

security. To be clear, that is comprehensive by the standards of Border Patrol experts themselves—the men and women actually on the ground.

The bill would provide funding for each of the CBP's top 10 priority investments for border security, including a substantial investment in enhanced surveillance technologies, funding for the recruitment and training of 750 new Border Patrol agents, and \$5.7 billion for the construction of the physical barrier along the highest priority areas of the southern border.

In addition to these measures—similar to the ones that earned strong bipartisan support in the past—the legislation would take significant steps to modify certain areas of immigration policy. For example, it would grant 3-year lawful status for certain currently enrolled DACA recipients and individuals under TPS. These are areas where congressional Democrats have expressed vocal interest. Now they are included in a comprehensive proposal to open the government, fulfill our promise to the Federal employees, and address the humanitarian and security crisis at our southern border.

It is a proposal that the President will support. As I have stated consistently over the past month, that fact will earn it consideration in the Senate. A fully reopened Federal Government. Certainty and stability for Federal employees once again. The bipartisan appropriations legislation this body worked out together. The full investment in border security that the experts on the ground say they need. Changes to our immigration policies that are similar to the ones Democrats themselves have been fighting for in the past.

To reject this proposal, Democrats would have to prioritize political combat with the President ahead of Federal workers, ahead of DACA recipients, ahead of border security, and ahead of stable and predictable funding. Is that really a price Democrats want to pay to prolong this episode, which they say they want to be over and done with?

Is their plan truly to send Federal workers, DACA recipients, Customs and Border Patrol, and all Americans under the bus just to extend this run of political theater so they can look like champions of the so-called resistance? That is what some leading Democrats tried to assert right out of the gate, before they had even studied the President's new proposal. Speaker PELOSI came out right away and tried to rally her troops. She immediately described the President's proposals as "unacceptable." That is not exactly surprising, considering that just a few weeks ago, the Speaker went out on a limb and declared that physical border security is on its face "an immorality."

Not every Democrat seems to see it that way. And how could they? One Democrat from the State of Washington admitted that "the wall is not in itself a bad idea . . . it's been done."

Another from Illinois asserted: "If we have a partial wall, if we have fencing, if we have technology used to keep our border safe, all of that is fine."

One of the Speaker's fellow Members of the California delegation said: "We will support border security . . . all of its elements, including fences."

This is just a small sampling of House Democrats' actual views about the merits of border security.

These quotations don't even begin to touch all of the Democrats' demands that we reopen the government right away and their past calls to bring more certainty to individuals affected by DACA and TPS.

On one side of the scale, we have all of my Democratic colleagues' declarations that we must reopen the rest of the Federal Government and get Federal workers their paychecks. We have their statements and past votes that show they believe securing our border with some physical barriers is a good thing. And we have their stated desire to help out a number of individuals with a more certain immigration status. That is one side of the scale. All that is on the other side is the far-left political animus for the current occupant of the White House.

It seems to me it is about time to get serious. Even the Washington Post's editorial board, which is no fan of the President's and does not support every piece of this compromise proposal, had this to say about Democrats' outright refusal to negotiate. This is the Washington Post:

To refuse even to talk until the government reopens does no favors to sidelined federal workers and contractors. . . . A measure of statesmanship for a member of Congress now is the ability to accept some disappointments, and shrug off the inevitable attacks from purists, if it means rescuing the lives of thousands of deserving people living among us.

#### The Washington Post.

If even the Post believes my friends the Democratic leaders' total refusal to negotiate has grown very stale, you have to believe many of their own Members must be starting to feel the same way.

The President has made a comprehensive and bipartisan offer that would accomplish everything Democrats have said needs to be accomplished right now, immediately. It is a strong proposal. It is the only thing on the table, and later this week, we will vote on it.

#### RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

#### STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S SECURITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST ACT OF 2019—MOTION TO PROCEED—Resumed

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the

Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to S. 1, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1) to make improvements to certain defense and security assistance provisions and to authorize the appropriation of funds to Israel, to reauthorize the United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015, and to halt the wholesale slaughter of the Syrian people, and for other purposes.

Mr. McCONNELL. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Democratic leader is recognized.

#### GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, the Trump shutdown is now in its 32nd day. Essential government services are straining under the lack of resources—airport security, food safety, our Federal courts, our national parks. The economy is taking a serious hit. It was even revealed today that FBI investigations—law enforcement—are being curtailed, and, of course, 800,000 public servants who are dedicated to their jobs and their country continue to languish without pay.

The personal financial crisis President Trump is inflicting on these patriotic Americans is worsening by the day. He is hurting the 800,000 dedicated public servants, the millions who depend on them, and the entire country. This must stop. The government shutdown must end. President Trump and Leader McCONNELL need to come to their senses and reopen the government. Instead, over the weekend, President Trump made a televised address to outline an immigration proposal that is going nowhere fast.

It is clear that the President has realized he has put himself and the country in an untenable position. Everyone knows the President said he would be proud to shut down the government. Everyone knows that he and Leader McCONNELL are the only obstacles to opening it back up. Across the board, the polling shows it. Even a good chunk of Republicans is getting disillusioned with the President and the Republican Senate because they persist in keeping the government shut down because they demand that they get their way or else. The leader's attempts—that I just heard on the floor—to blame the Democrats for the shutdown are futile. They are so far from reality that no one takes the leader seriously when he says it. The American people know President Trump is responsible for the shutdown, and now they have learned Leader McCONNELL is a coconspirator in the shutdown.

In his realizing he is hurting the public and hurting the economy and in the underlining of the fact that his Presidency has far too much chaos and too little order, direction, and certainty, the President has had to make a proposal to try to shake things up. It is not a good-faith proposal. It is not intended to end the shutdown. The President's proposal is one-sided, harshly partisan, and has been made in bad faith.

The President single-handedly canceled DACA and TPS protections. He did it himself, on his own, a while back. Now the offering of some temporary protections in exchange for the wall is not a compromise—it is more hostage-taking. When the President says: "I will give you DACA and TPS partially"—even though he created the problem on his own—"in exchange for the wall," it is like bargaining for stolen goods. The President didn't offer the DACA protections in good faith. The President's team sold the DACA protections as the BRIDGE Act—a temporary fix originally proposed by Senators DURBIN and GRAHAM. It turns out the actual legislation is even more limited than the BRIDGE Act and would barely restore the protections that President Trump himself took away.

The New York Times reported that Stephen Miller, the architect of the President's harshest policies on illegal immigration, intervened to narrow the DACA proposal as much possible. When Stephen Miller is crafting the policy, you can be darned sure it is not a compromise.

Worst of all, we found out this morning that the legislation includes incredibly partisan changes to our asylum system so as to make it nearly impossible for migrants to claim asylum at our border. This is a dramatic change in what America has been all about—a dramatic turning around from what America has always had as its symbol—the Statue of Liberty. The asylum changes are a poison pill, if there ever were one, and show a lack of good faith that the President and now Leader McCONNELL have in trying to make a proposal.

The President and his team have tried to spin this proposal as a reasonable compromise with there being concessions to the Democrats. That defies credibility. Nothing could be further from the truth. There were no serious negotiations with the Democratic leaders or any Democrat to produce this proposal. Let me say that again. There were no serious negotiations with the Democratic leaders or any Democrat to produce this proposal. The President didn't ask what the Democrats needed in a bill to achieve our support. He simply laid his proposal down on the table and proclaimed it a compromise.

You can't have a compromise when one side declares: This is what we want, and this is what you want. You can't have a compromise when one side is determining not only what it wants

in the bill but what we want in the bill without even seriously negotiating with us. That is not how negotiating works. That is not the "art of the deal." What we have here is just another one-sided, partisan proposal from the President.

Contrary to the President's claims, it hardly represents a softening of his position. If anything, it is even more radical. First, President Trump said: Give me the wall or I will shut down the government. Then President Trump said: Unless you give me the wall, I will keep the government shut down. Now President Trump is saying: Give me the wall, and make radical changes to legal immigration or I will shut the government down.

No one can call this new effort a compromise. The President's proposal is just wrapping paper on the same partisan package and hostage-taking tactics. When you take off the wrapping paper, it is the same partisan, narrow, unacceptable package that cannot pass the House and that cannot pass the Senate.

So far, there is only one piece of legislation that has a chance of arriving at the President's desk, and that is for the Senate to take up and pass any of the appropriations bills that have already been passed by the House. These bills are noncontroversial, and there are no surprises or poison pill riders. In essence, what is in those bills has been supported by Republicans already, and each of them would reopen the government and allow us to continue our discussions on border security. The sooner Leader McCONNELL allows a vote on those bills, the sooner we can end this pointless shutdown and reopen the government.

President Trump and Leader McCONNELL, the American people and 800,000 workers are asking and waiting for you to act.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### TANF EXTENSION ACT OF 2019

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 430, which was received from the House.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 430) to extend the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families and related programs through June 30, 2019.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. BOOZMAN. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill was ordered to a third reading and was read the third time.

Mr. BOOZMAN. I know of no further debate on the bill.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. If there is no further debate, the bill having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the bill pass?

The bill (H.R. 430) was passed.

Mr. BOOZMAN. I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

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#### STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S SECURITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST ACT OF 2019—MOTION TO PROCEED—Continued

Mr. KAINES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BOOZMAN). Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—H.J. RES. 1

Mr. KAINES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 6, H.J. Res. 1, making further continuing appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security. I further ask that the joint resolution be considered read a third time and passed and that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. McCONNELL. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. KAINES. Thank you.

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#### STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S SECURITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST ACT OF 2019—Continued

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Virginia is recognized.

#### GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Mr. KAINES. Mr. President, I rise to discuss the continuing effects of the shutdown of part of the government on American workers and the American public.

I want to begin by discussing the effect of the shutdown on the Coast Guard. Following that, I will talk about a visit that I actually just made to a restaurant at 7th and Pennsylvania Avenues that was opened for the