

and promote innovative treatments. We must fight relentlessly for our constituents and their families impacted by Alzheimer's.

#### A RADICAL ASSAULT ON THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

(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, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 3755, the deceitfully named Women's Health Protection Act. This legislation constitutes a radical assault on the sanctity of life and the dignity of the most vulnerable Americans.

I am grieved and shocked beyond words that Democrats are moving to force States across the country to accept abortion on demand, right up until the moment of birth. Along with so many Americans, I believe that life is beautiful, and that all babies must be given the opportunity to thrive. And yet, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle want to eradicate every legal protection these little ones have, rather than welcoming them with the love and joy and hope that they deserve.

This bill gives abortionists the ability to decide which precious infants are "viable" and worthy of life. It prioritizes the profitability of the abortion industry over genuine and compassionate care for mothers and children.

No baby should be discarded because they were allegedly unwanted, and no mother's needs should be subjugated to the demands of the abortion lobby.

This is an incredibly urgent time in our Nation. I implore each and every one of my colleagues to stand up and fight for those who cannot protect themselves.

Madam Speaker, I urge a "no" vote on H.R. 3755.

#### IMPORTANCE OF CARING FOR OUR SENIORS

(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 today in support of provisions of the Build Back Better Act that will help substantially our seniors in western New York.

The bill moving through the House recognizes the importance of human infrastructure, of care infrastructure, and this includes making big investments in our seniors.

The bill provides Medicare coverage for hearing, dental, and vision benefits.

It provides a Medicaid funding increase so seniors can live safely at home.

It recognizes the importance of caregivers by providing a tax cut to support families who struggle to care for their loved ones.

It addresses critical shortages in our health workforce so seniors, when they are in a nursing home or hospital, have

access to the best professionals available.

And it will cut prescription costs by using the leverage of the Federal Government to get a better deal for Medicare beneficiaries.

These are all important investments in our seniors and those who love them, and they need our support.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the provisions as Congress moves toward passage.

#### CRISIS AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

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

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, every day the American people wake up to more concerning news at the southern border, and they are beyond outraged. Thousands of illegal immigrants continue to overwhelm ports of entry, the flood of illicit narcotics continues to skyrocket, and yet, this administration refuses to act.

Over 1.2 million illegal immigrants have been apprehended at the southern border since February of this year, and in August, President Biden released close to 44,000 illegal immigrants into the U.S.

Madam Speaker, this is yet another failure that President Biden can add to his growing list. If this administration does not act with a sense of urgency, America's communities are in danger. It is time for action.

#### EXPANDING JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS AND LOWERING THE COST OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, this weekend, I ran into a constituent whose story is a model for what we plan to deliver for more Americans through the Build Back Better Act.

I met a mom in Media, from a solid middle-class family, and she was so excited to share the news about her son's new job. After completing the new maritime career development program at Delaware Community College, he attended a job fair and landed one of the new jobs at the Philadelphia shipyard, where he will be making \$27 an hour and receiving full benefits.

The Build Back Better Act will expand these kinds of opportunities and make them available to more Americans. It will expand job training programs and lower the cost of higher education by funding 2 years of tuition-free community college and increasing the value of Pell Grants.

Using our Nation's network of community colleges as the pipeline, this bill will help connect more Americans to good paying jobs.

The policies in the Build Back Better Act are urgently needed, they will

strengthen our economy, and they are popular. It is time to deal working people back in.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF STEVE HEPP

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

Mr. FITZGERALD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and celebrate the life of Steve Hepp, who passed away after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Steve dedicated almost his entire life to public service. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps after he graduated from high school, where he served proudly from 1972 until 1976. This was just the beginning of his lifetime of dedicated public service.

Steve continued to serve the Watertown community in southeastern Wisconsin in plentiful and meaningful ways on numerous city committees. But I would be remiss if I didn't mention what he is remembered most fondly for, and that is being a small businessman, and the Silver Eagle Saloon, which remains in Watertown and is operated by his family.

I invite the Watertown community to raise a glass to celebrate the life and legacy of Steve Hepp for his resolute patriotism, his unparalleled contributions to those around him, and his undying love for his wife Sue, his daughters Shae and Summer, and his grandchildren Carlos and Jocelyn.

Madam Speaker, I offer my heartfelt condolences to his family and to anyone who called Steve their friend. He will be sorely missed.

#### BIDEN BORDER CRISIS

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

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, almost exactly 8 months ago Joe Biden kicked off his presidency by signing an executive order that weakened our border security and promised a pathway to citizenship for millions of illegal immigrants. These actions and his reversal of the previous administration's policies have directly led to the worst illegal immigration crisis the United States has faced in decades.

Since the President took office, at least 1.2 million illegal aliens have crossed our border and the numbers are getting worse.

His response? Continuing to double down on the current failed policy.

Just last month, nearly 209,000 illegal aliens were encountered crossing the border, which is a 317 percent increase from August 2020. On top of this, August marks the sixth straight month of illegal crossings, over 170,000 migrants.

The latest saga, more than 12,000 migrants living in makeshift encampments under a bridge in Del Rio, Texas. This humanitarian, economic, and

health crisis must be addressed, and unfortunately, President Biden and his appointed border czar, Vice President HARRIS, have been missing in action.

For the sake of all involved, more must be done.

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#### TEXAS ANTI-ABORTION LAW

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

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise in very strong support of the Women's Health Protection Act.

Today in Texas a law has been put into place that transforms essentially everyone in the country into potential bounty hunters who can go and collect \$10,000 by reporting on doctors, nurses, or family members who helped a woman exercise her constitutional right to seek an abortion in consultation with her physician.

There is not even an exception for rape and incest under the draconian Texas anti-abortion law. A 15-year-old girl could be raped by her father or her uncle and then have her mother go and take her to get an abortion, and the rapist—her father or uncle—could sue them for \$10,000. Or anybody could sue them for \$10,000.

We need to codify *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* to guarantee the constitutional rights of women against the new onslaught against reproductive freedom and women's healthcare in the United States.

#### OPPOSING THE ABORTION ON DEMAND UNTIL BIRTH ACT

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

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my strong opposition to the Democrats' abortion on demand until birth act, because as a father of four and foster parent, I am reminded each day that every life is precious and must be protected.

For me, a huge part of my pro-life story is my son Isaac. Isaac was born with Down syndrome, and he brings so much joy to our family. That is why it breaks my heart that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are promoting this legislation that would allow for discriminatory abortions on the basis of sex, race, and disability.

It is disgraceful that there are people in this very Chamber who don't believe that children like my son deserve the right to life. To perform abortion violence on defenseless babies is unthinkable, and it is especially horrifying that this legislation would allow abortion up until the moment of birth.

This is not the direction our country should be headed, and 80 percent of Americans agree. I will be voting against the Democrats' abortion on demand until birth act because this legislation is nothing less than barbaric.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to do the same.

#### ARMY STAFF SERGEANT RYAN KNAUSS

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, this is a photo of United States Army Staff Sergeant Ryan Knauss. He was one of the 13 servicemembers killed outside the Kabul Airport on August 26.

Staff Sergeant Knauss grew up where I live in Corryton, Tennessee. He always dreamed of joining the American military and did so after graduating from Gibbs High School.

When the Taliban rapidly took control of Afghanistan last month, it created a dangerous situation for American citizens and our allies in the country. In response, our military ramped up its presence at Hamid Karzai International Airport to assist with the evacuation efforts. Staff Sergeant Knauss, who previously served a 9-month deployment in Afghanistan, volunteered to go back for this mission.

Outside that airport was where Staff Sergeant Knauss would selflessly give his life so civilians could escape to safety. He was there helping complete strangers, but this wasn't out of character for him. He loved helping people, and he died doing it.

Following his death, Staff Sergeant Knauss returned home to east Tennessee for a memorial service on September 11. Hundreds from our community lined the procession route in honor of his heroism. And this afternoon, at Arlington National Cemetery, Staff Sergeant Knauss was laid to rest.

Look one more time at this picture behind me. This is what a true American hero looks like. It is not somebody who dribbles a basketball or hits a baseball or throws a football or acts or sings on stage. Remember the last American military casualty from the war in Afghanistan. Remember Staff Sergeant Ryan Knauss.

#### DEBT CEILING

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

Mr. HERN. Mr. Speaker, since gaining complete control of the U.S. Federal Government with the presidency, a narrow majority in the House, and the deciding vote in an equally split Senate, Democrats have started on a big and historic deficit spending spree. The national debt exceeds \$28.7 trillion, and it is growing fast. There is no end in sight.

To continue doing what the government has done for decades—recklessly spending money with no regard to the impact on future generations—is the coward's way out. True leadership takes courage. It doesn't take much ef-

fort to stand here today and tell you about how stupid this kind of spending is, Mr. Speaker. The real challenge is actually doing something about it. Writing a budget, passing the budget, and appropriating money according to the budget is a process we have not completed on time since the nineties.

Secretary Treasurer Janet Yellen recently said that failing to raise the debt ceiling risked "irreparable harm to the U.S. economy and the livelihoods of all Americans."

Ignoring their own Treasury Secretary's warning, Democrats decided to leave the debt ceiling increase out of their partisan budget reconciliation bill, risking financial disaster for the entire Nation.

I recently led a letter to over 100 colleagues asking them to suspend this continuing resolution. While the Democrats want to wave a magic wand and pretend the debt doesn't exist, our debts are very real. Our Democrat colleagues need to do something about this.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BLUMENAUER). Members are reminded to heed the gavel.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3755, WOMEN'S HEALTH PROTECTION ACT OF 2021; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4350, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5305, EXTENDING GOVERNMENT FUNDING AND DELIVERING EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 667 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 667

*Resolved*, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 3755) to protect a person's ability to determine whether to continue or end a pregnancy, and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide abortion services. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 4350) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2022 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other