

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the critical need to pass the USMCA, a trade agreement for the 21st century. The USMCA would expand our markets, add \$63 billion to the economy, and create 176,000 new jobs, with thousands of those jobs coming to Minnesota.

When I am back in Minnesota's Eighth Congressional District meeting farmers, workers, and businessmen and -women alike, I am often asked why Congress has not yet passed the USMCA, even though it was signed by the President nearly a year ago. And my answer is this: If we voted on the USMCA today, it would pass the House with strong bipartisan support.

Unfortunately, Democratic leadership's refusal to bring this critical trade agreement to the House floor for a vote continues, and uncertainty remains for millions of Americans.

Pursuing partisan impeachment rather than clinching bipartisan wins for the American worker, is not what a majority of the American people sent us here to do. Enough is enough. I urge Democratic leadership to stop playing politics and join the rest of us in working for the American people.

The time to pass the USMCA is now.

LOWERING PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES

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

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, the number one issue that my constituents have asked me to address is the price of healthcare and, especially, the cost of prescription drugs. It is long past time for commonsense legislation to end the ban on price negotiation for drugs for our Nation's Medicare patients.

This one action will hold Big Pharma accountable and encourage more competition. That is why the special interests have opposed H.R. 3, because it forces them to lower their prices for U.S. patients.

We can use the money saved to lower premiums, cap out-of-pocket costs for our Nation's seniors, and invest in the National Institutes of Health's life-saving research and innovation.

These are decisions that impact real people. Take my constituent from Rosemount. He has Crohn's disease and takes a medication called Canasa. When he started taking the drug, it was \$100 for a 30-day supply. Over the past 10 years, that has skyrocketed to \$1,500 a month. In Canada, that same drug costs \$75 a month.

It is time to stop talking and take action.

JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION ONE WALK

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, I walked in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation One Walk at Segra Park, home of the famous Columbia Fireflies. I am grateful to have been able to support such an important cause and walk in support of eradicating type 1 diabetes.

The money raised at the JDRF One Walk in Columbia supports life-changing research that gives hope to those impacted by type 1 diabetes. It is an autoimmune disease that strikes suddenly and is serious and stressful to families, challenging families across our district.

Currently, there is nothing that can be done to prevent type 1 diabetes and there is no cure. JDRF is a leader in funding diabetes research, motivated by their vision of a world without type 1 diabetes. This organization works tirelessly to improve the lives of those affected by this disease by accelerating life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent, and treat diabetes.

I appreciate JDRF Palmetto Chapter Development Director Beth McCrary for her hard work and success in coordinating the JDRF Walk in Columbia and for her advocacy for ending type 1 diabetes.

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

FUNDING THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH DECEMBER 20, 2019

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

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the continuing resolution to fund our government.

Unfortunately, it breaks my heart that we have not been able to do our job and reach a consensus on a budget, but we will not be shutting down our government. The bill ensures that the Federal Government does not shut down a week before Americans celebrate Thanksgiving with their families, preventing countless Federal employees from being forced to work without a paycheck.

For my home State of Michigan, this continuing resolution repeals section 1438 of the FAST Act, which would rescind over \$7 billion in highway funding from the States. This repeal would protect over \$300 million in critical funding for Michigan, which is needed for our highways.

I am also thrilled that the continuing resolution provides a 3 percent pay increase for our Nation's servicemembers who devote their lives to protecting our Nation.

While the House and Senate use this additional month to continue negotiating complete fiscal year funding, I urge the Senate to include House language that would include increased

funding for maternal mortality, environmental protection, and programs that give women and families a better chance.

DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER ADVERTISING COSTS IN THE UNITED STATES

(Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring awareness today to a challenge that most Americans face every day with the high cost of their prescribed medications.

Since 2010, the practicing cost of drugs in the United States has risen by close to 10 percent per year. As a physician, I see patients who forgo their medications because they simply cannot afford them.

In 1996, the United States' use of direct-to-consumer advertising began a skyrocketing climb such that, today, 8 out of the top 10 pharmaceutical companies in the U.S. spend more on advertising than they do on research, personnel, or manufacturing. In fact, we are only one of two countries in the world that allow this practice, and this is a major reason why we have the highest cost of medications in the world.

As a physician, I am often put in the unenviable position of explaining to a patient why the drug they see on TV is not the right drug for them and why. Patients ask their doctor about this medication, only for them to receive entirely different advice from their physician who diagnoses their illness.

Yes, I am an ardent supporter of free speech, yet I would ask the American public: Is it worth it to you to pay up to 25 percent more for your medications just to see them advertised on television?

So rather than investing billions of dollars in advertising, pharmaceutical companies could be decreasing the cost of medications or using that money for cure research.

I ask for bipartisan support of this measure.

LEGAL IMMIGRATION MAKES OUR COUNTRY GREAT

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

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to showcase why legal immigration makes our country great.

Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to give a keynote address at a naturalization ceremony for new U.S. citizens. I awarded 68 new Americans with their citizenship certificates and spoke with their families and their loved ones. Being a part of that ceremony reinforced my patriotism and my belief in our country.

We want the best and the brightest from around the world to come to our

shores, and we want them to do it the right way. That is part of the American story.

So let no one claim that being tough on illegal immigration has to mean that you in any way oppose immigrants. It is actually quite the opposite. We want people to come to the United States the American way, the legal way, so they can pursue their American Dream.

REMEMBERING THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember President Lincoln's famous remarks in Gettysburg, 156 years ago today.

In the Gettysburg Address, President Lincoln expressed some of the most important American values in just 272 words. At the time, President Lincoln said: "The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."

Over the past 150 years, the world still remembers the service of those who fought in Gettysburg, including my great-grandfather.

We continue to remember and to cherish what President Lincoln said there, and we remain resolved "that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth."

It is my privilege to represent Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in the United States House of Representatives and to highlight our region's significant role in American history.

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FOOD BANKS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SUPPORTING FAMILIES WHO NEED A HELPING HAND

(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, this weekend I had the pleasure of joining volunteers of my district at the Port Matilda Baptist Church for the monthly CommonFood distribution event.

CommonFood is an organization that works to provide underserved and underemployed elderly, single-parent families, and low-income families in western Centre County with nutritious food.

CommonFood feeds approximately 140 to 150 families in the area. Each month these families receive a box of food valued at approximately \$150 filled with meat, produce, and nonperishables.

Organizations like CommonFood and our Nation's food banks play an impor-

tant role in supporting families who may need a helping hand. Through the USDA's Emergency Food Assistance Program, States are provided with food that is then distributed to local food banks and soup kitchens. These organizations then distribute quality ingredients to low-income households who are, in turn, able to provide their families with nutritious meals.

Organizations that provide emergency food assistance play an important role in the lives of low-income families, and they deserve our support. I am proud to support the farm bill that provides that type of support.

CONGRATULATING LOYALSOCK LANCERS MARCHING BAND

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

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate the Loyalsock Lancers Marching Band on their recent State championship at the 2019 Cavalcade of Bands.

The Lancers 2019 show entitled, "Heart of the Machine," Tin Man's journey to finding his heart, has been noted as leaving fans on their feet cheering during halftime events at football games and during their competition season.

The Loyalsock Lancers Marching Band has a rich history of success, winning the 2017 Cavalcade of Bands, being 20-time Tournament of Bands Region 4 champions, and marching in the National Outback Bowl parade. The band is the only band in North America to open for the performing group DRUMLine Live.

Even given this rich history of achievement, band director Ryan Bulgarelli said that the 2019 Lancers are possibly the best in school history. Again, I congratulate the Loyalsock Lancers Marching Band on their recent State championship.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1865, NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MUSEUM COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to take from the Speaker's table the bill, H.R. 1865, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention of any point of order, a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or her designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment with the amendment submitted for printing by Representative LOWEY of New York in the portion of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII; that the Senate amendment and the motion be considered as read; that the motion be debatable for 1 hour equally divided

and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; that the previous question be considered as ordered on the motion to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question; and that House Resolution 708 be laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3055, COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, TRANSPORTATION, AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 708 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 708

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 3055) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention of any point of order, a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or her designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment inserting the text of Rules Committee Print 116-38 in lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate. The Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The motion shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to its adoption without intervening motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, the Rules Committee met and