

WASHINGTON HAS A SPENDING PROBLEM

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

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, Washington has a spending problem. I know it, you know it, and more importantly, the American people know it.

Our addiction to unaccountable spending has resulted in our Nation accumulating more than \$32 trillion in debt, leading to crippling inflation and a financial burden that future generations will struggle to overcome.

That is why I have introduced the principles-based balanced budget amendment, which would require annual spending and revenue to balance and affirm the principle of fiscal responsibility through constitutional mandate.

If ratified, this constitutional amendment would require Congress to balance the budget within 10 years while still allowing Congress to determine the mechanisms of how to achieve that balance through statute.

Under the Constitution, Congress holds both the power of the purse and the responsibility of the purse. Let us fulfill that responsibility with a strict measure of accountability.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this effort to affirm the principles of fiscal responsibility through constitutional mandate. Our financial future in America depends on it. We must act now.

TIRED OF MOURNING THE NEEDLESS DEATH OF ANOTHER CHILD

(Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, yet I am tired.

I am tired of having to come down to the well of this Chamber to mourn the needless death of another child.

I am tired of gun violence being the leading cause of death among our precious children.

Finally, I am tired of my colleagues across the aisle. When presented with an opportunity to do something about these tragedies, they do nothing.

I am disgusted that so few have signed on to any mental health legislation. My bill to invest in mental health resources for our young people passed this body just 2 years ago in a bipartisan fashion, but now, Republicans' sense of bipartisanship, and even caring for the lives of others, has vanished.

Mr. Speaker, I must confess I am tired of marching down here to demand something that should have been given to these children from the very beginning—their sense of safety.

I may be tired, but I will not stop.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CHARLES T. CARMICAL, SR.

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a fellow Georgian, Charles T. Carmical, Sr.

An avid basketball player, Charles was the Georgia Player of the Year in high school before being recruited by South Georgia College to play basketball with them.

He continued his love of the sport through adulthood, playing for the Golden Boys and winning the Georgia State title 12 times.

As the owner and operator of Dalton Auction Furniture Company, Charles loved working with people and connecting them to treasures. He was a Scoutmaster in the Boy Scouts, where he mentored hundreds of young minds and supported 31 Scouts in reaching Eagle Scout status.

In his personal life, Charles was also an active teacher in his church, where he served as a ruling elder, deacon, and member for over five decades.

His friends and family described him as a gentle giant with endless patience and a true family man, always there for those who needed him most. He will be missed dearly.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ELLA LEJOYCE SOJOURNER FOWLER

(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 honor the life of Mrs. Ella LeJoyce Sojourner Fowler, a devoted mother, loving wife, community leader, and an inspiring mentor. Mrs. Fowler sadly passed away on July 5 at the age of 83.

Born in Mississippi, Mrs. Fowler moved to Akron as a child. She attended Akron Public Schools and eventually graduated from John R. Buchtel High School.

Mrs. Fowler shared a passion for improving the health of our communities that was expressed through an illustrious nursing career, caring for northeast Ohioans at Barberton Citizens Hospital and City Hospital.

In 1961, Mrs. Fowler married Pastor Dr. Ronald J. Fowler, and together, they built up the Arlington Church of God. Mrs. Fowler was actively engaged in the life and work of the church, serving over the years as a member of the choir, a Sunday school teacher, a member of the medical board and diaconate board, as well as first lady for 39 years.

Mrs. Fowler's faithfulness, grace, and kindness were an inspiration to many, including myself.

I extend my deepest condolences and prayers to Dr. Ronald J. Fowler, Mrs. Fowler's loving husband, as well as her children, Cynthia, Christine, Ron, and Florence.

Mrs. Fowler has certainly left a mark on the Akron community, and her

memory will continue to be lifted up in prayer.

TUESDAY'S CHILDREN

(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, yesterday, I had two special visitors, Seth and Bronson.

Seth and Bronson participated in the career shadow day with Tuesday's Children.

Tuesday's Children formed in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on Tuesday, September 11, 2001. They meet individuals and families of servicemembers where they are on their grief journey following a loss due to military service, mass violence, or acts of terrorism.

This is the fifth year Seth has joined me and the first year Bronson has joined me. Tuesday's Children uses its experience and expertise to help our military families work through their own losses.

Mr. Speaker, I hope Seth and Bronson enjoyed being my shadow. I sure enjoyed their visit. I can't wait to see all that they accomplish.

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CONGRATULATING DANCE CITY

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

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the exceptional achievement of Dance City, a local dance team based in north Minneapolis, for their remarkable victory at Starpower National Talent Competition.

The dedication, talent, and hard work demonstrated by the members of Dance City have propelled them to extraordinary success on the national stage, winning them first place in hip-hop, and first overall.

Faced with competition from over 100 teams around the country, the Dance City girls rallied to the challenge and emerged with their well-deserved victory.

The director and coach of Dance City, Cierra Burnaugh, created her studio to serve young Black girls in the Minneapolis community. May their success continue to illuminate the path for future generations of dancers. I could not be happier to have Minneapolis represented by these bright young women.

PRESIDENT BIDEN TO FORGIVE \$39 BILLION IN STUDENT LOANS

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

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to represent the majority, the

majority of Americans who actually pay their bills, the majority of Americans who actually believe that if they have a right, they actually have a responsibility.

Unfortunately, President Biden just announced that by the stroke of his pen, he is going to forgive \$39 billion in student loans, this morning.

Now, let me be clear. This is in direct violation of the Supreme Court's decision just 2 weeks ago that blocked his student loan forgiveness plan. I guess the President has no respect for the constitutional authority of the Supreme Court.

Apparently, he has no respect for hardworking taxpayers that are going to foot this bill. Education isn't free. Someone pays for it. Last I checked, the teachers don't work for free. It is you, the taxpayer, who actually paid your student loans, who is now going to pay for somebody that doesn't want to pay their student loans. Every American who has paid off their student loans now gets the opportunity to pay somebody else's.

What comes next, Mr. President? Are you going to forgive mortgages and credit card bills? Where does this forgiveness end?

Rest assured, come hell or high water, I will fight this till the end.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

HONORING ALBERT VANN

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a New York City icon, the honorable Albert Vann.

After four decades of service as a progressive New York State and New York City legislator, Councilmember Albert Vann passed away 1 year ago today.

His contributions have enshrined him as a multigenerational champion of equity and justice for those needing it most.

He understood the importance of progress and the fight for justice. He understood what it meant to challenge the White-male-dominated political machine of his day. He understood where real power comes from. It comes from the beloved community.

This led him to becoming the first president of the African American Teachers Association, the first Black teachers' union in New York State.

He was a friend, a colleague, a mentor, but most importantly, he set the standard for what it means to serve your community.

To those who are underprivileged, overlooked, left out, or marginalized, it is with great honor that I stand as a direct beneficiary of a great man, Councilmember Albert Vann, a true trailblazer in New York State politics.

THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE NDAA

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, the National Defense Authorization Act is vital to the national security of the United States, as is border security and energy dominance. I am very pleased we are making strides into these areas with the passage of the NDAA and continue to strengthen and have a dominant military.

This NDAA includes significant resources to counter China in the Indo-Pacific, requires the DOD to identify and mitigate land purchases near military installations, and makes certain the United States continues to have the world's superior fighting force.

This legislation also funds the National Guard's border security deployment mission and rejects the Biden administration's plan to shrink our U.S. Navy.

This bill includes language to require allies to provide proportional levels of funding for the Ukraine conflict, alleviating the burden on U.S. taxpayers, yet fortifying the Ukraine freedom fighters.

Importantly, it supports our servicemembers with a 5.2 percent pay increase, the largest raise in 20 years.

This NDAA strengthens the national security of the United States as well as the world, and I am pleased to have supported it.

WHY I VOTED NO ON THE NDAA

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

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, America's national defense has historically been a source of bipartisan agreement, not a battleground for divisive, extreme partisan politics.

Unfortunately, House Republicans chose to use the NDAA to advance controversial and harmful amendments rather than work in a bipartisan way to bolster our national defense, strengthen our national security interests, and protect our servicemembers.

Through the amendment process, House Republicans inserted extreme anti-abortion, anti-LGBTQ, and anti-DEI amendments that infringe upon the rights of individuals, notably those who serve in our armed forces and their families, threaten their liberties, and undermine their principles of freedom and autonomy that they work every day to defend.

With these poison pills, I could not vote to advance this year's NDAA, as amended.

I will work tirelessly with my Senate counterparts and reasonable Republicans to ensure that damaging anti-abortion, anti-LGBTQ, and anti-DEI amendments are not included in the final text of this legislation.

ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE 988 HOTLINE

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

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, July 16 marks one year of the 988 hotline. This nationwide number is available 24/7 to provide confidential support to Americans facing mental health, substance use, and suicide crises.

Nearly 5 million Americans have called 988 in the last year to talk to someone about an issue they face. As we celebrate this progress, we acknowledge there is more to be done. A recent poll by the National Alliance on Mental Illness found that only 17 percent of Americans are aware of 988. That means more than four in every five Americans are unaware of this resource at our fingertips.

No one should feel alone. Whether it is strangers, friends, and foes alike, we never know what someone is going through.

I am proud to support the 988 hotline that can be a lifeline for those struggling. I will also do my part to promote kinder communities in California's 40th district and across the Nation.

A TROUBLING AMENDMENT TO THE NDAA

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

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to point out just one of the very troubling and extreme amendments in the NDAA, specifically Mr. GREEN's amendment which would effectively cut all Federal Government support to filmmakers who distribute films in China.

This amendment takes a page right out of 1950s McCarthyism, and it will devastate the film industry. It requires the DOD to create a blacklist of studios that often, by necessity, have made changes to films in anticipation of distribution in China.

It would decide, without any evidence necessary, to withhold assistance for filmmakers who edit sexual or violent scenes to make films more appropriate for children. Further, it would ensure that these American filmmakers can no longer film on U.S. public lands or access resources paid for by American taxpayers.

Filmmaking is a First Amendment right, and this amendment attacks that right by allowing the DOD to censor content and editorial viewpoints of American films. The Green amendment could also push film production overseas.

In my home State of California, this amendment would devastate an industry that brings in \$226 billion alone in jobs and economic activities.

Sadly, this amendment is just one of many dangerous and extreme MAGA