

Under President Trump, the debt ceiling was raised three times. Now, by holding veterans' and other American priorities hostage, they are putting politics over people.

I urge my colleagues to honor our commitment to those who have served and end this manufactured crisis.

PROMOTING MENTAL HEALTH FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

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

Mr. McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the legislation efforts that we have had recently to define fentanyl as poison and to address a very serious problem in the United States where we had 110,000 people die last year alone.

As an emergency medicine physician, to see anywhere from one to five overdoses per night, to see four patients come in that I could not revive and that are no longer with us is a serious problem.

I caution everybody in Congress—from my conservative roots and the conservative values that made this Nation what it is—not to turn to legislation to solve this problem. We need to understand that this is a people problem.

Ultimately, you can spend a trillion dollars overseas, you can fight wars, you can secure your border, but until we get our hearts straight, we will not solve this very real problem.

Until we understand that when our children are taught that they are supporting murderers and rapists and child traffickers, people who would do harm to all of us, then they will stop the incentive of creating the demand, and the problem will go away.

This is a problem of our house but not this House, the house of our family.

ADDRESSING MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AMONG COLLEGE STUDENTS

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

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month, particularly as it pertains to the struggles young people face in our Nation today.

Mental health is an issue close to my heart, and ensuring that everyone has access to the mental health care they need is one of my top priorities in Congress.

In a recent national survey, 71 percent of college students reported experiencing mental health issues such as stress, anxiety, and depression.

That is why I will soon be reintroducing my bill, Enhancing Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Through Campus Planning Act, which promotes positive mental health among college students and encourages

more comprehensive planning on college campuses to prevent suicide and other mental health crises.

Schools and college campuses do not have the counselors or services needed to ensure that every one of our young people has a bright future, and it is our job to make sure they do.

A STUDY IN CONTRASTS

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

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, the debt limit debate is a study in contrasts between responsible Republicans and dysfunctional Democrats.

On one side, you have responsible Republicans who have been working from the beginning to avoid default and reduce out-of-control spending.

Speaker MCCARTHY called on President Biden to negotiate on January 12. When President Biden ignored him for nearly 100 days, House Republicans passed the Limit, Save, Grow Act, the only plan that avoids default, lowers spending, protects Medicare and Social Security, and reduces our dependence on China.

By contrast, dysfunctional Democrats have ignored the exploding national debt, even though it was their reckless spending that brought us here in the first place.

President Biden knew the debt limit deadline was coming, but for months, he did nothing. Now, with only 8 days until Secretary Yellen's June 1 default deadline, he continues to act irresponsibly.

Mr. Speaker, my message to President Biden is simple: Get serious. Act urgently. Listen to the American people, not the far left in your party.

HEALTHCARE FAILURE

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, our profit-driven healthcare system is killing us. It is outrageous that the wealthiest country in the history of the world cannot guarantee healthcare for its people.

Our for-profit healthcare system, fueled by corporate greed, has failed us while enriching Big Pharma at the direct expense of everyday Americans.

Currently, more than 30 million Americans don't have health insurance, and many live in constant fear of losing their jobs, and along with it, their healthcare.

Every human being—every single one—has a basic fundamental right to healthcare. That doesn't change if you are rich or if you are poor. Healthcare, again, is a human right, not a privilege.

In the richest country on Earth, no family should ever face financial ruin because they got sick. No one should be forced to choose between putting food on the table or receiving lifesaving

treatment. No one should have to die because they are unable to afford care.

Congress must take bold action to transform our dysfunctional, broken healthcare system from one based on exploitation to one that prioritizes human dignity.

I am proud to join my colleagues in fighting to pass Medicare for All.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BERNARD BERNSTEIN

(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, I rise today to honor a good friend of mine and an even better lawyer that recently passed away in Knoxville, Bernie Bernstein.

My friend Jerry Becker delivered the bad news last week. Bernie and my father were good friends, and they served on a draft board together.

Bernie served in the United States Air Force and was a respected lawyer and leader not only in the Jewish community but in every community he was in, especially in Knoxville.

My dad had two compliments he would give people. He would say: "You would make a good marine," or he would say: "He is solid."

He always told me that if negotiations were ever going south, just let Bernie speak because he was solid. Mr. Speaker, he was that.

There is a Holocaust memorial that we built in the West Hills Park when I was in the State legislature with the help of some folks, and Bernie was one of those.

He gave the words that are on the stone that stands there today. I remember we were supposed to have the dedication at the memorial, but dadgummit, it was raining cats and dogs, so we ended up having it at West Hills Baptist Church.

Oddly enough, Bernie was dear friends with Pastor Prince who has since passed away. His son is now the pastor there, and he is my good friend.

I walked up thinking no one would be there. The doors opened, and it was completely jam-packed. It was packed because he was not only a leader in the Jewish community, he was a good friend to everyone he met.

My dad was right. Bernie was solid, and when he spoke, people listened. Thank you for being such a dear friend. You will truly be missed, Bernie.

He leaves his wife and two children. I wish him shalom.

REMEMBERING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE UVALDE MASS SHOOTING

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with the heaviest of hearts to offer my sympathy and recognition to my fellow Texans and fellow Americans.

On this day, the unspeakable happened in Uvalde, Texas. It happened on the 24th. That weekend, I immediately went to Uvalde, simply wanting to embrace and to be able to understand what the parents could not speak.

We worshipped in a church. We walked amongst the flowers. We hugged children. We saw 9-year-olds crying in utter pain because they lost their playmates.

I remember the viciousness of the scene. The loved ones of these children and teachers have never gotten justice. There have been no answers. They have gone day after day asking what happened.

They watched as children scrambled out of windows, looking to see if their child would come. No one helped in the midst of that crisis.

I want us to look at those faces today. Let us mourn and seek justice for these families. I mourn them. I will take my moment of silence in honor of these beautiful children and teachers who died viciously on May 24.

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HONORING THE LIFE OF CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER CHRISTOPHER ERAMO

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

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Chief Warrant Officer Christopher Eramo, an Army officer from Oneonta, New York, who tragically lost his life in a helicopter crash in Alaska.

Chief Eramo exemplified the bravery and selflessness that is required of our men and women in uniform. He knew the dangers that came with his service, and he dedicated his life to protecting our country and safeguarding our freedoms.

As we mourn his passing, we also recognize the sacrifices all of our servicemembers make every day. They put their lives on the line every day to protect us, and we are forever grateful for their service.

May we always honor the bravery and sacrifice of Chief Eramo and all those who have given their last full measure of devotion to a grateful Nation.

DEFAULT IS NOT AN OPTION

(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, our Nation is just 8 days away from a potential debt default, while House Republicans continue to hold the American economy hostage.

As one of less than 7 percent of the Members of Congress who have children under the age of 18, I am particularly concerned about the impact that

a default would have on our children, as Federal funding for crucial government programs that impact them runs out.

In the Commonwealth of Virginia, 1 in 12 rely on SNAP benefits to put food on the table, and a default would jeopardize those payments, as well as access to free and reduced lunch programs.

Default is not an option, but the Republicans' extreme ransom note is not a viable alternative, either. It would slash funding for our school systems and leave 200,000 children without access to Head Start slots and 100,000 without access to childcare programs.

In the Commonwealth, almost 6,000 children would be impacted. This would severely undermine our children's education and make it more difficult for parents to join the workforce and contribute to our economy.

We must raise the debt ceiling now.

FENTANYL DEATHS IN OREGON TRIPLED SINCE 2019

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

Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 467, the HALT Fentanyl Act.

Oregon teenagers are dying from drug overdoses at a faster rate than any other State. In fact, adolescent overdose deaths have more than tripled in Oregon since 2019. It is because dangerous amounts of fentanyl and fentanyl-laced pills are flooding our streets.

Last year in my district, law enforcement seized enough fentanyl powder to kill the entire population of Oregon in just one single drug bust.

Mr. Speaker, I believe we must take a two-pronged approach to tackling the fentanyl crisis: Support law enforcement and enact tough-on-crime policies.

That is why I am proud to cosponsor the HALT Fentanyl Act, which accomplishes both of these goals by permanently classifying fentanyl-related substances as schedule I drugs.

I urge my colleagues to support this lifesaving legislation.

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE MUST CHANGE COURSE

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

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, the United States Postal Service is the only agency specifically mentioned in the Constitution.

It is essential for delivering everything from medicine, tax documents, and in Oregon, where we proudly vote by mail, ballots. USPS is a pillar for rural communities and communities without high-speed internet.

Under Postmaster General Louis DeJoy's leadership, workplace and revenue

challenges at the Postal Service have caused a drastic decline in public trust.

One of the most significant issues facing the USPS is staff shortages. Issues like branch closures are forcing seniors and families in rural communities to travel further for postal services.

DeJoy's 10-year plan will only make things at the U.S. Postal Service worse. His plan includes downgrading service standards, reducing person-to-person interactions, cutting air delivery, and slowing mail. Unfortunately, efficiency and quality are being sacrificed.

The U.S. Postal Service must change course. Slashing services and raising prices harms their mission and diminishes the United States Postal Service popularity.

CLARION COUNTY 911 CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National EMS Week to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Clarion County 911 and recognize its founder, Jim Cumberland.

Clarion County's 911 was the very first 911 center in Pennsylvania when it opened in 1973. Founded as the Clarion County Communications Center, the 911 center was housed in the historic Clarion County Jail, built in 1875. Jim Cumberland established the center following his experience as the East Brady Police Chief and the Clarion County Sheriff. He also served honorably in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Fifty years later, Clarion County 911 remains one of the most advanced 911 centers in the State and is one of ten northern tier 911 centers using Next Generation 911.

In April, Mr. Cumberland's contributions were celebrated at an anniversary event at the new Clarion County complex, which houses state-of-the-art public safety and emergency management departments.

As a former healthcare worker and firefighter, I understand the critical importance of the 911 system. For this reason, I congratulate and thank Jim Cumberland and the Clarion County 911 on this special 50th anniversary.

FENTANYL CRISIS DEEPENS

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

Mr. RESCHENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 467, the HALT Fentanyl Act. Every day an average of 14 Pennsylvanians die as a result of drug overdose.

In 2021, Pennsylvania recorded 5,449 overdose deaths, which is the fourth