

and it is time for the Senate Democrats to do their job.

They voted against a noncontroversial continuing resolution that fully funded the Children's Health Insurance Program for 6 years. This is perplexing because, for the past several months, nearly every Democrat has cited CHIP as one of their most important priorities—but, apparently, it is not more important than playing politics.

Senate Democrats who voted against providing healthcare to 9 million vulnerable children need to be held accountable.

The total number of children enrolled in the CHIP program in Pennsylvania in fiscal year 2016 was 342,268. That means that 12.8 percent of children in Pennsylvania are at risk of losing healthcare because of Senate Democrats playing partisan politics.

Putting politics before the well-being of kids living in poverty and financially distressed homes is flat-out wrong. I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to call on the Senators who have been blocking funding the Children's Health Insurance Program to open the Federal Government.

Mr. Speaker, nobody benefits from the politics of a government shutdown, and millions of children are being hurt.

SHARING IN THE FRUSTRATION OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I share the frustration of the American public who overwhelmingly support protecting young DREAMers, authorizing the Children's Health Program and the community health centers that serve them, and funding government long term, not week to week.

Part of the solution is obvious: Donald Trump should not be in the negotiations, in part, because he doesn't understand the complexities. Indeed, it appears he doesn't even understand the basics. He frequently changes his mind, agreeing with what he last saw on FOX News or heard from the last person he talked to.

The weekend news was filled with accounts of his confusion and how destructive his participation has been, acknowledged by Republicans and Democrats alike, even frustrating his own staff.

Maybe it is time to just ignore Donald Trump and his tweets, send him lots of cheeseburgers, and keep this news off FOX. Without Trump's participation, we will reach a better solution, and we will do it faster.

SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD DESERVES BETTER

(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, South Caro-

linians saw the damaging impacts of the Schumer shutdown: 2,200 service-members in the South Carolina National Guard who had drill scheduled were forced to go home after driving across the State from all over the Southeast. I know firsthand of the disruption, as a Guard veteran myself and grateful dad of three sons who have served in the Guard overseas.

Additionally, 70 soldiers who were operating on Active Duty Operational Support orders had their orders terminated and will no longer have insurance or income as of today. Approximately 750 Federal technicians who handle mechanics for the South Carolina National Guard will be laid off today.

This is not only devastating to families, it will negatively impact the readiness of our forces, which I recognize as chairman of the Readiness Subcommittee. The Guard has 80 soldiers who were planning to attend necessary training this weekend, but those drills have been canceled, resulting in soldiers not being qualified or eligible for promotion due to missing training.

This serves as a sad example of just the impact on the South Carolina Guard members. Senate Democrats need to stop holding military funding hostage.

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

FIND COMMON GROUND AND END GRIDLOCK

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

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Mr. Speaker, on the third day of this reckless government shutdown, I rise to urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to find common ground and end this gridlock.

Families in Arizona and America are hurting. It is past time for Congress to come together to boost our military. We must reauthorize funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program, community health centers, and the Special Diabetes Program for Tribal communities, and many others.

Mr. Speaker, we can't go back to business as usual and continue to fund our military a few weeks at a time. Secretary Mattis and our military leaders have been clear about the dire impacts of continuing resolutions on our national security time and time again throughout this year.

We are facing increasing global threats. We cannot undermine our defense leaders and our troops by refusing to work together. We are here to solve problems. For our brave service-members and families across our communities, let's get the job done.

WE NEED TO KEEP THE GOVERNMENT OPEN

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

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, we have done our job. President Trump is doing his. The House has passed a spending bill that keeps our government open, funds our military, and helps protect healthcare for millions of low-income children, but Senate Democrats only want to obstruct President Trump. They are opposed to a bill that has everything in it that they are not opposed to, but they hold out for more.

Why?

Because they are putting amnesty for illegal immigrants above law-abiding citizens. This is unacceptable.

They are putting amnesty for illegal immigrants ahead of healthcare for low-income children.

They are putting amnesty for illegal immigrants ahead of funding our military.

They won't allow anything that includes President Trump's wall.

This is inexcusable. We need border security. We need to keep our government open. We need to fund our military. And we need to provide healthcare for millions of low-income children.

This is not a complicated matter, and voters should hold Democrats in the House and Senate responsible.

SHUTDOWN IS UNNECESSARY CRISIS

(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, this shutdown is an unnecessary, self-created crisis driven by an unwillingness to compromise. The American people deserve better.

There are bipartisan solutions available, solutions that responsibly fund our government and address the urgent priorities, from children's health and community healthcare centers, to DREAMers, to disaster relief.

I have been meeting with Members on both sides of the aisle, including the Problem Solvers Caucus, and I know there is a real willingness to get this done. What we need is congressional leadership and a President willing to negotiate and allow a vote.

We are almost 4 months into the fiscal year with no budget. We passed three continuing resolutions since September, but we cannot continue with these endless short-term patches. They are irresponsible, hurt our Nation, and hamper our military's ability to plan for the future. The Navy's Secretary likened it to putting \$4 billion in a trash can, pouring lighter fluid on it, and setting it on fire.

The clock is ticking. The last shutdown in 2013 cost our economy \$24 billion. This won't be resolved by one side going it alone. Let's end the political games, stop the finger-pointing, and do the work the American people sent us here to do.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to bring up H.R. 4872, the End the

Shutdown Act of 2018, a continuing resolution that would immediately reopen the government while negotiations can continue on a budget agreement that adheres to parity and on other critical issues.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. As the Chair previously advised, that request cannot be entertained absent appropriate clearance.

SHEDDING LIGHT ON THE STORY OF AN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT ON TRIAL IN CALIFORNIA

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, we are now 60 hours into the Schumer shutdown only because Senate and House Democrats would like to join them in forcing through an unfinished, hurried immigration policy.

This fellow here—I am not even going to name his name—is on trial in northern California for killing two police officers. He was twice deported from Arizona.

When the killings were described by others in the court, this fellow laughed and smiled as it was recalled. He then launched into a profane tirade, claiming his only regret is he didn't kill more than two officers and that he would escape from jail and he would do it again.

I will even quote part of him, if I can:

I don't blank regret that. The only thing I blanking regret is that I only killed two. I wish I blank killed more. I will break out soon, and I will kill more.

He has promised, when he gets out, he will kill more.

Does anybody out there believe that, under current policy, with the sieve of a border that we have, he won't fulfill that promise? Do we think that the families of Danny Oliver and Michael Davis or the families of Kate Steinle and Jamiel Shaw, Jr., have confidence that isn't going to happen?

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REOPEN THE GOVERNMENT BEFORE PEOPLE GET HURT

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

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, at the heart of this government shutdown is the President and the Republicans' inability to govern, except to give huge tax cuts to the 1 percent and their corporate donors.

The Constitution empowers Congress to appropriate the funds for the general well-being and for national defense. Instead, the Republicans are asking us to fund the government 30 days at a time. We will not be lectured on the health and the safety of our children by a party who has refused to fund community health centers, a party who dragged their feet for months while the

families of children on CHIP were terrified about the future of the program.

If they are so concerned about children's health, they would make the Children's Health Insurance Program permanent. But this is not about CHIP. Do not insult the intelligence of the American people. Just look what happened in the Senate. They refused to take up a permanent CHIP bill. Republicans are using CHIP as a bargaining chip and nothing more.

Do not hide behind our children. Reopen this government before people get hurt. We will not cave in to bullying and brinksmanship. We are here to govern, not to play a game of chicken. We need to meet the needs of the middle class and working families, and we need to fund our government programs.

OPEN THE GOVERNMENT AND FULFILL OUR PROMISES

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

Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to speak on behalf of west Tennesseans and the millions of Americans who are being hurt by the Schumer shutdown.

Let me be clear from the very start: this shutdown rests solely on the shoulders of Senate Democrats. Just like me, they were elected to Congress to solve problems and, instead, they are playing political games and putting American lives at stake.

The Democrats chose to shut down the government over something that we have plenty of time to discuss. Meanwhile, they are damaging critical programs that protect American citizens. Let's think about what is at stake: 9 million children rely on the Children's Health Insurance Program—9 million innocent children; 2 million servicemembers are currently going unpaid; 100,000 National Guardsmen have been sent home; pilot training has stopped; half of the civilian employees at the Department of Defense have been sent home.

Right now, our Nation is less safe because Democrats are putting non-U.S. citizens over U.S. citizens. It is simply un-American. It is shameful and it is reckless. This Schumer shutdown is an embarrassment to the Democrats.

On Thursday, House Republicans did their jobs. Let's work together and get our jobs done. Let's open this government back up and fulfill our promises to the American people.

OPERATING UNDER A CONTINUING RESOLUTION IS UNWISE

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, think back to school. You go to your teacher and say: My term paper is not done yet. Can I get an extension?

Well, okay, as a reasonable teacher, you can give them an excuse maybe

once. Twice, not very many. Three times, I never knew a teacher like that. Four times, no way.

You are 114 days late with the budget for the government of the United States of America, which includes the military and everything else that you are carrying on about.

Let's listen to Secretary Mattis talking about your continuing resolutions running the government bit by bit:

Operating under a continuing resolution is unwise as can be. It makes us rigid. We cannot deal with new and revealing threats.

We know our enemies are not standing still.

You are bragging about funding the government for 30 days?

You have not done your most basic function as a ruling majority of the House, the Senate, and the White House, and that is, to give us proper funding for the entire government.

In transportation, we have lost \$1.4 billion. That is 21,000 jobs.

Do your job.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

SENATE SHOULD END THE SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, let's set the record straight. Yesterday, Democratic Senator DICK DURBIN said that part of the reason for the shutdown is that this is the fourth CR this term.

Why do we have CRs—continuing resolutions?

Well, when Congress doesn't pass appropriations, a CR is the only choice other than a shutdown.

The House of Representatives passed all of our appropriations bills for this year. Senate Democrats have deliberately impeded the legislative process in the Senate, and no appropriations bills have been passed in their Chamber this term. When Senate Democrats leave no choice but a CR, don't complain about a CR.

Mr. Speaker, this is no way to run a government. Recognizing the damage that occurs with a shutdown, the House again rose to the occasion and passed a continuing resolution with content that both sides agree with. The House of Representatives has done their job. We want to keep our government open. If only Senate Democrats would end this Schumer-led shutdown.

ECONOMIC COST OF A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, this is not a game. Congressional Republicans who own the House, the Senate, and the White