

House refuse to work out a bipartisan compromise to keep the Federal Government open. This not only disrupts the lives of millions of Americans, but it may have real harmful economic consequences.

The Trump shutdown sends exactly the wrong message. It projects chaos. It can hurt business confidence, tapping the brakes of economic growth.

In 2013, the last time the congressional leaders shut down the government, the economy took a real hit. The nonpartisan Bureau of Economic Analysis found that the shutdown lowered GDP growth by 0.3 percentage points on an annualized basis. Economic analysts at Moody's, Standard & Poor's, and Goldman Sachs estimated it may have cost our economy \$24 billion, about \$1.5 billion per day.

Our economy depends on faith in our government institutions. Let's not do anything to jeopardize it. Let's stop this dangerous game. Open the government. Fund the government.

#### URGING SENATE DEMOCRATS TO REOPEN THE GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, last week the House voted to keep the government open with legislation that, on any other day, every Member would have supported. It funded the government and it reauthorized CHIP for 6 years, a program that 24,000 Montana children depend on for their healthcare needs.

On any other day, these proposals would pass with broad bipartisan support, but my colleagues on the other side of the aisle in this Chamber opposed it and 44 Senate Democrats opposed it. And for what?

An unrelated immigration issue that can be addressed before March.

What has been the result of these misplaced priorities?

The government shutdown. More than 2 million servicemen and -women aren't being paid; 9 million American children, including 24,000 in Montana, are losing their healthcare insurance.

My colleagues in the Senate will soon consider reopening the government. I urge them, particularly the 44 Senate Democrats who voted for the Schumer shutdown, to reopen the government, pay our troops, and restore health insurance to children.

#### PASS A BILL THAT INCLUDES FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS AND OTHER HEALTH PROGRAMS

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, Republicans claim that they have taken care of children's health insurance, but that is not the case. They politicized CHIP

by adding it to this controversial continuing resolution. If they were really interested in children's health, they would have considered passing this bill separately from the continuing resolution, and we could have included funding for community health centers and other health programs critical to our seniors.

Without an extension of funding for community health centers, the future of 142 centers in my State would be in jeopardy. These centers are where more than 200,000 New Jersey kids receive care when they get sick. You can't stand up for children's health when you are refusing to fund community health centers.

For weeks, we had been conducting bipartisan negotiations on CHIP, community health centers, and all of the other extenders that are critical to Medicare and to seniors, but Republicans tossed that all aside in favor, yet again, of partisanship. Republicans decided that the Medicare providers, the safety net hospitals, and community health centers didn't matter.

It is time for the partisanship to end. Let's get back to the negotiating table and work to pass a bill that includes the extenders, CHIP, community health centers, and all of these other healthcare programs. There is no reason we shouldn't be conducting those negotiations today.

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 continue on a budget agreement that adheres to parity and other critical issues.

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

#### SCHUMER SHUTDOWN

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, during times of strife and stagnation, the most powerful tool we have at our disposal is the power of prayer.

It is with that in mind that I offer my most heartfelt prayers for the men and women serving in uniform who are going without pay, and for the 9 million children forgoing access to critical healthcare during this Schumer shutdown.

House Republicans fulfilled our bipartisan mission to responsibly fund the government, support our troops, and reauthorize CHIP for the children who rely on the program. The reason that Senator SCHUMER and Senate Democrats shut down the government is plain and simple. They value the demands of illegal immigrants more than they value the needs of American citizens.

It is now the third day of the Schumer shutdown and that is 3 days too

many in my book. I pray that the Senate Democrats who have shut down our government will soon see reason and will fund the government. Our citizens deserve better.

End the Schumer shutdown.

#### REPUBLICANS NEED TO OFFER MEDICAL EXTENDERS

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to not speak about Alabama winning the national championship.

Mr. Speaker, the reason we are here is because Republicans care more about the extremely wealthy than they do about average American citizens. They got together and passed a tax scam bill that gave 86 percent of the moneys to the top 1 percent in our society.

They gave crumbs to the middle class that will expire, unlike the corporate cuts they gave that will not expire. And then they come up with a children's healthcare plan as a bargaining chip to get what is not a clean CR through, but a CR where they took funds that will help the ACA continue and take those down for 2 years so the ACA is further crippled.

To hear the Republicans talk about their care for healthcare is laughable. They were never for Medicaid or Medicare or the Affordable Care Act. They are not for a permanent children's healthcare plan. They are not for community health centers, where 40 percent of those CHIP children get their healthcare.

If they wanted to bring the government back and get us open, they would offer us the medical extenders like Mr. PALLONE talked about. This is unfortunate. We should get past this and we should stop our mantra that the Republicans have learned.

#### PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Texas will state her parliamentary inquiry.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, the parliamentary inquiry is the utilization of the words "illegal immigration" being used against the well-stated policies of the United States dealing with respecting people who come to this country.

My question is the terminology being used to indict Democrats, the Democratic Party, and it is maligning hard-working Americans who came from an immigrant background.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will not interpret the meaning of a Member's remarks.

# **MOURNING THE DEATHS OF FOUR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM YORK COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA**

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

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart. In the early morning hours of Tuesday, January 16, four law enforcement officers were ambushed while responding to a domestic call in York County, South Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, Detective Mike Doty, who had been with the York County Sheriff's Office for 12 years, was slain in the line of duty.

Today, Detective Doty will be laid to rest, and our hearts grieve and mourn at the loss of one of our bravest. Our hearts especially ache for all his loved ones: James, Katherine, Joshua, Patricia, Michelle, Christina, Diana, Shane, and his twin brother, Chris, who served with him. They will continue to remain in our prayers.

In the Gospel of Matthew 5:4, we are told that God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. May we take solace in this verse and always remember that the Lord is with us.

May God bless the family of Michael Doty.

## **LET'S REASON TOGETHER**

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, we have a lot of differences on this floor, and we are supposed to have differences. That is why there are 435 of us. Unfortunately, those differences have not been reconciled, and the Federal Government has been closed now in its third day.

It is not helpful, however, today or in the coming days, as we try to resolve these differences, for Members to take to the floor and impugn the integrity of one another. It is not helpful, for example, for the President of the United States, through his campaign at his direction, to run television ads that accuse Democrats who oppose the budget measure of being complicit in murder.

It is not helpful for the Vice President, overseas, in front of troops who serve this country with honor and dignity, to make a partisan speech accusing Democrats of not having their back. It is not fair to have Members come to this floor and suggest that those troops won't be paid when that Member knows that is not true.

Let's reason together. Let's treat one another with some dignity and bridge the gap that exists between us.

## **DACA**

(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, yesterday, I said, at this podium, that the

resolution to the Schumer shutdown is simple: Senate Democrats need to vote "yes" on the short-term funding bill, and the government reopens, paychecks get processed for our troops, and the Children's Health Insurance Program is up and running. It is that simple.

Understand this: the Senate Democrats chose to shut down the government because they have more interest in creating a false deadline to address the DACA issues. The fact is the legislative process is already underway to address DACA.

I'm cosponsoring the Securing America's Future Act which not only addresses DACA but actually takes measures to make sure we actually solve the problem in the long term, including securing our borders, which is a big part of addressing the heroin crisis we have in our country.

Let's end the Schumer shutdown, reopen the government, and continue our work to address the critical issues facing our country.

## **DREAMERS**

(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, a precocious 10-year-old named Stella reminded me yesterday that we teach our children in kindergarten that it doesn't matter who starts a problem, what counts is that we end it.

She asked me how it is that once we become adults we somehow forget that basic lesson.

Looking at Washington right now, I didn't have a good answer for her or for my many constituents who are frustrated by this shutdown.

Just because the President and some in the Congress aren't doing their jobs doesn't mean our Federal workers should not be able to do theirs.

So what do we need? We need real commitment and compromise, not more partisan rhetoric like we have heard today. We have to get this done, get it done right, and get it done soon. Our national security, our Federal workforce, those who serve our country in uniform, our DREAMers, and all of our constituents are depending on us.

## **OPEN THE GOVERNMENT**

(Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California. Mr. Speaker, 2½ days ago, Democrats shut down the Federal Government in an attempt to score political points at the expense of the American people.

Democrats chose to ignore the impact that this has on our Nation. Over 2 million troops go unpaid as they bravely continue to serve and protect us. Nine million American children—16,000 of whom reside in Orange County—don't have the long-term assurance of healthcare coverage.

Mr. Speaker, this is no way to run a government. The vast majority of Democrats do not disagree with any part of the House-passed continuing resolution, yet they chose to shutter the Government over unrelated issues.

Democrat leadership chose this reckless course of action at the expense of the American people.

Open the government. Stop this reckless political ploy, and let us get on with serving the American people.

## **GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN**

(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, it is important for us to understand why we are here. We are here because the Republican majority in the House and the Senate and the President of the United States have not funded the government.

Secondly, we also are here because there are a number of issues on which I think there is agreement in both Houses that have not been brought to the floor irrespective of the majority's will.

It appears, from what the Senate leader has said, that there is an agreement in the Senate, and, perhaps—and I think probably—we will move forward today to open up the government.

But I hope my Republican colleagues do not misinterpret what is happening because the issues will not go away. Between now and February 8, if that is the date, we must resolve how we are going to fund the government—that is what has held us up—and we must bring to this floor a bill to protect people whom the President of the United States said we ought to protect.

Let's do it. Let's do our work.

## **WHY CAN'T THE REPUBLICAN MAJORITY PASS A BUDGET?**

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

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I am going to ask the Speaker: How is it that the Republican majority, in really less than a month, could pass legislation that was the biggest transfer of wealth to the wealthiest people in America through this giant tax cut that costs every single American \$7,000 or more, but the Republican majority cannot pass a budget that they have had a year to pass, that addresses our military, that addresses healthcare, that addresses pensions, that addresses the DREAMers, and that addresses a whole variety of things?

Why can't it get done?

Why is the only thing that the Republican majority has found the will to pass is giant tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans?

That is really the question that people should be asking. Here we are, we can't even pass a budget to keep the government open.