

As this partial government shutdown continues, help the Members of this assembly to open their hearts to Your love and to surrender their hopes and desires to Your purposes.

Pour out Your spirit of wisdom on each Member that today's deliberations might best respond to the pressing issues of the day. While disagreement abounds in Washington, thousands are in need of relief.

Bless those Americans who locally are stepping forward to assist those charged with serving to secure our safe travel and our borders and who are missing their second paycheck.

May humility and compassion be manifest among those who have the power to bring this impasse to an end.

Lord, have mercy on us.

May everything we do 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 her approval thereof.

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

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

THE SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

THE SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MARINO), the whole number of the House is 433.

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

46TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

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

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, yesterday was the 46th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the landmark Supreme Court decision that affirmed the constitutional right to an abortion.

This decision allowed millions of women to come out of the shadows and access lifesaving reproductive care, yet antiabortion laws and sustained attacks on women's access to the full range of reproductive healthcare continue to push abortion coverage out of the reach for too many people.

Since 2011, State lawmakers have passed more than 400 laws that restrict abortion, and policies like the Hyde amendment have pushed coverage out of reach for millions of women, especially low-income women and women of color. That is why I have been proud to be the lead cosponsor of the EACH Woman Act, along with Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky and Congresswoman DIANA DEGETTE.

This legislation will end the harmful Hyde amendment and make sure that all people, regardless of where they live or how much they make, have access to a full range of reproductive healthcare.

Madam Speaker, I remember the days of back-alley abortions, and we cannot allow this administration to turn back the clock on women's access to abortion. It is time to be bold and end Hyde and lift all the bans that deny a full range of reproductive healthcare to all women.

IRANIAN PROXIES

(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, the murderous regime in Tehran has a very clear policy: death to America, death to Israel. That is why Iran trains, arms, and funds militia groups to fight its proxy wars throughout the Middle East.

In Iraq, these militias destabilize the country, weaken Baghdad's central authority, and do Iran's bidding. These militias directly threaten American interests in Iraq.

Many of them have American blood on their hands, but they are not being held accountable for their actions by our government. That is why I introduced H.R. 361, the Iranian Proxies Terrorist Sanctions Act, with my colleagues on the Foreign Affairs Committee, BRAD SHERMAN, STEVE CHABOT, and TOM SUOZZI.

This bill will finally sanction two notorious Iranian-controlled proxy groups in Iraq, including those responsible for the September 2018 attacks on the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad and U.S. Consulate Mosul. Mr. Speaker, I urge

my colleagues to support this bipartisan bill.

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

GERTRUDE AND SOL SLOAN—INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I recently met with an extraordinary American by the name of Gertrude Sloan. Today, I rise to share her story and that of her late husband, Sol, both Holocaust survivors.

Sol and Gertrude were born in Romania into Jewish families, and both were taken by the Nazi regime and held in a camp in Auschwitz. In an oral history, Sol tells the horrors of the concentration camps: starvation, beatings, and family separations with fatal endings.

Of the 1.3 million people taken to Auschwitz, an estimated 1.1 million were killed. Sol and Gertrude made it out alive. They met at a displaced person's camp and were later sponsored by relatives to come to America. In 1955, they opened Sloan's Antiques on Buffalo's east side, which continues to be operated by their son Max today.

I share the Sloans' story as we prepare to recognize International Holocaust Remembrance Day. May it be a reminder of the unspeakable grief for the Holocaust and for the inspirational stories of those who survived.

GLOBAL TRADE ACCOUNTABILITY

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

Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, international trade is essential to America's economy and to American leadership. Today, I introduce the Global Trade Accountability Act, which seeks to establish this principle.

As a private-sector manufacturing business owner, I experienced the harmful effects of bad trade practices firsthand.

On trade, as with many other issues, Congress needs to work with President Trump to restore power to the American people. This bill does that by ensuring that the President has flexibility to change tariffs as needed in negotiations, but if the President wants the tariff to continue beyond 90 days, Congress would need to vote approving that action.

President Trump's commitment to put America first in trade is commendable in fulfilling his promise to American workers; however, the President should not be in this fight alone. Congress needs to join the fight to ensure these efforts are effectively moved forward for the entire country.

The Constitution clearly gives the legislative branch the responsibility to

regulate commerce and lay taxes and duties with foreign nations, yet Congress has surrendered this Article I authority. Mr. Speaker, it is time to restore it.

STOP HOLDING OUR FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HOSTAGE

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

Ms. BROWNLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to share the story of one of my constituents. Her name is Trisha.

In December of 2017, Trisha and her family lost their home and all of their belongings in the devastating Thomas fire. Since then, the family has been working hard to rebuild their home and their lives while supporting their two young children.

Now, because of the Trump shutdown, Trisha and her husband, who both work as air traffic controllers, have gone weeks without paychecks, facing very extreme hardship.

President Trump is holding them and 800,000 other Federal employees hostage, making an already stressful time even worse.

I welcome an honest, bipartisan discussion on border security, but we cannot have a full and transparent legislative process while the American people are being held hostage. It is time to open up our government now.

MENNONITE COLLEGE OF NURSING CELEBRATING 100 YEARS

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

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Illinois State University's Mennonite College of Nursing on celebrating 100 years of excellence in nursing education.

Founded on January 23, 1919, the Mennonite Sanitarium Training School had a vision of training the Nation's best nurses. In 1982, they grew to become the Mennonite College of Nursing, thereby offering undergraduate degrees for the very first time.

In 1995, they added a graduate degree; and in 1999, the college became part of Illinois State University, where it has expanded to include even more academic offerings, including a doctorate degree.

Today, the ISU Mennonite College of Nursing boasts a state-of-the-art simulation lab and a 10,000-square-foot facility to provide students with hands-on experience in real-life situations with patient simulators.

As the husband of a nurse who is a former nurse educator, I am proud of the strong legacy of ISU's Mennonite College of Nursing and their commitment to educating future generations of nurses just like these students here. I commend them on their century of

leadership and look forward to the many achievements to come.

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS AFFECTED BY THE SHUTDOWN

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

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share with you a letter from Antonio, a constituent of mine affected by this shutdown. He says:

I am an air traffic controller at O'Hare Airport. This is already a stressful job, but a job that I love. This shutdown is adding an extra layer of stress to all of the controllers working around the country. With the shutdown going past a month, we are all stressing about bills, how to put food on the table, how to pay for childcare, et cetera. We don't have the luxury of escaping from the stress of this job because, when we go home, the stress just continues as worrying.

Finding out that our vision and dental benefits would be billed to us with the expectation that we pay those bills out of our own pockets, despite having no paycheck for over a month, has only added to that stress. This shutdown is going to be a massive safety risk for the flying public if it doesn't end soon.

I have more from Antonio, which I will include in the RECORD later.

BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN OF FEMA

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

Mr. RIGGLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to commend the work of our hardworking FEMA employees and the fantastic job they do with disaster relief.

In October, my district, and many on the East Coast, were hit by Hurricane Florence and Tropical Storm Michael. I visited the town of Drakes Branch in Charlotte County to offer support after those storms. The damage was devastating, and there was work to be done all over the East Coast.

In my district alone, FEMA applications were filed in Charlotte County, Danville city, Franklin County, Halifax County, Lunenburg County, Mecklenburg County, Prince Edward County, and many others.

I commend the hard work done by FEMA in helping these areas recover, because we are recovering and are continuing to work to rebuild these areas.

I also commend the brave fire and rescue workers in all these areas, especially Meherrin Volunteer Fire and Rescue and the Drakes Branch VFD.

This is not an easy task, but for our work so far, we have been a success, and I thank the brave men and women of FEMA for their efforts.

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END SHUTDOWN AND PAY AMERICAN WORKERS

(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, as we stand here today, 33 days into the longest shutdown in our history, hundreds of thousands of Federal employees are being forced to work on our Nation's behalf without pay.

We are all able to confidently shop for groceries and eat in restaurants because FDA food inspectors are on the job. We are able to pass through airport security and fly across the Nation because TSA agents and air traffic controllers continue to do their jobs. We can all sleep soundly at night knowing our shores are protected because the men and women wearing the uniform of the Coast Guard remain resolutely at their posts, on the job.

The list goes on and on, and all of these Federal workers, these Americans, are working without pay.

Mr. Speaker, this situation is unconscionable. It is unjust. It is immoral.

This past weekend, Jason, an 8-year-old boy from my district, presented me an impassioned letter, remarkable for its wisdom. He writes: "Dear Mr. President. . . . All of us work hard for our money. . . . I hope you see my point of view and end this shutdown."

Mr. Speaker, I ask the President to listen to Jason and the majority of the American people. End this shutdown and pay the American workers who every day keep our Nation safe, secure, and strong.

MARCH FOR LIFE

(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, last Friday, more than 100,000 Americans came to Washington for the 46th annual March for Life. This year's theme was "Unique from Day One."

Those who march envision a world where the beauty, dignity, and uniqueness of every human life are valued and protected.

Thanks to the pro-life movement, abortion rates across the country are at the lowest since 2013. Proudly, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania remains one of the top protective States in the Nation to provide legal protections for human life from conception to natural death, according to the Americans United for Life.

Many of my colleagues have introduced legislation in this Congress to advance the pro-life cause and to protect the unborn. I am proud to cosponsor many of these bills, including the Defund Planned Parenthood Act, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, the Sanctity of Human Life Act, the Protecting the Dignity of Unborn Children Act, and the Life at Conception Act.

Mr. Speaker, we must always be a voice for the voiceless, and we must continue to build a culture that values