

The Hyde amendment was passed in 1976 and has shared bipartisan support for over four decades, while saving at least 2.4 million lives. But, now, my Democrat colleagues want to break with precedent and pave the way for taxpayer-funded abortions.

This is wrong. It is in direct opposition to God's word and the will of the American people.

Psalms 139:13 is clear: "For You formed my inward parts; You knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

Polling shows that 60 percent of Americans oppose taxpayer funding of abortion.

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 18, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. As the Chair has previously advised, the request cannot be entertained absent appropriate clearance.

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NOW IS THE TIME TO INVEST IN AMERICA

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

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the INVEST in America Act.

This bill makes long overdue investments in the Nation building here at home and would deliver for my community in Buffalo and western New York.

It includes funding to convert the historic DL&W train station into a multiuse transportation hub. It supports the transition of a North Tonawanda highway near the Erie Canal into a walkable neighborhood. And it will transform an abandoned rail line in Buffalo into the vibrant Riverline trail.

The INVEST in America Act will add more than \$400 million in annual funding to New York to fix bridges and roads, an increase of over 30 percent.

This bill does not, however, fix neighborhoods destroyed by highway building in the decade of the 1950s. We need to do more to restore those communities in those neighborhoods that were destroyed many years ago.

Now is the time to invest in America.

IMMEDIATE ACTION MUST BE TAKEN TO PROTECT AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE AGAINST OUR ADVERSARIES

(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, bolstering our infrastructure against cyberattacks and ransomware attacks

is an issue that concerns every American. It is not Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative.

As we have seen from the recent Colonial Pipeline hack and the shutdown of the world's largest beef supplier, JBS, there are alarming cybersecurity weaknesses in America's critical infrastructure.

Immediate action must be taken to protect America's infrastructure against our adversaries. That is why we must pass my amendment to the surface transportation bill.

My proposal is simple. It is focused. It does not grow the size of the Federal Government.

My amendment requires the GAO, the Government Accountability Office, to study the vulnerabilities within our transportation system to combat cyberattacks.

This study will show us and accurately allow us to plan, invest, and put forth policies that address our susceptibilities to future threats.

I thank my colleagues from Massachusetts and Pennsylvania for joining me in this effort, and I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this amendment.

AMERICANS DESERVE BETTER

(Mrs. DINGELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, this past weekend and early this week, the people of Michigan's southeast area in the Twelfth District have experienced devastating floods. More than 7 inches fell on my hometown of Dearborn in a few hours.

But it is not new for Michiganians. We keep experiencing these once-in-a-lifetime storms every year. But that doesn't make it any different when your basements are flooded, family photos are ruined, carpets are soaked, cars can't operate, water is not running, and the power is out.

We have to do something. Our Nation's infrastructure is crumbling, and the American people deserve better.

We need to invest in our infrastructure to make communities more resilient to the impacts of the climate crisis.

On Saturday, I sent a letter to the President urging immediate FEMA assistance to our communities. I have asked the Army Corps of Engineers to begin a study to tell us what we have to do.

My constituents are dealing with so much damage and are in immediate need of essential resources. We are focused on doing everything we can to coordinate with all to help our communities. We just wish we could send the West some of our water.

WE ARE FOREVER INDEBTED TO OUR VETERANS

(Mr. BOST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the men and women who have proudly safeguarded the American way of life since 1776.

Generations of veterans have protected our homeland and its principles against all enemies.

These everyday American heroes are willing to give their lives to ensure a better tomorrow for our children and grandchildren.

We are forever indebted to them.

To the over 19 million veterans and 1.5 million Active Duty service personnel who hail from every corner of our Nation, we say thank you.

To the military families whose loved ones took their last breath in defense of tyranny, we will never forget the sacrifices.

This Independence Day, I will be thanking them, and I hope you will be as well.

May God continue to bless this great United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SWEET POTATO COMMISSION

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

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 60th anniversary of the North Carolina Sweet Potato Commission.

The role of this commission is to support growers and increase sweet potato consumption. Their efforts have been tremendously effective as the popularity of sweet potatoes has increased at home and especially abroad.

North Carolina leads the Nation in sweet potato production and has done so for the last 50 years. There are over 450 sweet potato farmers in North Carolina, and those farmers produce about 65 percent of all sweet potatoes grown throughout the country.

I am proud to recognize and congratulate the North Carolina Sweet Potato Commission on its 60th anniversary. I wish them another 60 years of continued success.

MEETING WITH PRESIDENT REUVEN RIVLIN

(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, on Monday, I appreciate meeting with Israeli President Reuven Rivlin at the U.S. Capitol. We are always grateful for the opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to Israel.

Recently, Hamas terrorists in Gaza launched 4,500 Iranian-produced rockets against Israeli families. America should always stand with our allies. The world is impressed by Israel as she defends herself with the Iron Dome.

It is encouraging to see the successes of Iron Dome intercepting rockets

launched by Iranian-backed Hamas. The Iron Dome intercepted 90 percent of the rockets toward the civilian areas of Israel protecting Israeli families.

Allies stand together. Thank you, President Rivlin, for your incredible insight on the murderous threat of Iran. Israel is vigilant in monitoring Iranian intercontinental ballistic missile development, which would deliver nuclear warheads against North America.

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

A TAX CUT FOR WORKING-CLASS FAMILIES

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

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, the child tax credit is a tax cut for working-class families.

By passing the American Rescue Plan, we enhanced, and we advanced this tax cut, so that if you are a parent that works or a parent that cares for children, you will get a tax cut.

We enhanced this tax cut so that per year working-class families will receive up to \$3,600 for each child under 6 and \$3,000 for each child under 18.

We advanced this tax cut so that working class families will get this benefit starting July 15.

Now, in my district on the central coast of California, the tax cut will benefit over 150,000 children and lift 15,000 children out of poverty.

Working-class parents from the central coast to the center of America can use this support to provide healthcare, childcare, and daycare for their kids so that those same parents can continue to work, or better yet, get right back into the workforce.

Madam Speaker, the child tax credit will not only help us recover from the economic shutdowns of the pandemic, it is a tax cut that will lift parents out of poverty, reward working-class families, and really represents what we stand for as a Nation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RUTH COX MIZELL

(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 to honor the life and legacy of Ruth Cox Mizell, a staple figure in the religious life of this Capitol for decades.

Ruth served as campaign chair for George H.W. Bush, adviser to the U.S. Peace Corps under Presidents George H.W. Bush and Ronald Reagan, liaison for the Capitol Hill Prayer Partners, and was the spouse of Congressman Wilmer Mizell.

She used her positions in and around the Capitol to passionately advocate

for the power of Scripture and prayer on a personal and national level.

Many bible studies and prayer groups take place on Capitol Hill and are attended by a great number of my colleagues in Congress. And these groups honor Ruth's legacy and serve as a reminder that faith is still alive in our Nation and certainly our Nation's Capitol.

I will end with Ruth's favorite scripture quote from Lamentations, chapter 3, verses 22 and 23: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness."

Ruth Mizell was a strong woman of faith and rests in the loving arms and comfort of her Savior.

SALUTING MARK SCHAUERTE

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

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise to salute my departing chief of staff, Mark Schauerte, for his devoted service to my office and to my constituents.

Mark and I have been friends since the third grade, having grown up in Peoria, Illinois, and today Mark is one of my most trusted advisers. His intelligence, decency, and grit informed every initiative undertaken by my office.

I will miss Mark's daily presence and his warm sense of humor. My loss, however, is his family's gain, and I am glad Mark's lovely wife, Chris, and his son, Eddie, will now enjoy more of Mark's time.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mark for his dedicated, stalwart public service, and I thank him for his friendship of more than 40 years. I wish Mark great success in this new chapter of his life.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LAMETTA WYNN

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

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of an Iowa trailblazer from my district.

LaMetta Wynn, Iowa's first African-American female mayor, passed away last week at the age of 87 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

LaMetta was an incredible woman who spent her life in service to her community of Clinton, Iowa.

For 30 years, LaMetta worked during the day at Rock Island Arsenal and night shifts as a registered nurse.

LaMetta's service as an elected official officially began when she ran for Clinton School Board in 1983. For 12 years, LaMetta served on the school board, eventually becoming board president, all while raising 10 children.

In 1995, LaMetta was elected mayor of Clinton, a position she held for 12 years before retiring in 2007.

In 1996, Newsweek picked LaMetta as one of the 25 most dynamic mayors in the country.

Madam Speaker, I thank LaMetta for her service to the State of Iowa, and I will keep her loved ones in my prayers.

HONORING DAVID BROWN

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

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride that I come to the House floor today to honor my constituent, David Brown, from Shakopee, Minnesota, who was recently awarded the Carnegie Medal for an extraordinary act of heroism in our community.

On May 26, 2019, two men began to struggle after entering the frigid water of the Gull River. They were trying to save their friend who was having trouble getting back to shore due to the strong current.

Despite the risk to his own safety, David jumped into the water and successfully brought both men back to the shore while another saved their friend.

It is so important that this heroic act be recognized here on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, and it is my honor to do so.

Madam Speaker, I thank David for his outstanding commitment to our community and his life-saving action.

WISHING THE MISSISSIPPI BULLDOGS GOOD LUCK

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

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, tonight the eyes of the Nation will be on TD Ameritrade Park in Omaha, Nebraska, as the Mississippi State Bulldogs face the Vanderbilt Commodores to determine who will be crowned the national champion in NCAA Baseball.

Mississippi State will not only be playing for their fellow students, the faculty, and alumni, but also for our great State as they seek to bring home the first Division 1 National Baseball Championship in Mississippi history.

Led by the offense of Tanner Allen, Rowdey Jordan, and Kamren James and the pitching of Will Bednar and Landon Sims, this group of athletes has brought life and excitement back to the people of Mississippi in the wake of a deadly pandemic.

We could not be prouder of these young men and all that they have accomplished. Tonight, I and the entire State of Mississippi will be hanging on every pitch of this winner-take-all game at the College World Series.

Good luck and Hail State.

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INVEST IN AMERICA ACT

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