities to the American people.

Despite controlling the House, the Senate, and the White House, the Republicans were so incompetent, so negligent, that they couldn't get it together to keep the government open.

They could get it together to pass a tax credit, 83 percent of which benefits the top 1 percent, but they couldn't get it together to pass CHIP and its fuller complement to meet the needs of America's children and families and seniors.

President Trump said about President Obama at the time of the 2013 GOP government shutdown: "I mean, problems start from the top, and they have to get solved from the top. And the President is the leader. And he's got to get everybody in a room, and he's got to lead." President Trump then.

President Trump now, as President, President Trump tweets: "Our country needs a good 'shutdown.'"

Your wish has come true for your 1-year anniversary because of all-around incompetence, inefficiency, and prioritizing with all your heart and soul that 1 percent at the expense of the rest of the country.

Now, there is no such thing, as we know, as a good shutdown of the government. Republicans' total inability

to govern is once again threatening our economy, weakening our communities, and dangerously depriving the military of the certainty they need to keep our Nation safe.

I say the economy because a shutdown hurts the economy. The facts are there from their previous shutdown.

I am proud the House and Senate Democrats' unity is insisting on a budget that supports our military and the domestic investments that keep our Nation strong and honors our values by protecting our DREAMers.

I hope that we can now conduct bipartisan negotiations—bipartisan negotiations—in a transparent way that unifies the country, where we can find common ground to honor our responsibility to meet the needs of the American people.

It is important to note that this is the fifth Republican shutdown. They don't believe in governance, so shutting down the government is sort of a means to an end for them.

I just want to note that in 2013, when the Republicans last shut down the government—it is really important—that 231 Republicans voted to shut down the government to zero on their side—231—and that included Speaker RYAN, Leader MCCARTHY, Whip SCALISE, and Chairwoman MCMORRIS RODGERS.

Later, on October 16, when it was time to open up the government, it was just a kind of a remarkable thing.

I said 231. It was 229. Let me be fair, 229.

When it was time to open up the government, it was remarkable because the Republicans still did not want to do that.

On October 16, 144 Republicans voted to keep the government shut down—144. 198 Democrats voted to open up the government to zero. Nobody voted to keep the government shut down.

So what is this? What are they taking about? Do people not think that people have a record to see what their votes have been?

This is their fifth shutdown since the nineties. This is their fourth CR since September. Get it together. Wipe the tears of joy from your eye about passing a tax cut that benefits the wealthiest in our country. Get down to business for everyday people in America and stop using children as a shield to cover up what you are not doing for the American people.

When we had the majority and President Obama was President, one of the first bills we sent to his desk was CHIP. That has always been our priority. But it must be accompanied by legislation to support community health centers, which serve 27 million Americans, including those CHIP kids, medical education for primary care doctors who serve the needs of those children, Medicare extenders. The list goes on and on of what that package is but what the Republicans did not want to pay for in their ill-founded CR that they put forth.

A CR weakens the government. A CR weakens our national defense. Secretary Mattis has said that over and over.

This action shuts down the government. The CRs debilitate government. Let's get serious. Get it together. Stop romancing yourselves about that tax bill and start getting serious about meeting the needs of the American people.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HULTGREN). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 17 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HULTGREN) at noon.

#### OPEN THE GOVERNMENT BACK UP

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

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, at this hour, the Federal Government is needlessly shut down because of Senate Democrats. One party in one House of this Congress is deliberately holding our government hostage. This did not need to happen.

Mr. Speaker, it is important for people to understand why this is happening. On Thursday, this House responsibly passed a bill to keep the government open and to extend the Children's Health Insurance Program which covers nearly 9 million children who come from low-income families. No games. No strings attached. A straightforward bill. We did our job.

But Senate Democrats simply refused to do theirs. Last night, they used the filibuster to block our bill and to shut down the government. But why? What exactly in this bill was it that the Senate Democrats opposed? Why would they do such a thing? What do they find so objectionable? What do they disagree with? What is so objectionable that it is worth holding the entire government hostage?

Was it funding for our military?

Was it the Children's Health Insurance Program?

Is it funding for the Veterans Administration?

Is it funding for our National Parks?

What is it?

The answer is, they have no problems with any of it, and, yet, they are blocking this legislation anyway. That is right: Senate Democrats shut down the government over a bill that they have no issues with. They opposed a bill they don't even oppose.

We do some crazy things in Washington, but this is utter madness. Here

is the simple truth: Senate Democrats refuse to fund the government unless we agree to their demands on something entirely unrelated. They want a deal on immigration, and then they will think about reopening the government. It is a shakedown strategy that Senate Democrats have been talked into by their base.

Now, I could go on and on about how cynical I think this ploy is—and I certainly do—but let me read you something Senator SCHUMER himself said in 2013, the last time we found ourselves in this position with a government shutdown.

Here is what in 2013 during a government shutdown Senator SCHUMER said:

"No matter how strongly one feels about an issue, you shouldn't hold millions of people hostage. That's what the other side is doing. That's wrong, and we can't give in to that."

Let me repeat that first line:

"No matter how strongly one feels about an issue, you shouldn't hold millions of people hostage."

He was right. You shouldn't. But that is exactly what he and his party are doing right now.

Here is something else that Senator SCHUMER said in 2013.

"I believe in immigration reform. What if I persuaded my caucus to say, 'I'm going to shut the government down, I am going to not pay our bills unless I get my way?' It's a politics of idiocy, of confrontation, of paralysis."

"Politics of idiocy." His words, not mine.

Here is one more quote from Senator SCHUMER in 2013 during that government shutdown:

"We believe strongly in immigration reform. We could say 'we're shutting down the government . . . until you pass immigration reform.' It would be governmental chaos."

Sadly, he had that right as well.

Mr. Speaker, as we speak, furlough notices are going out to Federal workers across the country. Half of the Defense Department's civilian workforce has been furloughed. Training for Reserves has to stop. Guardsmen have to be sent home. A number of States are going to run out of money for children's health insurance. And all of this, all of this is completely unnecessary.

But Senate Democrats believe none of it is too high a price to pay for appeasing their political base. There was no reason for this shutdown. We have been, and we continue to be, willing to work together in good faith on immigration, but that deadline is weeks away. There is no good reason for Senate Democrats to keep willfully forcing a shutdown on this country.

Now, I want to take a moment and I want to address the men and women who work here in the Capitol and who work around the country in this government, whether you are in the military or in the Reserves or you are law enforcement or medical researchers or people working at our National Parks, whichever you do, wherever you are,