

Our mother helped organize the United Auto Workers nearly 90 years ago at Champion Spark Plug, organizing and negotiating with United Auto Workers founders Victor and Walter Reuther.

Our father, Stephen, who they called Kappy, retired in 1969 from Jeep. Both were able to get better wages and benefits to help our family as we were growing up.

I am including in the RECORD our mother's brief summary of why she joined the union and worked so hard; primarily to assure seniority rights of employment so you couldn't be fired because the supervisor brought family members to replace you.

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I will continue tomorrow and enter the additional three sentences orally, but I just want to say go, UAW. We are so proud of you.

When our mother Anastasia was in her early 20's, she landed a job at the Champion Spark Plug Company in Toledo where she had applied at the employment office every day for one year. She never missed a day of work between any of her jobs. Here, her weekly wage rose to \$40 a week. She worked the production line at plug tamping where she was paid based on her output and she always did the maximum number each day. It was at Champion that she was elected to the Charter Committee of the Local 12 United Auto Workers Trade Union that was forming. She summarized for her children why she helped form the union—"primarily to assure seniority rights of employment so you couldn't be fired because the supervisor brought family members to replace you. A bidding system was established so any open job was put up on the board so the one with the most seniority got the job if qualified. Discrimination was outlawed so the foreman could no longer put his pets or relatives on the best job. The right to ask for a pay raise was assured through negotiation and the right to strike granted to employees. Leaves for illness were granted so people wouldn't be fired if a doctor's certification was provided. Bathroom privileges were allowed for personal contingencies. Three months leave was allowed for pregnancy. Lay-offs would occur according to seniority. And a grievance procedure was established to curb harassment by mean foremen."

Elected union Secretary, Mom gained respect by both company and union members for her knowledge of the bidding system, her ability to handle grievances, and her detailed grasp of the labor contract.

#### RALLY AROUND THE SECOND AMENDMENT

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I call attention one more time to the Members of this body about the lack of respect for the Second Amendment that took place in the State of New Mexico recently.

We all know where the increase in crime rate came from; probably three things: first of all, the breakdown of the family, which was encouraged by Lyndon Johnson's war on the family; secondly, liberal judges, who are not predisposed to put criminals in jail; and finally, liberal district attorneys who do not want to put members of the criminal class in jail.

As a result, we wind up with an increase in murders and an increase in crimes committed with guns. We have to rally and make it impossible, politically impossible, for anybody else to do what the New Mexico Governor did a few weeks ago.

The Second Amendment is designed to keep the power in this country with the people. Just because we have a family breakdown, together with ultra leftwing judges and district attorneys, is no reason to give up on our Second Amendment.

Rally, America. Rally around that Second Amendment.

#### MARCHING AT THE CLIMATE SUMMIT

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

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, yesterday before the climate summit at the U.N., tens of thousands of people marched.

I want them to know that some of us in this building hear you, we see you, and we understand your demand for urgent action.

We have seen in my State the wildfires in California. We have seen the flooding in New Hampshire and Vermont. We have seen the hottest summers recorded, and we have seen the smoke-filled air.

We need this President to declare a climate emergency. We need to stop the export of our oil to other countries.

We need to stop subsidizing fossil fuel companies. We need this President to keep his promise of no new drilling on public lands. That means no to the Willow project.

We need to stand with the UAW workers who are building EVs to make sure they have a fair wage.

Thank you to Gen-Z for Change. Thank you to Sunrise. Thank you to Climate Defiance. Thank you to all of the groups who are marching.

#### OPPOSING THE CONTINUING RESOLUTION

(Mr. GAETZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, I am not voting for a continuing resolution. I am not voting to continue the failure and the waste and the corruption and the election interference, and in some cases, the efforts that could lead this country into world war III.

I oppose the CR authored by my friend and colleague from Florida, BYRON DONALDS. The Donalds CR continues the Ukraine policy negotiated by Speaker PELOSI and MITCH MCCONNELL in the omnibus that conservatives were against.

The Donalds CR is a permission slip for Jack Smith to continue his election interference as they are trying to gag the former President of the United States and the leading contender for the Republican nomination.

The Donalds CR abandons the principle that it is only a review of single-subject spending bills that will save this country and allow us to tweeze through these programs and force these agencies to stand up and defend their budget.

I say to my friends that we are approaching the days where we are facing a \$2 trillion annual deficits atop a \$33 trillion debt. This is unsustainable.

To just continue things with some facial 8 percent cut over 30 days that will lead to no programmatic reform is an insult to the principles we fought for in January.

#### THE HEARTBEAT OF OUR COMMUNITY

(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, I rise to give a big shout-out to some truly exceptional workers, among many, who are the heartbeat of our community: the United States postal workers, firefighters, and TSA workers.

Recently, I had the opportunity to meet with U.S. postal workers who ensure packages get delivered even in some of our most rural communities. Indeed, our U.S. postal workers deserve protection.

I also visited with firefighters in Greenville and TSA agents at the Pitt-Greenville Airport who are doing incredible work, and that is why we must ensure pay equity.

I extend my deepest gratitude for the exceptional service and the work that is getting done each day for the American people. Let us never forget our essential workers who strengthen the Nation.

#### ADVOCATING FOR WORKER BENEFITS

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, the strength of America is in her workers,

and today I rise on the floor of the House to stand with the UAW workers around the Nation and those that are striking now in the Midwest.

There are UAW workers in Texas, and I stand with them. Can we at least understand that the value of what these workers are advocating for are American values; health benefits; the ability to have a permanent job; the ability to have compensation; to be able to buy and keep a house, or to provide for your family, or to buy a car that you make.

This is a crisis that does not have to be. I ask and encourage the Big Three, the automakers, to sit with the UAW workers and resolve this the American way, and that is with fairness and justice and equality for all.

UAW is fighting for American workers. American workers over the decades and centuries have helped build this Nation. Let us not continue a strike that does not respond to the basic human needs of the UAW workers.

Again, I stand with the workers. I look forward to a reasoned and responsible resolve of all of this.

#### DANGEROUS DEFICITS

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

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, for anyone out there who is insane enough to have C-SPAN on, I may suggest requisitioning a life.

If you don't want someone to talk to you like an adult, if you don't want someone doing big math, big numbers, and being serious, I am sure there is a video out there of a parakeet playing a piano someplace. Please leave now.

Today I was actually going to try to come here and do the happy, positive talk. I actually had put together some boards on some really good things that happened.

Then we made the mistake on my flight; the staff actually looked at the trust funds that were collapsing over the next few years.

People forget. The Medicare trust fund is gone within 7 years. We can't actually work out the math of how devastating that will be because about 40 percent of all Medicare spent comes through that trust fund. It is almost all the money that Medicare patients receive at the hospital level.

I do have one happy slide, so we are going to do that one, and then we are going to go on to the reality.

Let me sort of make a point. We are going to have the fight over the continuing resolution or the budget or these things.

People are going to do their political posturing, and we are going to fight and fight. Please understand. It is all important. It is rounding of the rounding of the rounding errors of what is really going on.

You are going to see some slides here where you have got to understand

every dime we vote on as Members of Congress is now borrowed—plus another \$300 billion—and that is in this fiscal year. It gets dramatically worse over the next few years.

If you actually somewhere in your head think: Well, if we just got rid of waste and fraud and got rid of foreign aid, we would be fine.

Foreign aid is 12 days of borrowing.

Why is it so hard for this place to grow up and understand the most basic parts of math? I went off track there. I apologize.

Let's go back. How many of you saw this article? These are happy things. These are also things that are moral. They could make incredible differences. They could also save billions and billions and billions and billions of dollars.

I have been tracking the researchers on this, and I think it is the University of Chicago. They had this crazy idea. We will give people a vaccine to train their body to attack things.

How about if we gave a vaccine to train their body not to attack things? If you think about it, multiple sclerosis is your body attacking your nerve systems.

One of the reasons I am interested in it, we had a horrible, horrible family tragedy in regards to multiple sclerosis when I was very, very young.

It is the concept of sort of an inverse vaccine to take on autoimmune diseases, and it turns out type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune disease.

I have been coming to the mike for years talking about the research on being able to replant islet cells back into the body, either through stem cells or the one that has been now FDA approved which actually is islet cells that are bleached from cadavers and adjusted with CRISPR so your body doesn't need antirejection drugs to know this concept of we are just going to teach your body not to attack. This is a big deal. There are some wonderful things happening.

Now, here is the really interesting question: Will we be so broke as a country and a society that the ability to actually make the investment to do what is moral actually lowers future borrowing?

Look. Today, we finally crossed the \$33 trillion, and some people are going to light their hair on fire. It is a big deal. It is about to get dramatically worse. We are going to look back fondly on this number the way we are going right now.

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Do understand we now have—and we don't bet money—but we do have a little pool going with some of our staff and some of our economists of what will the fiscal borrowing be this year.

Remember, the administration is trying to play some games where they are going to try to credit themselves back some of the student loan money that the Supreme Court said they can't spend, so we are actually looking at the real-life borrowing number, not the fiscal deficit number, which has a journal entry fraud in it.

As of a couple of hours ago so far this fiscal year—and we still have a couple weeks left—I think we have borrowed \$2.158 trillion. Now, I don't want to win because I am the idiot who said we are going to borrow \$2.2 trillion. Please understand, a year ago, the Congressional Budget Office, 2002 May, said, this year we would borrow about \$860 billion. Does something seem wrong in those numbers—\$860 billion? Now it looks like we are going to borrow \$2.2 trillion and almost every dime of that growth is healthcare costs which have exploded, particularly Medicare.

Tax receipts have fallen fairly dramatically. So much for this Biden socialized economy. We have handed out a couple of trillion dollars of money to build factories, to subsidize this and subsidize that. This was actually their modern monetary policy. You now have proof in the pudding. They set off inflation, and tax receipts have actually fallen. If anyone wants to write an academic paper on modern monetary policy, you have got the laboratory right in front of you. It collapsed.

What is the third thing that has actually gone against us this year? Interest. The bond market has not been treating us kindly. We were playing with some math the other day, maybe another additional, on top of everything else, \$160 billion of interest. Those are big numbers. Almost no one can process that sort of math, but let's actually walk through it in a way you can all understand.

If you look at the last 12 months, we borrowed over \$72,000. We borrowed, not spent, borrowed because we are borrowing about 30 percent of all of our spending. We borrow about \$72,000 a second, and \$20,000 a second is interest. Next year, my math—look, I am a little more dour than some of the people around me, but my math has us closing in on \$800 billion of interest, just interest, next year.

I am going to show you a chart. Please pay attention. That is almost all defense. There was a time this place would have been losing its mind if I came to you and said interest next year will be pretty much what we spend on defense. Oh, David, that could never happen.

How many times have you heard anyone come behind these microphones showing any concern? Instead, we are going to do the theater on rounding errors. I am going to stop another \$50 million here. That is a big deal. It is fine.

Did I mention we are borrowing over 72,000 a second? This is really difficult math, and it is really uncomfortable.

Let's go back to my opening statement. If you are someone that doesn't like hearing something that is uncomfortable, please go watch something else.

What is the primary driver of U.S. sovereign debt? A bunch of it, at least