

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. HOYER moves to refer the resolution to the Committee on Ethics.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Maryland is recognized 1 hour.

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I am moving to refer this resolution to the Committee on Ethics.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the motion.

The previous question was ordered.

The motion to refer was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REOPEN THE GOVERNMENT

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

Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL. Madam Speaker, Daniel Garcia-Barbon has been an air traffic controller for 10 years at Miami International Airport. It has been his life's dream to help passengers travel our skies. But last Friday Daniel was one of thousands of Floridians who received a pay stub in the amount of zero. He was forced to cancel his 4-year-old's birthday, and he is unsure how much longer he can afford to support his family.

Our government is failing our public servants.

I would like to ask this President and the Republican Party if they understand the value of the work that Daniel and thousands of other Floridians do to keep us safe.

We Floridians have weathered many storms, including this shutdown, but we always come together. Just this weekend, I witnessed kindness from an owner of a creole restaurant in the airport who was offering lunches to Federal employees.

This shutdown must end. It is preposterous to punish thousands of Americans for political gain. The Senate has a constitutional duty, and it must rein in this reckless President.

Madam Speaker, today, once again, I stand here before you to implore the Senate to reopen the government.

HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. UNDERWOOD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today on Religious Freedom Day to celebrate the numerous faiths that people hold across this great Nation.

Today we commemorate the 233rd anniversary of the passing of a State law that has shaped and secured our important legacy of religious liberty. On January 16, 1786, the Virginia General Assembly passed the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom. The bill, written by Thomas Jefferson, states: "All men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinions in matters of religion."

Just a few years later, this bill served as the inspiration for the First Amendment, which affirms our right to choose and exercise faith without government coercion or retaliation.

Today, Americans from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds remain committed to the values of faith, honesty, integrity, and patriotism.

Madam Speaker, our Constitution and laws guarantee Americans the right not just to believe as they see fit, but to freely exercise their religion. We observe this day in our homes, schools, and houses of worship because we have the freedom and the right to do so.

DEMOCRATS STAND FOR HUMANITY

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I think it is important for us to know what just happened today.

Democrats stood on the floor, unanimously, to open the government. Democrats stood on the floor, unanimously, to be able to provide for desperate Americans suffering from devastating floods, hurricanes, and wildfires.

Yes, we helped our friends in the Northern Mariana Islands for our good colleague to stand on the floor and to have amendments that would provide Medicaid for his constituents. Democrats stood for the humanity of Americans.

Democrats are also standing for our Coast Guard, members who are on the front lines everywhere around this Nation and in our seas stopping drugs and saving people.

Democrats are simply asking that there be humanity in this Congress, in this House, for those who understand TSAs are trying to do their job without food or gas.

Democrats are asking for Senator McCONNELL to put our bills that were just passed to open the government on the Senate floor and to act like there is leadership in this Nation, to send them to the President.

Mr. President, sign the bill to open the government now and stand for what America is: a nation that cares.

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STAND FOR LIFE

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

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, early next week, America marks the dark anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's decision of *Roe v. Wade*.

Since that date, over 60 million babies have been aborted. Those babies had no voice to defend themselves.

The tide is turning, though. Thanks to President Trump and a pro-life Congress the last 2 years, we have continued to take a stand for life in legislation, through executive action, and in the courts. There is much to do to make sure that every baby is protected under our law yet.

I am especially grateful that Arizona was recently recognized as the most protective of life in the United States. Thank you to all the officials and advocates who work tirelessly to make this happen.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, let's be clear. The longest shutdown in our history is not about border security. Both Democrats and Republicans agree we need strong border security; we need new technology; we need stronger ports of entry; and we need more personnel.

But the President is tossing aside what we agree upon so that he can hit taxpayers for \$5 billion for his wall, and he is making 800,000 hardworking Federal employees and contractors, and their loved ones, pay an even higher price right now.

I have heard from constituents who should be working as aviation safety inspectors to keep our skies safe. Instead, one is waiting in the unemployment office. One cabin safety inspector is struggling to pay for cancer medication. Another is negotiating a payment plan for his mother's care, and his mother is an 88-year-old veteran living with dementia.

Let's end the pain of this shutdown, reopen the government, get Federal workers back on the job and being paid. We can work together to strengthen our borders, and we can treat asylum seekers with respect.

WHAT WOULD DR. KING SAY?

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

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, on April 3, 1968, the Reverend Martin Luther King gave what the world didn't know would be his final speech. Seven times in that address, Dr. King said, "But I wouldn't stop there," as he spoke of his dreams for a better world.

This Martin Luther King Jr. Day, it is critical that we not forget the many lessons Dr. King taught us, lessons that emphasize ways to treat our peers and our neighbors with respect, despite our differences, in order to make the dream of a better and more unified tomorrow possible.

That message should resonate today more than ever to my peers in this Chamber.

I have been thinking of this a lot lately, what Dr. King might say if he was here with us today, as he might see the divisive partisanship that lives among these halls, and I think he would deliver one clear message: We must unify to make meaningful changes. We must bridge the gaps that divide our Nation by working together to find common good civilly.

It is no secret that division brings pain and disables our capacity to solve problems.

As Martin Luther King said in his last speech in Tennessee, “I wouldn’t stop there.”

116TH ANNIVERSARY OF KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

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

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today on the 116th anniversary of Korean American Day, which recognizes the first wave of Korean immigrants who arrived to the United States on January 13, 1903.

They reached our country in pursuit of the American Dream, determined to secure a better life for themselves and their families.

They served as farm workers, wage laborers, and section hands, laying the groundwork for the success of their children and future generations to come.

Today, our Nation is home to nearly 2 million Korean Americans who enrich every aspect of American life. They embody the ideals that define our country: hard work, resilience, and community spirit.

I am proud to represent the largest Korean population in the country in California’s 34th Congressional District, and I am honored to reintroduce this resolution in the 116th Congress, recognizing their contribution 116 years after their arrival.

Please join me in acknowledging the generation of Korean Americans—the dreamers, the trailblazers, and the visionaries—who have realized the American Dream and continue to inspire us all.

MARCH FOR LIFE

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

Mr. HUIZENGA. Madam Speaker, it is an honor today to represent hun-

dreds of thousands of men, women, and children who will be marching this week in Washington, D.C., and around the country through the cold, through the wet, and, frankly, through the ridicule.

We don’t march for the recognition or for the headlines. We march on behalf of the millions of children who have had their opportunity to make an impact on this world stolen from them.

We don’t march because it is merely a political statement. We march because it is right. We march for life.

We must continue to prevent taxpayer dollars from being used to end the lives of innocent children here in the United States and around the globe.

When an organization prioritizes abortion over adoption and creating a culture of life, we must question why our government funds them at all.

Now more than ever, Madam Speaker, we are called to speak up for those who cannot for themselves. We must all stand firm to defend the sanctity of life, for the challenge is great and the cause is noble.

Together, we will march in solidarity for those who have never had the opportunity to walk on their own, and, in coming days, our voices will be heard louder than ever.

COAST GUARD MISSING FIRST PAYCHECKS

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

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, last week, I spoke on this floor about the first bill I introduced, a bill to fund our Coast Guard through this government shutdown.

Incredibly, our Coast Guard is still not being paid. Yesterday was payday, but they got nothing.

Just an hour ago, I spoke with Admiral Charles Ray, Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard, who emphasized to me just how hard this is for young members of the Coast Guard who have not yet accumulated savings. As he said to me, these men and women do everything we ask of them. All they ask is that we stand by them.

This is no way to treat those who put their lives on the line in our defense. Members of every branch of our military, and the families who serve alongside them, need to know that our government’s commitment to them is unbreakable.

Our government has betrayed the values of service and camaraderie embodied by our military families. We need to remember and honor those values. That means funding our Coast Guard and ending this crisis right now.

HELPING VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESS MEN AND WOMEN

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

Mr. WATKINS. Madam Speaker, today, the House came together to pass H.R. 190, led by my friend and colleague from Kansas’ Big First, Dr. ROGER MARSHALL. This act helps service-disabled, veteran-owned small business men and women.

The path of the American veteran is tough. So is the path of the small business man. Where those paths intersect are the people, innovation, and drive that make America the greatest country in the world.

This legislation not only helps veterans but helps us all through economic growth and through job creation.

When an American veteran finds his or her new mission, identity, and team in a small business, we got your 6.

HONORING MAJOR JAMES M. BROPHY

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

Mr. DELGADO. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to honor Major James M. Brophy, a marine from Staatsburg who lost his life while serving our country and was laid to rest this past Friday.

Major Brophy was a decorated combat veteran who served in Afghanistan as well as Japan. He dedicated his life to our Nation, and he was a devoted father, husband, and son.

This is a tremendous loss to not only his family but to the entire Dutchess County community, and he serves as an example to all of us.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends, and I offer my sympathy, support, and gratitude for his selfless service to our country.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. STEIL. Madam Speaker, I am frustrated. For 26 days, critical functions of the Federal Government have been nonoperational. Coastguardsmen have not been paid, and there is no end in sight.

We must work together to pass a bill, end the shutdown, and fund security measures at our borders. Put all 435 of us in a room with no phones, no TV, until the job is done.

I came from the private sector. In the private sector, you do not leave until the job is done.

Is our job done here in Washington? Did we end the shutdown? Did we adequately fund border security? The answer is no, we have not.

House leadership has refused to bring any serious attempt to open the government and address critical security needs to the House floor. Rather than playing political games with government funding, let’s work on solutions.

I am ready to stay here until we get the job done. Let’s get to work.