

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of nearly 150,000 United Auto Workers, including 3,000 members in western New York at the Ford Stamping Plant and General Motors plants in Tonawanda and Lockport.

Autoworkers have historically weathered the storm to support the automotive industry, through the Great Recession and economic hardship. Now, during a time when companies are experiencing record profits, the people delivering the goods deserve a contract that recognizes the critical role they play in that success.

UAW members will be an important part of the next generation of manufacturing, making electric vehicles more accessible and readily available.

As the September 14 deadline approaches, negotiators must come to the table with a contract that includes competitive wages and rewards quality work.

I ask my colleagues to join me in solidarity with the UAW as they negotiate a secure future for the workers driving success in the automotive industry today.

OUR JOB ISN'T DONE

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

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, the ox is in the ditch and it is time to go to work and get him out.

We were sent to Washington to work, but it sure doesn't feel like we are doing that right now. We promised the American people we would rein in these out-of-control Federal agencies and get spending under control. The way we do that is by uniting and passing conservative appropriation bills that will give us leverage against the Senate and the White House.

Colleagues, this has gotten out of hand, and we need to start voting. Let's put these bills on the House floor to debate and amend so that Members can put themselves on record. I am fine defending my votes back home. What I am not fine with is going home and telling people that we clocked in this week and we didn't do any work.

Mr. Speaker, we should stay here until we pass all 12 appropriations bills and send them to the Senate. Until we do that, the job is not done.

SUPPORTING THE UAW WORKERS

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

Mr. SORENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in solidarity with the more than 10,000 United Auto Workers in my district as they negotiate a fair contract with the Nation's auto industry employers.

Let's remember, it was workers who built this country, and their high-quality

union jobs gave people a pathway to the middle class, not just in Illinois but across this great Nation.

The current negotiations have implications not just for workers, but for the future of the auto industry and our economic competitiveness.

While companies report record profits and the CEOs take home tens of millions of dollars in compensation, the salary of the average autoworker has declined by 40 percent over the past 20 years. Our UAW neighbors are simply asking for their fair share.

To the UAW workers in central and northwestern Illinois and across the country, I have got your back.

CONGRATULATING THE GNYFF CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

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

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, this past weekend the Guam National Youth Football Federation held its championship on Saturday. After an exciting season, three teams won their respective division championship games and are officially known as the 2023 GNYFF champions.

Under this historic dome of democracy, I congratulate the following youth football championship teams: the Guam Eagles for winning the Manha Division championship, the Hal's Angels for winning the Metgot Division championship, and the Guam Eagles for winning the Matua Division championship.

I also congratulate the coaches, trainers, sponsors, and families of all the teams for their many efforts and sacrifices and for instilling in the kids the values of sportsmanship, character, and teamwork.

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HOMETOWN HERO: GRAPEVINE HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM

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

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our Texas-24 hometown hero, the Grapevine High School wrestling team.

This week, on the 22nd anniversary of the horrific September 11 terrorist attacks, Grapevine High School wrestling team paid their respects by hosting a tribute climb.

On the steps of Mustang-Panther Stadium, participants climbed a symbolic 110 flights in remembrance of this tragic day. Student athletes, first responders, and members of the community all climbed side by side to mourn those lost and remember the sacrifices our first responders made for the American people.

I am so encouraged by the leadership displayed by the members of the Grape-

vine High School wrestling team and their work to unite the community in commemoration of the heroes of September 11. Their patriotism and love for country is apparent.

I thank the Grapevine wrestling team for hosting this event and representing north Texas so well.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today deeply frustrated that so many Members on the other side of the aisle seem determined to shut down the government and create a national crisis of massive proportions.

Let's be clear. We are not asking Republicans to break new ground. We are only asking them to live up to the bipartisan budget agreement that a majority on both sides of the aisle already voted for and passed the House. We are only asking them to support the essential programs critical to veterans, seniors, childcare programs, working families, farmers, and retirees; the people I care about and came to serve because, again, let's be clear, if they force a government shutdown, these are the people who will suffer most.

Veterans won't receive their full benefits, retirees will lose their economic security and medical care, and our businesses will face massive economic turmoil. For what? A political stunt created by extremists who care more about riling up their base than helping their constituents.

Every one of us here swore an oath to serve our constituents. It is time to live up to that oath.

SUPPORT FOR UAW WORKERS

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I stand in solidarity with the hardworking men and women of the United Auto Workers as they bargain for a fair contract.

Unions helped build the middle class. The labor movement was actually founded in large part in my district, the Eighth Congressional District of Michigan, in my hometown of Flint where the autoworkers sat down in the auto plants to stand up for good wages, for safer working conditions, and for better benefits.

Every day in my district, UAW members build award-winning vehicles. They are standing up to demand a fair share of the value that they produce. Everyone, every worker, not just those at the top, should benefit from that.

The fight is not just about fair contracts for union workers, though. It is about fairness and the future of all workers in this country.

In Congress, I have championed bills to expand workers' rights, including the right to join a union, and I have

stood in opposition to those efforts to try to take those rights away to pass antiworker, anti-union legislation that would hurt our economy and hurt American families.

Let me be clear. To the men and women of the UAW who are fighting for a fair contract, I stand in solidarity with you.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind all persons in the gallery that they are here as guests of the House and that any manifestation of approval or disapproval of proceedings or other audible conversation is in violation of the rules of the House.

AVOIDING A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

(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, we have just 16 days to pass a budget and avoid a government shutdown; just 16 days to prevent a completely unnecessary shutdown and manufactured crisis that will be devastating for the people, families, and communities of Ohio's 13th Congressional District and Americans.

These disruptions would interrupt critical government services, hurting small businesses, and even forcing our troops to go without pay and benefits.

Thousands of Federal workers and contractors who do vital work throughout the country would not be able to do their jobs, creating a lose-lose scenario where the public misses out on essential government services and a lower quality of life.

Instead of governing, what has the majority decided to do? Focus on partisan games meant to distract and divide our country. It is reckless, irresponsible, and a complete failure of leadership.

People in Ohio's 13th District are tired of partisan politics. They sent me to Congress to put people over politics, to lower costs, grow the middle class, keep our community safe, and protect our fundamental freedoms. I am committed to passing a budget that invests in the people and communities of Ohio's 13th District, not extreme politics.

It is time to stop the political games, honor the bipartisan budget agreement Congress already passed, and avoid a government shutdown. The American people are counting on us to get this done. We cannot let them down.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN— POLITICAL GAMESMANSHIP

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, we find ourselves in a critical juncture in our Nation's history. You have heard my colleagues say that we have 16 days left. That is only 9 legislative days away from a government shutdown.

The extreme MAGA Republicans in the Republican Conference are driving the entire Republican majority to time and time again pursue their divisive agenda at the cost of American lives. This would inflict untold harm upon millions of hardworking families and jeopardize our national security. This is not governance; this is political gamesmanship.

Let me be clear. They have chosen to embark on a perilous path that threatens the very fabric of our government and the well-being of our citizens in an attempt to slash vital investments in healthcare, childcare, education, and food assistance.

This senseless self-manufactured crisis would disrupt critical government services. I implore my colleagues across the aisle to stop playing political games and join us in the commitment to the American people.

POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

(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, tomorrow, September 15, is POW/MIA Recognition Day.

This important day is a time to remember the brave men and women who have yet to return home. Currently, there are more than 80,000 American servicemembers who are still missing and remain unaccounted for from World War II, the Korean war, the Vietnam war, the Cold War, and the Gulf wars.

Our servicemembers are the bravest among us. They answer the call to protect and defend our country in times of war and in times of peace.

While many return home, some do not. We must uphold our promise to our POW/MIA and never stop searching until they are returned to their loved ones.

This is why today, Representative CONNOLLY and I reintroduced the Prisoners of War and Missing in Action Trade Agreement Resolution.

This resolution urges our mutually beneficial trade agreements to include a commitment from trading partners to continue search and recovery efforts of our Nation's missing servicemembers. It is imperative we continue our efforts to bring home members of our armed services.

This amendment will assist the United States in upholding the eternal promise to our Armed Forces to always bring our men and women home.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

RESTORE SNAP BENEFITS

(Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address

the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, my husband and I have raised three hungry boys. I know how difficult and expensive it can be. Our government should not be making it any harder.

Yet, Republicans in this Chamber are working overtime to make it harder for families to receive SNAP benefits, putting more than 14 million children at risk of hunger.

Republicans talk about trusting parents and protecting our kids only when it fits their agenda, because when it comes to trusting parents to use programs like SNAP to feed their children, this Republican majority pushes for more regulation, less trust. We have seen this play out firsthand.

Under the last Congress, Democrats, our majority, expanded the child tax credit and cut child poverty in half. When it tragically ended, and every Republican refused to restore it, children plunged back into poverty.

As the Speaker's self-inflicted chaos inches us closer to a Federal budget deadline, it is clear: Our children are suffering because of the antics and extremism of the Republican majority.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this House majority to rethink their chaos, protect SNAP benefits, and lift all of our children out of poverty.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 68

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. BARR) as cosponsor of H.R. 68.

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

There was no objection.

FAIR NEGOTIATIONS FOR UNITED AUTO WORKERS

(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, when the U.S. auto manufacturers were suffering during the recession, the UAW workers took pay cuts, were willing to forgo pay raises for the greater good of U.S. manufacturing, believing that U.S. auto manufacturers would repay their sacrifice once they were earning good profits.

That didn't happen. Today, I rise in support of the United Auto Workers, and I urge the Big Three auto manufacturers to treat their employees fairly in these negotiations and share the wealth that is earned from their labor.

The UAW is leading the charge to make green jobs good union jobs. The UAW organized the first battery plant in this country in Ohio. They are willing to move forward and work with manufacturers to get the job done. We need those jobs.