

irresponsibility with the debt ceiling negotiations. It is very dangerous to play games with the American economy.

While Speaker MCCARTHY haggles over the debt ceiling, millions of Americans are wondering if they are going to have a job after next week. The stock market is wondering if this is going to lead to a recession or a depression.

Speaker MCCARTHY does not feel these concerns are important. He thinks they can wait. They cannot wait.

America's bills are coming due, and now we need to pay them and pay them now. This is not the time to relax and enjoy the weekend like Speaker MCCARTHY wants to do.

This is the time to roll up our sleeves and do the work we were elected to do and increase the debt ceiling to help Americans nationwide.

Madam Speaker, I hope the American public is watching this because this will be the moment when your benefits will be cut, and veterans' benefits will be cut. Remember who was not here on this day.

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DEBT CEILING CRISIS

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

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise to urge my Republican colleagues to come back to work now to responsibly avoid a national default, just like they did three times under President Trump.

Instead, as the U.S. is on the brink of defaulting for the first time in history, House Republicans have recessed for the weekend, holding the global economy hostage and threatening a catastrophic recession if they don't get to impose cruel cuts on American workers, families, veterans, and seniors.

The mere threat of default will cost workers close to \$20,000 out of their retirement savings. It would also send interest rates skyrocketing, cost small businesses \$2,500 more per month for capital, and force Californians to pay almost \$300 more per month on their mortgages.

Republicans already voted to spend the money. Now they are trying to walk out on the bill and leave the most vulnerable Americans out to dry. That is inexcusable.

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

Ms. BUSH. Madam Speaker, St. Louis and I rise against the Speaker of this House sending Members of Congress home on a break as he is taking our economy hostage in service of his dangerous, MAGA Republican agenda designed to gut social programs that save lives.

We are on the brink of economic disaster because of a fabricated Republican ultimatum, and the Speaker has decided to send everyone home.

This is not a game. Real people and real lives hang in the balance, but the Speaker seems intent on holding our economy hostage and rewarding himself with a break, as he is bringing us to the brink of a default that would devastate communities like mine in St. Louis.

Just over 2 years ago, the Republican Party tried to hold our democracy hostage. Now they are holding our economy hostage. They are gambling with Social Security checks, with Medicare and Medicaid benefits, with food for children, and with people's rent money, and that is a bad deal.

The Dems are here. The Dems are here. The Dems are here, and we are saying: Where are the Republicans? Sign the discharge petition.

Madam Speaker, will you sign the discharge petition? Where are the Republicans? Sign the discharge petition.

The Speaker needs to do his job.

DEBT CEILING CRISIS

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

Ms. LOFGREN. Madam Speaker, the Speaker has sent Congress home with default looming. Only Congress can raise the debt ceiling; and if we don't, we fail.

However, the Republicans are trying to get their radical cuts, holding our economy hostage. These are cuts they can't get on the merits, like eliminating farm disaster relief, cuts to veterans' benefits, laying off firefighters and air traffic controllers, interrupting cancer research, stopping payments to nursing homes.

Instead, they threaten default, which could cause a worldwide economic recession, cuts to regular Americans, millions of jobs lost.

We would lose our preeminent spot in the world economy. China and Russia would win.

Forty percent of all U.S. accumulated debt since 1789 happened during the Trump years.

Yes, we can get our fiscal house in order, but not the way these radicals have proposed. We need to do our job and end this self-imposed threat of chaos.

DEBT CEILING CRISIS

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

Ms. MANNING. Madam Speaker, Republicans are refusing to raise the debt ceiling, manufacturing a crisis to push their extreme agenda. They are ready to allow our government to default on its debt for the first time in our history, even though Republicans raised

the debt ceiling three times during the Trump administration after passing almost \$2 trillion in tax cuts for large corporations and the ultra-wealthy.

The default should matter to average Americans because if the government runs out of cash, it won't be able to make Social Security payments to seniors who rely on them; families on food assistance will go hungry; veterans won't get the care and the benefits they have earned.

Defaulting on our debt will destabilize the U.S. financial system resulting in a recession, job loss, and spiking interest rates. This means it will be more expensive for people to get loans to buy cars, buy homes, attend college, or invest in their small businesses.

It is time for Republicans to stop holding our economy hostage and to do their job.

DEBT CEILING CRISIS

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

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge my Republican colleagues to step up to the plate, come back to work, and pay our Nation's bills.

Defaulting on our debt would be catastrophic. In my district alone, this will kill some 6,700 jobs, jeopardize Social Security payments for 91,000 families, put health benefits at risk for 388,000 people, and threaten the retirement savings of 99,100 people near retirement. This is in my district alone.

Look around. House Republicans went home and dodged their responsibilities, hurting everyday working people in the process. I stand firmly united with my Democratic colleagues and the American people to pay our debt without playing games with people's lives.

I urge the Republicans to put on their big boy pants and big girl pants and come back to work. Do the right thing. Do the right thing for the American people because the American people deserve better.

Let's do our jobs.

REMEMBERING TINA TURNER

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

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the queen of rock and roll, the incomparable Tina Turner.

She passed away yesterday at 83 years of age after a career so bold and sparkling, we are unlikely to see another star so bright.

What did love have to do with it? Everything.

Tina Turner loved and owned her own story. She unveiled the trauma of domestic violence and turned it into a strength felt by women across the

world. She was a true ambassador of the Buddhist practice, showed female artists how to take ownership of their brand, and she used music to speak and captivate us.

She was a constituent of the 37th District, having lived in View Park, the heart of my district. Her passing is a true loss to the global community.

In this moment, she would probably say to Republicans: Don't hide this weekend. Stay and do your job. The American people deserve more from you. They work hard and don't deserve to be blamed, lied to, and defaulted on by a dysfunctional Republican Party who can't get its act together. Lead, don't bleed the American people.

No, wait, I said that.

DEBT CEILING CRISIS

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

Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call on Congress to reject the Republicans' reckless default on America act and to protect the progress that we have made in the very important transition to clean energy.

The Inflation Reduction Act is a significant investment in our country's clean and healthy future. We are on the cusp of a major clean energy expansion, generating billions of dollars in private clean energy investments and thousands of clean energy jobs.

In northwest Oregon, the Inflation Reduction Act has brought millions of dollars in funding for climate-resilient infrastructure, low-emission public transportation, and clean schoolbuses.

Benefits are flowing to red, blue, and purple States, bringing cost savings to our constituents. Texas and Iowa, for example, are leading the U.S. in solar and wind production. It would be foolhardy and fickle to disrupt or delay this important work, just like it is foolhardy and fickle of the Republicans to try to force draconian budget cuts by threatening default.

We must put our constituents first by passing a clean debt limit increase so we can turn our attention to the real work at hand, creating jobs, cutting energy costs, growing our clean energy economy for the sake of our vulnerable communities, future generations, and our planet.

Madam Speaker, it would only take five brave Republicans to put country over party and sign the petition.

DEBT CEILING CRISIS

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

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the cowardice of my Republican colleagues, who should be standing across the aisle right now but have fled D.C. and their sworn duty to their constituents to avoid forcing our Nation onto default on our debt.

A catastrophic default should not, under any circumstances, delight MAGA Republicans, but these horribly bad actors are in contempt. They can hardly contain their excitement as the Nation stands on the brink of ruin.

Make no mistake, the MAGA movement has abandoned all pretext. They are not here to govern.

Eight million American jobs will be slashed in the blink of an eye.

Retirement savings will be devastated overnight, and there will be an all-but-certain recession.

This catastrophe is not just looming, but primed to collapse on our communities, and Speaker McCarthy refuses to keep the House in session.

Are he and his party really so eager to preside over our Nation's default on her debt? The answer is a resounding, yes, they are. Remember, their cruelty is the point.

DEBT CEILING CRISIS

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

Ms. CROCKETT. Madam Speaker, my Republican colleagues love to pray but can't stay, stay and do the job we were elected to do because, frankly, they aren't capable of governing.

Don't believe me?

Just think back to the first few days that we were here, the days in which they were so dysfunctional that they had to go through 15 rounds before we could get to a Speaker.

Now, mark my words, he is dragging this out, and, unfortunately, the entire country is going into a tailspin not because they care about being fiscally responsible but more so because he cares about his precious Speakership.

We have seen the words of the radical right Republicans and what he said last week, and this is all about holding us hostage.

Let me tell you something: My constituents deserve better. My constituents deserve to have a House that functions and stays and does the job instead of deciding that it is time to go and play.

I have a constituent that has called my office in north Texas talking about the fact that he could not get his Federal retirement for months. Well, guess what? We finally got it pushed through, but leave it up to this House, and he won't get what he deserved and what he worked for.

Working families deserve a House that will stay instead of play.

DEBT CEILING CRISIS

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call on House Republicans to stop the partisan politics and pay our bills.

It is my top priority to ensure everyone in Ohio's 13th Congressional District feels safe and secure at every stage of their lives, but the Republicans' manufactured crisis, forcing an impossible choice between devastating cuts or devastating default, directly undermines the safety and security of the people of Ohio's 13th District.

House Republicans' demands would jeopardize Social Security payments for 110,000 seniors in places like Stow, Hudson, and Twinsburg.

It would cut Medicare, Medicaid, and Veterans Affairs health coverage benefits for 322,000 families in cities like Barberton and Akron.

It would threaten the retirement savings of 109,000 northeast Ohioans who worked so hard so that they could retire securely. That is over half of my district, Mr. Speaker.

Republicans' demands significantly cut Federal support to local law enforcement agencies and slash crime prevention grants heading into the summer.

Law enforcement agencies in my district, in Stark County, are already understaffed and struggling to fill more than 80 positions across the county.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CLINE). The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Mrs. SYKES. Why, Mr. Speaker, do you want my people to suffer? Ohio's 13th District cannot afford these cuts. They will make our communities less safe.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has again expired.

Mrs. SYKES. I will not yield back while the Republicans are holding our communities hostage and making our communities—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman is no longer recognized.

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DEBT CEILING CRISIS

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

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, I always say that Vermont is held together with duct tape, twine, and hundreds of hours of volunteer service.

The other thing that we know about Vermonters: They pay their bills. They also stay when you are in the midst of an emergency, which is where we are right now.

Mr. Speaker, I led my senate chamber. When you are facing a budgetary crisis, you don't leave. You stay. You engage. It doesn't matter if it is 1 o'clock in the morning, 2 o'clock in the morning, or overnight, you stay.

We are public servants.

I can't believe that not five so-called moderate Republicans—because we hear about them all the time, that there is a group of reasonable Republicans. Where are they? We need just