

city of Orange before joining the Orange County Sheriff's Department in 1971. That is where he met his wife, Lynn, at the courthouse on the job in 1989. They were married in Santa Ana in 1991, and recently they celebrated 31 years of marriage.

After George retired from the Orange County Sheriff's Department in 1993, he spent the next 15 years working at Disneyland as a cast member and ticket taker.

George, you will be missed. Thank you for your time and service.

REMEMBERING HARRY BELAFONTE

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, he sold millions of records. He was known around the world: Harry Belafonte. That song we remember, "Day-O." But for those of us who admired and hung onto his every word, we know that he provided a transformational change in the civil rights history of this Nation.

Heroic and courageous, he was not afraid of those who attacked him and called him names. What a major force standing by Dr. Martin Luther King, intervening with politicians and entertainers and providing financial support. He continued questioning this Nation's issues of race. He was fearless.

Mr. Speaker, I am sad about his passing, but I will say that no one will fill his giant shoes. To his wife Pamela, Gina, and other wonderful relatives, I offer my personal regrets and sympathy. As a Jamaican immigrant that he was, he obviously touches my heart and that of my family.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that we will always remember a man that could have been only an entertainer, as well as rich and resounding, but Harry Belafonte wanted to change this country.

Harry, as I see you soar where the eagles fly, may the Lord bless you. Rest in peace, my brother, and rest in power.

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE U.S. GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 30th anniversary of the U.S. Green Building Council, which was founded in April of 1993.

This member-led, nonprofit organization has helped countless schools, businesses, cities, and even countries build and operate better buildings that truly transform lives.

Their LEED certification program has grown to become the world's most acclaimed and widely used green building system with 105,000 projects in 187 countries.

In my home State of New York, over 2,600 projects and over 15,000 homes have achieved LEED certification.

At a time when homeowners and businesses are dealing with rising costs, research has repeatedly found that energy-efficient, lower-waste buildings result in major savings. Plus, they boost staff recruitment, retention, and productivity.

Mr. Speaker, 30 years ago there was no agreement on what constituted green buildings, let alone any kind of accepted mechanism to certify them.

Because of the efforts of the U.S. Green Building Council, our country is moving toward better performing buildings that lower costs and waste, mitigate climate impacts and improve health.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the council's staff for all their great efforts and offer my congratulations to this incredible organization. Here is to another impactful 30 years.

HOLD BAD ACTORS ACCOUNTABLE FOR ILLEGAL TRADING PRACTICES

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

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Fighting Trade Cheats Act of 2023, recently introduced by my friend from Illinois (Mr. BOST).

As the vice chairman of the Congressional Steel Caucus and Representative from one of the largest steel-producing districts in our Nation, I know it is a necessity that we protect American workers and hold bad actors accountable for illegal trading practices.

More must be done to ensure that foreign countries and companies that cheat our trade policies know that their actions will not be tolerated.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative Bost for his leadership, and appreciate that his legislation will increase penalties for those who harm American manufacturers.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that all American workers can compete and can, no doubt, thrive when we have a level playing field in our global economy.

FORCED ARBITRATION IS EVERYWHERE

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to announce this week that I am reintroducing the FAIR Act: the Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal Act.

Forced arbitration has been a concern of mine for some time, and that is why I have always been in support of sponsoring this legislation which would strip away what powerful corporations have imposed upon consumers and workers. That is forced arbitration.

These forced arbitration clauses are everywhere. Americans sign away their rights when they buy a cell phone or sign an employment contract. They are forced into arbitration, which is a private, for-profit dispute resolution process, and it bans claimants from banding together. The deck is always stacked against the little guy. That is why I have been championing this legislation since 2007. Momentum is shifting to our side.

President Biden signed a law last year invalidating forced arbitration clauses. We have a lot of work to do, and we will continue that with the FAIR Act.

RECOGNIZING THE INCREDIBLE AND HEROIC ADVOCACY OF ELIZABETH WHELAN

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

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible and heroic advocacy of Elizabeth Whelan, the sister of my wrongfully detained constituent, U.S. citizen, and Michigander, Paul Whelan.

Paul Whelan is the longest detained American in Russia. Since his detention in December 2018, Elizabeth has been his fiercest advocate and tireless champion, alongside her brother, David; and parents, Rosemary and Ed.

Elizabeth has spent nearly \$100,000 of her own money in the last 5 years to travel to D.C. to meet with political leaders and State Department officials to receive updates on Paul's case, and fight for his release.

Yesterday, speaking at the United Nations, alongside U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield, Elizabeth directly confronted Russia's Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sergey Lavrov, and implored him to release Paul and to end their cruel practice of hostage diplomacy.

Elizabeth's speech has reverberated around the world. It has made its way to Paul's prison camp in Mordovia.

I have been honored to work with Elizabeth for many years and she will always serve as an inspiration to me and my staff.

Her words yesterday speak for themselves: "Paul has not committed a crime, but a crime has been committed against him."

ASKING FOR SUPPORT FOR ENES KANTER FREEDOM

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SELF). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. OWENS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I have the honor and privilege to stand in the House today to highlight the courage of a young man, Enes Kanter Freedom, who has dealt with the tyranny of a country that he came from.

Since becoming an American citizen, he decided to stand for those who do not have the voices that we have here.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for being here to share these moments with us, and to educate the American people to the fact that freedom is something we have to fight for. Not only here, but everywhere, there is a voice that is speaking for the things we sometimes take for granted.

Mr. Speaker, I am very, very proud to highlight Enes Kanter Freedom's journey. The fight exposes tyranny in Türkiye and China. I encourage those who are watching to tune in so we can support and help those that are truly voiceless in these other countries.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Ms. DE LA CRUZ).

Ms. DE LA CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today before you as a south Texan and an American to speak out against the human rights violations being committed in Türkiye.

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The Turkish Government, under the leadership of President Erdogan, has been suppressing the basic human rights of its citizens for far too long.

As we gather here today, thousands of innocent individuals in Türkiye are being unjustly detained, tortured, and subjected to inhumane treatment. Turkish authorities have shown no regard for the basic rights and freedoms that we take for granted here in our country.

We have heard reports of journalists being arrested and imprisoned simply for speaking out against the government. Teachers, academics, and activists have all faced similar fates. There are countless cases of people being detained and held without trial or evidence. This is not acceptable in any society, let alone one that claims to be a democracy.

However, we are not here just to talk. We are here to demand action from President Biden and insist that he put the interests of the American people first and take time to listen to Turkish Americans, such as professional basketball player Enes Freedom, who has been a vocal advocate for human rights in Türkiye.

Enes has been tirelessly fighting for the rights of the Turkish people, and he has even faced persecution for doing so. He was forced to give up his passport and feared for his life after being accused of being a terrorist for simply speaking out against the government.

We cannot stand by and watch as innocent people are being subjected to such brutality. Our top priority as

Members of Congress is to care for the American people.

The Biden administration has an entire State Department that is supposed to advance our interests around the world. It is time for the Biden administration to do its job.

We respect the sovereignty of other nations, but the human rights violations in Türkiye can no longer be ignored. We are all God's children. Let us continue to fight for a world where the human rights of all men, women, and children are respected, regardless of where they come from.

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for her remarks. The gentlewoman is a great addition to our Conference.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS), who is my good friend.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for this opportunity tonight, and I thank my good friend, Mr. OWENS. He does an outstanding job. What a great American he is.

I thank the gentleman for organizing this very important Special Order on the persecution faced by Enes Kanter Freedom by the Erdogan regime.

This issue has personal significance to me, Mr. Speaker, because I consider Enes a very close friend. I am proud to call him my friend.

Enes should be held up and supported by the American Government as someone who has used his platform to speak out against human rights violations around the world. Instead, Mr. Speaker, as the previous speaker said, the Biden administration has been critically silent on the Turkish persecution of Enes Kanter Freedom.

Most recently, Enes had a 10 million Turkish lira bounty—slightly more than \$500,000—placed on his head by the Erdogan regime.

This is just the latest of a long line of direct attacks against Enes Kanter Freedom by the Turkish Government. It is unacceptable, and we must speak out.

Since 2017, the Erdogan regime has issued at least 10 arrest warrants against Kanter Freedom, and he even narrowly avoided arrest on behalf of the Turkish Government in Indonesia.

This is unacceptable, Mr. Speaker. I know for a fact that he hasn't seen his family for approximately 10 years because he can't go back to his native Türkiye. Now, he is an American citizen and loving it, and he is giving so much. He is such a great American.

What has he done wrong? What crime has he committed? He chose to speak out against President Erdogan for his regime's numerous human rights violations.

Enes knew the risks but felt compelled to face the risks to his apparent safety and livelihood to be the voice for the voiceless and the defenseless.

What he has given up and what he has sacrificed for those around him, his fellow men and women—it is incredible what he has done. He had a great ca-

reer in the NBA, and he sacrificed it to help others, people whom he doesn't even know.

As a matter of fact, he holds these clinics around the world for our children, all of God's children here in the United States and around the world. What a great individual. Again, I am so proud to call him my friend.

He reaches out to Republicans and Democrats to advocate on behalf of these wonderful people. He is a bipartisan guy. I would like to say he is a nonpartisan guy. He just wants to do the right thing.

This is particularly evident, again, in his criticism of China and their treatment of the Uyghurs. Again, instead of standing behind Enes, a law-abiding American citizen—he is so proud of his country—the Biden administration has remained silent after the so-called American ally Türkiye placed Enes Kanter Freedom on their most-wanted terrorist list.

Not only has the Biden administration been silent, but it has refused to meet with Mr. Freedom regarding the persecution he faces from the Turkish Government.

That is just wrong. It really is, frankly, a failure on behalf of the Biden administration's responsibility to protect Americans from foreign threats. Through the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act, President Biden is authorized to impose sanctions on any foreign person who is responsible for extrajudicial killings, torture, or other gross violations of internationally recognized human rights against any individual.

No action has been taken by this administration, Mr. Speaker, sadly.

President Biden should lead on this issue instead of allowing Enes Kanter Freedom to continue to be persecuted by Türkiye. All we are asking for is a meeting of Mr. Freedom and President Biden or any member of the State Department, a high-level individual, so he can express his concerns.

The President needs, again, to meet with Mr. Freedom and stand up for what is right because that is what Enes does on a daily basis.

Again, he has been persecuted in Türkiye. He lives in fear, but he is a fearless guy. In my opinion, he is a hero.

I appreciate my good friend, BURGESS OWENS, who is a great American himself. He has done so much for so many people in the State of Utah. Again, I am proud to call him my friend. May God bless him.

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CAMMACK), who is my favorite Gator of all time.

Mrs. CAMMACK. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend and colleague from the great State of Utah, Mr. BURGESS OWENS, who also happens to be a Floridian by birth.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to add my name to the many of my colleagues who are here today to stand in support of our friend, Enes Kanter Freedom.

Enes has sacrificed his career and put his life on the line to pursue the noble and often dangerous path of fighting for human rights around the world.

In a time when it is easy to go with the flow, often at the expense of those in lands far away, he has made the decision to stand up and speak out.

As a result of his vocal opposition to the various human rights abuses happening around the world today, including the Chinese genocide of Muslim Uyghurs or the oppressive and often brutal regime in his homeland of Türkiye, he, as a human rights advocate, has had a bounty placed on his head of half a million dollars to anyone who will end his life to silence him from highlighting the atrocities that few dare to expose.

Inspired by the United States' example of liberty and justice for all, Enes became an American citizen—he even changed his last name to “Freedom”—and chose to stand up for what is right even at the expense that cost him so much.

Enes embodies the American Dream and has repeatedly displayed the courage, grit, and work ethic necessary to change the world. He has become a friend not just to me but to several of my friends here in the House of Representatives on both sides of the political aisle. However, despite his best efforts here in the House of Representatives, his calls to meet with White House officials and, more pointedly, President Biden have fallen on deaf ears.

Mr. Speaker, you have to ask yourself: Why? Why would the White House refuse to meet with an individual as high profile as Enes Kanter Freedom? There is simply no good excuse—at least not one that we can discuss here today.

I thank my colleague from Utah for hosting this Special Order and encouraging this administration to step up and meet with Enes to discuss the horrific atrocities happening around the world—moreover, the atrocities that are occurring against Americans who speak out against those who commit these horrific acts.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage those who are watching here today: You can be a force for good. You can speak up. You can speak out.

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for her remarks.

Mr. Speaker, we are going to switch slides here in a minute.

First of all, I thank my colleagues. It has been a full day, a flying day, yet they found the time. Many would have loved to have been here—but they had other things going on—to speak up for a young man who had the courage when many in the NBA league would not. He had the courage to stand out. He had the courage to stand up because freedom is something that many of us take for granted. He happened to be a young man at the age of 20 who stood up against the regime that he saw changing.

Two years ago, he started exposing the atrocities in Communist China, a country that is very near and dear to the NBA because that is where they get a lot of funding now and where they get a lot of profits now. We can see that there are many who are playing the game and becoming very, very wealthy and becoming very, very popular and getting a lot of fame but not willing to do what Enes Kanter was able and willing to do—to give it all—because he believes so much in the idea of freedom.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my grave concerns regarding the human rights abuses discussed tonight. Once a thriving democracy, the two-decades-long ruthless regime of Erdogan has made Türkiye notorious for human rights abuses.

For over a decade, former NBA star Enes Kanter Freedom has used his platform to speak for the voiceless who are suffering under the tyranny of Türkiye and Communist China.

Türkiye's oppressive behavior does not end with Enes. Journalists, human rights activists, and protesters are jailed. His father was jailed because he spoke up here in the United States—unjustly, to say the least. Protesters are jailed without trial and labeled “terrorists” without evidence.

Türkiye is ranked fourth globally for arresting journalists critical of the government. Türkiye's President has also weaponized the judiciary system to target opposition parties.

This is not democracy. This is not what a NATO ally should be standing for or acting like.

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Two years ago, the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Türkiye shut down the second largest political party.

Women's rights are also under threat in Türkiye, as well. The Turkish Government withdrew from the Istanbul Convention, an international treaty to tackle gender-based violence.

In anticipation of a formidable challenge in the upcoming general elections in Türkiye, the regime is intimidating rival parties, voters, and the press to sway the election results in the government's favor.

The Biden administration and other NATO allies must condemn these heinous actions of the Turkish regime. Unfortunately, once again, President Biden is a laggard when it comes to protection of basic human rights and freedoms.

Though an American citizen, Türkiye put a \$500,000 bounty on Enes for calling out the abuse of power in Türkiye. President Biden, as has been noted before, has repeatedly refused to meet with our fellow citizens. He has also ignored the official requests from many of my fellow Republican colleagues to do so.

The Biden administration has failed to protect one of the most fundamental rights of every American—freedom of speech.

When Enes criticized the Chinese Communist Party for its brutality against its own people, the NBA abruptly ended his career.

As the corporatist sports complex—NBA, NFL, and Nike—promoted the anti-flag, anti-American, BLM, Marxist movement, it was Enes Freedom who was speaking about the real human rights abuses being perpetrated by the CCP.

Note here the shoe, “end slavery.” No slavery. That is something that you did not see on TV, I can promise you that.

It was his voice that exposed the corporatist sports complex hypocrisy as they chose to turn a blind eye to the misery their business model had created for the Chinese people. Enes' criticism culminated in the CCP's demand that he be canceled. The CCP's cancellation of China's NBA TV coverage drove home the consequences of not bowing to their demands. Once the NBA acted to terminate the 11-year all-star's career, the CCP allowed NBA games to once again be aired in the Chinese market.

The NBA, NFL, and Nike's decades-old partnership with the CCP has created a culture within the corporatist sports complex that can best be summarized as profit over American patriotism and profit over the Chinese people.

It is a culture that has granted credibility to the Communist Chinese regime, a regime that has interned over 1 million Muslim Uyghurs.

It is a culture that promoted BLM rhetoric of America's systemic racism as the global corporatists in real time profited in the billions from slavery in China. This sports complex has discovered the financial benefits of the 1800's slave trade, that when given scale, human slavery is the cheapest and most profitable labor on planet Earth.

The NBA, NFL, and Nike culture of greed profit over patriotism and profits over the Chinese people has justified them closing their eyes to the genocide of the Muslim Uyghurs. It confirms that child labor, human trafficking, and organ harvesting from healthy Muslim Uyghurs is okay as long as it is out of sight and out of mind.

What the voice and action of Enes Freedom did was show the hypocrisy of their virtue signaling. As the NBA handed out slogans to players on their jerseys to support Black Lives Matter, he was wearing shoes that highlighted the real issue of atrocities of slavery in China. Again, this is what was not seen on prime time TV.

On a side note, and a personal note: Where are the activist voices of this corporatist sports complex as throughout our country hopeless Black youth callously kill each other by the thousands?

Where are their BLM slogans and messages on the sidelines as in every urban city our education system betrays at-risk kids by the millions?

Where is the presence and voice of the sports complex whose very survival

depends on 70 to 80 percent of Black talent?

Mr. Speaker, the corporatist sports complex of the NFL, NBA, Nike could care less about Black lives, Muslim lives, Asian lives, White lives, or American lives. For them, it is indeed profit that matters. If turning their backs on their loyal fans here in America and betraying the values that have made us the greatest country in the history of mankind, so be it. Profit over patriotism.

One of the values that the Republican Conference holds dear and will make clear is loyalty to our fellow countrymen and women. Türkiye, remove the bounty off Enes Kanter Freedom and any other American citizen. If not, there will be legislative action from this body, I can promise you.

We call on the Turkish Government to release all political prisoners and cease its persecution of the Hizmet movement and its members. We expect a NATO ally to respect free speech and assembly and to uphold its international obligations to protect human rights.

Let us not be the generation that history looks back on as one of moral indifference.

Let us not be the generation that is compared to the 1800s pre-Civil War era when industries flourished from the demands of cotton as they betrayed their commitment to our human rights of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness.

Enes Kanter Freedom has shown the bold courage, tenacity, and empathy that defines our American way. For the millions who depend on American resolve to remain the shining city on the hill, we are committed to freedom and liberty in every corner of the world. We must stand, rise, support those Americans who speak and stand for freedom and the freedom of speech. Let's make sure as Americans we are not looked at as the one who dropped the ball in this case.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include any extraneous material on the subject of this Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I rise today to coanchor this CBC Special Order hour along with the gentle-

woman from Florida (Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK), my distinguished colleague.

For the next 60 minutes, members of the CBC have the opportunity to speak directly to the American people on the default on America act, Speaker MCCARTHY's draconian plan to default on our debt. The act proposes drastic cuts to vital government programs such as SNAP, Social Security, and housing programs, which serve as lifelines for our communities.

There is a group within the Republican Party that are holding these programs hostage in exchange for paying the debt we have already incurred. However, the CBC is here tonight to declare that this approach is a non-starter, and we will not negotiate over paying the Nation's bills that we have incurred. We advocate for a clean debt limit, a bill that will protect the well-being of our citizens and our Nation's financial stability.

This issue holds great importance to the Congressional Black Caucus, to our Congress, the constituents we represent, and all Americans.

I now yield to my coanchor, the Honorable Congresswoman SHEILA CHERFILUS-McCORMICK.

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my deep concern with Speaker MCCARTHY's reckless plan to address the debt ceiling, which will impose a hardship on working Americans. Instead of solving problems, House Republicans are holding our Nation hostage and demanding that their ransom be met.

Let us not beat around the bush: Caps equal cuts, and Speaker MCCARTHY's brinkmanship is dangerous. If extreme Republicans have their way, communities across the country will suffer.

The 320-page proposal from the other side of the aisle pushes forward drastic cuts to government programs, programs that families in my district desperately need.

The Republican Party seems to be more focused on padding the pockets of large corporations and billionaires instead of lending a hand to working Americans. The GOP framework is nothing short of a catastrophe.

It includes sweeping cuts to SNAP and food assistance programs that low-income families depend on. It destroys President Biden's student loan debt agenda under the guise of fiscal responsibility. It imposes cruel Medicaid work requirements, ripping healthcare coverage directly from people's hands. It would rescind \$80 billion allocated to the IRS through President Biden's historic Inflation Reduction Act. It would repeal clean energy tax credits, which have proven crucial in addressing the climate crisis.

What Republicans are proposing is just not in the best interests of our working people. The American people need a government that works for them, not against them. There will certainly be an opportunity to debate the

GOP's rightwing policy proposals down the road, but doing so at the expense of the American people through gamesmanship is reckless and irresponsible.

We need to all work together to make life easier, not harder. Members of Congress have a responsibility to serve the American people. I urge Speaker MCCARTHY and the Republicans to stop playing political games with our economy and those we are elected to serve.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS).

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, in just a few months, the United States is on track to default on its debt for the first time in history. This is because Speaker MCCARTHY has unveiled a bill that he claims will fulfill our debt obligations, but in reality it will cut access to critical social programs supporting education, food assistance, healthcare, and housing. It would devastate our economy, and we all know it is a dead-on-arrival bill. It will crash our global financial markets.

According to Moody's, under MCCARTHY's legislation, 780,000 Americans will lose their jobs, and our Nation's unemployment rate will surge. We all know that this pain will be borne disproportionately by people of color.

Republicans must put an end to this needless political theater and raise the debt limit, as they did three times with no problem under the twice-impeached and newly indicted former President Donald Trump, who signed \$4.7 trillion in new deficits into law. Not only that, but they must do so without any cuts or reductions to housing funds given the terrible state of affordability in America.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my Republican colleagues who care about our economy—or who say they care about our economy—and the American Dream to get serious and work with Democrats to avert a catastrophic default by supporting a clean bill to raise the debt limit.

Mr. Speaker, this should not be about politics. This should be about whether or not you love this country and whether or not you believe that we should pay our bills, whether or not you think it would be horrible if this government is to shut down.

If we don't pay our bills and the government shuts down, employees will not be able to put food on their tables. They will not be able to pay their mortgage or their rent. They will not be able to support their children in the ways that they should be supported. This is serious business.

Now, this business of Mr. MCCARTHY trying to negotiate with the President of the United States to say: Well, if you do what I want you to do, then I will support debt limits.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot do what the majority wants us to do because, first of all, they don't know what they are doing. They are putting this country at great risk.