

FISCAL SANITY RETURNS TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

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

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, fiscal sanity has returned to Washington, D.C. I didn't think I was going to live long enough to see this, but today, minutes ago, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 2811, the Limit, Save, Grow Act.

We agreed with the majority of the American public that inflation is tied to runaway Federal Government spending and that it is about time the President realized that his fairyland budget that never, ever, ever balances is actually bad for America.

Maybe this will bring him to the negotiating table so that when we raise the credit limit on America on our American credit card, we actually do what we would do in our own households—we would actually begin to control spending. That is a huge step. It is about time it is happening in Washington. Mr. Speaker, I hope it is not too late.

GOP BUDGET CUTS HURT OHIOANS

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, dangerous budget shenanigans by House Republicans play with fire that can blunt economic growth and cruelly hurt countless Ohioans.

Speaker McCarthy's roulette creates economic instability that can yield disastrous consequences for students, families, seniors, veterans, and public safety across our Buckeye State.

His plan would endanger public safety and impact public health by shutting down five air traffic control towers in our State, cutting 330 safety inspections in rail, and denying 2,000 Ohioans admission to opioid treatment.

His plan would raise costs for working families and students by eliminating 12,300 preschool and childcare slots in Ohio, stripping food assistance from nearly half a million Ohioans, making college tuition expensive for 200,000 Ohioans, and raising housing costs for 23,000 Ohioans. How about that for a start?

The McCarthy plan is reckless and inches us closer to default. In sum, the McCarthy plan would thwart economic progress and should be shelved for a commonsense, bipartisan solution that serves all of America. Let's put people before politics.

CLEANLY RAISING DEBT CEILING

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

Mrs. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to underscore the pressing

need to protect the full faith and credit of the United States and cleanly raise the debt ceiling.

The debt default would be catastrophic for my constituents in Virginia's Fourth District and for Americans across the Nation. It would jeopardize Social Security payments for 98,000 families in my district and disrupt over \$160 million a month in Social Security income, not to mention its detrimental impacts on mortgage payments, student loans, car loans, and more.

Yet, congressional Republicans are holding the American economy hostage, threatening a default unless their extreme proposals are met. Let's be clear, H.R. 2811, or the default on America act, would slash funding and limit access to crucial social safety net programs like SNAP benefits, school funding, and childcare options, which would disproportionately impact low-income communities and communities of color.

It would also immediately rescind \$2 billion in funding of veteran medical care, impacting countless veterans and families in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, we need to cleanly raise the debt ceiling without strings attached that affect our national security interests.

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RECOGNIZING SASHA KEKAUOHA COLBY

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hawaiian-born Sasha Kekauoha, more famously known as Sasha Colby, on being crowned the winner of "RuPaul's Drag Race" Season 15.

I am so proud that a fellow Windward girl, hailing from the homesteads of Waimanalo, has earned the title of "America's Next Drag Superstar."

From the very beginning of the competition, Sasha, a seasoned drag legend, drew upon her ethnic heritage and childhood trauma as sources of inspiration for her performances.

Throughout "Drag Race," she authentically represented her Hawaiian culture, talking about the legacy she is building for our home State and about being mahu.

In ancient Hawaiian days, mahu were considered extraordinary individuals of male and female spirit who brought their healing powers to Oahu from Tahiti.

Today, trans people are among the most revered members in the Hawaiian community. Amidst ongoing attacks on our LGBTQ+ rights that particularly target trans people and drag queens, her win is not only well deserved, it gives us all hope.

Congratulations to Sasha Colby. She is a leader. She is a proud mahu, and

she is every drag queen's favorite drag queen.

THE DEBT CEILING

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

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the default on America act. This dangerous bill is nothing more than an attempt to extract extreme concessions that will benefit big corporations, poison our environment, and hurt working families.

To extract those concessions, House Republicans are threatening to default on our debt, something that could push us headlong into a recession.

If we were to default on our debt, 84,000 families in Oregon's Sixth District alone would have their Social Security payments jeopardized.

Mr. Speaker, 278,000 members of my community could lose their healthcare benefits, and small businesses in Oregon's Sixth District could be forced to pay an additional \$2,500 in total loan payments.

This bill is DOA in the Senate, which gives my colleagues the chance to go back to the drawing board and present a clean debt ceiling bill.

I urge them to take this opportunity to do right by the American people.

PROTECTING WEST INDIAN MANATEE

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

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, as west Michigan's Congresswoman, it is my top priority to support the next generation. That means regularly engaging with kids and students across the district.

Since I took office, I have heard from so many young people, having them write to me about the need to protect endangered species. In direct response to their concerns, I chose to cosponsor the bipartisan Manatee Protection Act.

Manatees are wonderfully intelligent mammals. They can be over 10 feet long and hold their breath underwater for nearly 20 minutes.

We are at risk of losing these wonderful creatures forever. There are only 6,500 West Indian manatees left in the waters off the coast of Florida.

This piece of legislation will give the West Indian manatees the protection status they deserve and ensure they do not go extinct forever. It is time to take action.

I thank the students for sharing their passion for animals and their love of our world. I heard them, and I am responding to them.

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST

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

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, as parents, we only want the best for our kids. That is why I speak before you today as not just a Member of Congress but as a mom who is terrified about sudden cardiac arrest and its impact on our young people.

Together, we have the ability to protect our kids before it strikes. The odds of surviving cardiac arrest remain low when occurring outside of a hospital setting such as in the classroom or the soccer field.

I can't even imagine what it would feel like to get that call about my children. Here is where AEDs come into play in saving lives in a moment of crisis.

I am proud to announce that I have introduced the Access to AEDs Act, my bipartisan legislation that will reduce deaths from sudden cardiac arrest.

My legislation would establish a grant program for schools that they can use to buy and maintain lifesaving AEDs, develop cardiac emergency response plans, and provide crucial CPR and AED training.

Our children's well-being is not up for political debate. All children's lives are put on the line when sudden cardiac arrest hits.

We have a responsibility as Members of Congress, as parents, and as American citizens to ensure that every child has a chance to survive sudden cardiac arrest.

FORCED ARBITRATION CONCERNS

(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 that this week I am reintroducing the FAIR Act, the Forced Arbitration Injustice Repeal Act.

Forced arbitration has been a concern of mine for some time because powerful corporations have stripped away Americans' right to have their day in court.

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, a private for-profit dispute resolution process that bans claimants from banding together and where the deck is stacked against the little guy.

That is why I have been championing this legislation since 2007, and momentum has shifted in our favor. Just last year, President Biden signed a law invalidating forced arbitration clauses in disputes about workplace sexual harassment and assault.

That is progress, but we have more work to do. We need to restore Ameri-

cans' right to use the court system, and in doing so, reinvigorate important civil rights, employment, and consumer protections in this country.

VEGAS STRONG RESILIENCY CENTER

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

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, on October 1, 2017, my district experienced the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history after a gunman opened fire at the Route 91 Harvest Festival in Las Vegas.

Mr. Speaker, 58 lives were lost and two victims have died since then. The shooter injured thousands, and more than 800 survivors sustained severe injuries and unimaginable trauma that stays with them the rest of their lives.

In the years that followed, the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, under the leadership of the Honorable Barbara Buckley, became a model for cities across the country grappling with this same kind of hardship.

My office took notice, and I pushed for and eventually got \$3 million in Federal funding to help build and develop a Vegas Strong Resiliency Center to continue serving these victims.

Tennille Pereira, its executive director, was on the Hill today to accept an award from the Congressional Crime Survivors and Justice Caucus.

I nominated them for that award because we see the effects of their work in our community every day—for every survivor persevering through this lingering trauma and for every grieving family member who has lost a loved one. This center has helped keep Vegas strong and moving forward.

WORKING FOR THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, from cropping tobacco in the fields of eastern North Carolina to now walking the Halls of Congress, I am most grateful for the opportunity to work for the people of North Carolina's First Congressional District and our future generations.

We are a little over 100 days into the 118th Congress. I have rolled up my sleeves to work hard for eastern North Carolina, rural America, and the American people.

My highest priority remains the people of North Carolina's First Congressional District. I have traveled from Elizabeth City to Henderson, Greenville to Columbia, and everywhere in between, visiting all 19 counties. While there, I pushed to expand Medicaid and stood up for our farmers.

I am proud to sponsor three critical pieces of legislation and have spon-

sored 40 bipartisan pieces of legislation. Our office has already resolved over 200 constituent cases.

I look forward to continuing working to guarantee future generations can live the American Dream in eastern North Carolina.

THE CRISIS IN SUDAN

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, when I was in my district, commemorating and celebrating Eid, of course, with my many constituents who have just had Ramadan, I met one of the leaders of the Sudanese community.

Clearly, this crisis in Sudan deserves our attention. I rise today to express great concern for the people of Sudan and the peace that they were attempting to implement.

I ask for the United States to be diligent in seeking a cease-fire, a permanent cease-fire, between two fighting generals who have nothing to do but to fight over power. We must be concerned about women, children, and families.

I have been to Sudan during the horrible genocide in Darfur. I know that they have overcome much. I have been to South Sudan with the right to return.

Now it is time for peace. We have brought out our foreign officers, but we must also try to secure the Americans that are there. Sudan deserves peace, and the United States must be engaged in peace efforts.

TACKLING THE NATIONAL DEBT

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

GENERAL LEAVE

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

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

There was no objection.

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to be leading this Special Order to discuss the ongoing efforts to tackle our national debt and the looming debt ceiling crisis.

Since my first day in office some 7-plus years ago, I have said that one of the single greatest threats to our national security is the Federal Government's reckless, uncontrolled spending. This is now more obvious than ever.

To be clear, it is essential that the United States honors its debts and pays back every single dollar that we have borrowed.