

countries all around the world that abortion should be legal and the government should be paying for abortion? What a stain on the moral record of the United States of America.

This is the week of the March for Life. I would like to thank all the people from the State of Wisconsin who are there and come here diligently every year, hoping the people in this city, both the justices and the politicians, realize that this murder of almost a million people a year must end.

I would like to thank them and hope that this is the last year that we have to continue this debate and that, finally, by this year, this time, we one more time think that life is precious and our government will not continue to allow the premature snuffing out of life.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 21 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 (Ms. DEGETTE) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Thank You, O Lord, for giving us another day.

We call upon You this day to be with our Nation during these difficult times. Thousands are without work, services are diminishing, futures are increasingly precarious.

May Your spirit impel those who are empowered to do so to bring resolution to the current shutdown. In such a contentious time, may humility be manifest in the exchange of opposing positions, that all might find relief, and those charged with serving to secure our safe travel and our borders can be properly compensated in a timely fashion.

Lord, have mercy on us.

May everything we do be for Your greater honor and glory.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BANKS)

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BANKS 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 PRO TEMPORE

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

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, today marks the 26th day of President Trump's irresponsible and destructive government shutdown. Not only has the shutdown resulted in hundreds of thousands of Americans being put on furlough, but it has also inflicted long-term damage to our Nation's research and development enterprise.

During my 26 years on the Science Committee, I have witnessed the consequences of our Federal science and technology agencies being forced to shut their doors; namely, science suffers and U.S. innovation falters. We fall behind and fail to compete globally as our competitors strengthen their own investments in R&D.

Researchers who rely on regular funding from now-closed agencies are struggling to keep their projects afloat as they miss important deadlines and have crucial gaps in data. We are seeing contractors that work in coordination with the Federal Government being furloughed, with no promise of back pay when the President's temper tantrum is finally over.

We hope to get back on course. If we want to remain a global leader in innovation, we must end this shutdown.

REMEMBERING MOFFATT BURRISS

(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. Madam Speaker, South Carolinians are celebrating the life and achievements of Moffatt Burris, Sr., who passed away last week at the age of 99.

He should always be remembered for his valiant service in the Army, liberating Europe during World War II. This was chronicled in his autobiography, "Strike and Hold." His heroism led to the capture of the Nijmegen bridge in the Netherlands. It is the basis of the movie, "A Bridge Too Far."

Upon his return, he established an extraordinary family, business success, and, as the first State house caucus leader, was a pioneer in developing the

modern Republican majority in South Carolina.

My wife, Roxanne, and I offer our deepest sympathy to the Burris family.

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

DISASTER RELIEF AMENDMENT

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

Mr. HARDER of California. Madam Speaker, today, I rise on behalf of the communities affected by the devastating wildfires in northern California.

These past few months have been a trying time for our community. Entire towns were destroyed, crops were burned, and thousands of families were left with nowhere to call home. My relatives' home was completely destroyed in the Paradise fire.

In my district, we had to wear masks because of the terrible air quality. Farmers throughout our region took a huge hit with missing livestock and crops ruined by thick ash.

Today, I am proud to lead a bipartisan amendment bringing \$1.9 billion in relief to our farmers for crop and livestock losses during the fire. This is incredibly important to my district, and it is just the start in helping our communities rebuild. It is also a perfect example of how we can put party labels aside, actually work together, and do what we were sent here to do: help people.

I know a lot of people in my district are frustrated we can't even work together to keep our government open. I am frustrated, too. Let this be an example and a sign that, out of tragic loss, we can remember what actually unites us.

BORDER SECURITY

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

Mr. WILLIAMS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the crisis on the southern border. I stand with the President and my colleagues in the House and Senate in their calls for securing our southern border.

As the former secretary of state of Texas, I was the chief liaison for the Texas Border and Mexican Affairs. My experience in that role taught me that our border was vulnerable, and, sadly, that remains true today.

While I was Texas' secretary of state and now as the representative for Texas' 25th District, I am encouraged by all that our Border Patrol and Federal law enforcement agents do to protect this great Nation. However, I am disappointed that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have abandoned reason and asked these patriots to do more with less.

The Federal Government should provide all resources necessary to secure our border, not make it more vulnerable. Our agents need more boots on the ground, more advanced technology, and, ultimately, a barrier to keep those who may not want to do the right thing out.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to come back to the table, negotiate in good faith, reopen our government, and protect the sovereignty of the United States of America.

In God We Trust.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO OUR COAST GUARD

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to our Coast Guard. One of my favorite sayings in life is, if you want to talk the talk, you have to walk the walk.

Politicians like to talk, we like to give speeches, yet we talk about our Coast Guard, how noble they are, how brave they are, how they stand up for us, these strong men and women, but, currently, our Coast Guard men and women are suffering and are without pay.

It is also true for our FAA and our Federal corrections officers.

I ask everyone to support my bills, H.R. 350 and H.R. 419, so that they can get paid.

Whether Democrat or Republican, our duty as Americans is to treat these men and women who serve our great Nation with decency and with honor and respect, and may God always bless them.

REMEMBERING MEL STOTTLEMYRE, SR.

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, Mel Stottlemire is a household name for baseball fans across the country, but to us in central Washington, he is a hometown hero.

Hailing from the small town of Mabton in the Yakima Valley, Mel's career skyrocketed to the heights of becoming a star pitcher for the New York Yankees and one of the most impressive pitching coaches in all of baseball.

Mel shared his passion for baseball with all of those around him, from his sons, who followed in their father's footsteps to pitch in the major leagues, to the young players he coached at baseball camps in Yakima and in Ellensburg.

Throughout his career, he pitched for five All-Star teams. He went on to secure five World Series rings as a pitching coach before returning to his home State to coach for the Seattle Mariners.

Mel passed away on January 13 after a long battle with cancer, but his spirit, perseverance, and compassion will not be forgotten.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating Mel Stottlemire and the legacy he leaves. My prayers go out for his wife, Jean, and his sons, Mel, Jr., and Todd, at this difficult time.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. LUJÁN. Madam Speaker, New Mexicans are working tirelessly to provide for their families. They do not have the luxury of ignoring their bills until the President figures out what it takes to run a government.

President Trump clearly does not understand the anxiety that comes from choosing between a mortgage payment and gas in the tank or not being able to pay your bills at the end of the month.

I have heard from many in my district who are hurting because of the Trump shutdown, constituents like Andrea. Her family became a one-income household after her 4-year-old son was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and epilepsy.

Her husband is a furloughed USDA employee. Because of her son's medical needs, their family has already been living paycheck to paycheck, and the shutdown immediately put them into survival mode.

The shutdown must end. Democrats have put multiple bipartisan plans on the table to open the government. Madam Speaker, I implore MITCH MCCONNELL to let the Senate vote to end this shutdown for the hundreds of thousands of families being hurt, families just like Andrea's.

MARCH FOR LIFE

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

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today because I believe there is a purpose and a God-given right to every life.

It has been nearly 46 years since the tragic Supreme Court decision of *Roe v. Wade*, a decision that has denied the inalienable right to life to over 61 million innocent children.

While we mourn the loss of millions of innocent lives, we reflect on the work left to be done. We gather together this week for the March for Life to celebrate the progress of the last 2 years. From the continuation of President Trump's expanded Mexico City policy to the landmark Protect Life Rule, the pro-life movement is making major strides promoting a culture of life in America.

Friday, I will march alongside hundreds of thousands of Americans from all corners of this country in honor of

those who never had a chance to march for themselves, but leading the march will be students from Bishop Dwenger High School in my district in Fort Wayne, Indiana, who will be joining us there that day. I can't wait to join them tomorrow as they carry out this honor on The National Mall, and I ask my colleagues to join me as we reaffirm the sacred nature of all life.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Ms. FRANKEL. Madam Speaker, I stand with millions of Americans who say it is time to end this irresponsible and cruel Trump shutdown.

In Florida, where our borders are surrounded by water, we rely on men and women like Coast Guard Petty Officer Seth to keep us safe. Now, like 800,000 other government workers, our Coast Guard is not getting paid, and that leaves Officer Seth and his wife, Beth, and their two sons at home worried about money for food, for diapers, for paying their mortgage, for getting their gas.

Now, lawmakers, we can debate about what is needed for a secure border, but innocent people who show up to work every day to serve the public should not be held hostage by the political whim of a President.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, we were sent to Congress to lead, but this partial government shutdown is not leadership. It speaks to a bigger problem in Washington: the reluctance to reach across the aisle and serve in the best interests of our constituents.

Playing political games should not take precedence over securing our border and keeping Americans safe, but it seems to me that is exactly what is happening right now.

I call on my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to come to the table so we can find a solution to this partial government shutdown and make sure Federal workers get paid for the work they are doing and the work they have done.

This inability to come together on commonsense border security funding has gone on too long and affected too many Americans. We must put partisanship aside, secure our border, and reopen this government.

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REOPEN GOVERNMENT

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

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, today, on the 26th day of the Trump