

have been here longer than me. One of my friends who has been through five of them has said nobody ever wins politically or policywise on a shutdown.

What happens?

Our troops stop getting paid. Our loyal soldiers out there on the front lines stop getting paid, and they are already underwaged, so to speak.

The contracts that we would have with Defense come to a grinding halt.

Other Federal projects like construction, roads, infrastructure, what have you, come to a grinding halt.

Now, what happens on that? When you demobilize construction crews or assembly lines like that, they don't just turn right back on and off like a light switch. People go home. They move their equipment to other projects. It is much more expensive to turn something back on that was already in momentum.

Try shutting off a nuclear power plant. That is not the same as what we are talking about here, but you don't just turn these things on and off. That is what happens.

Permitting. When folks have been waiting so long for EPA or Army Corps of Engineers or somebody else to get their freaking job done on getting permits out, and then they have an excuse to shut down—oh, this week-long shutdown, this 2-week shutdown, it is going to set us back 3 months. We have heard that sort of thing around here.

Even though it might feel good to say, yeah, let's shut the mother down—because a lot of people don't like what government does, including me, in my real life as a farmer in northern California I see a lot of dumb stuff the government does—shutting things down in the middle of the stream here doesn't really work for anybody, unfortunately.

The Federal employees will still get paid even if they are not at work, so it is a paid vacation. They will get their backpay. Congress will still get paid by the month. It doesn't really shut anything off that way. We don't gain a lot with a shutdown. We held our nose, and we are going to do this for 45 days to do a good process in the Appropriations Committee.

I want to have faith in that, and I want the American public to have faith in an open process and doing it correctly because process is something that has been lacking a lot in Congress and in government in recent years. We have to cling to the process as something that is important so we can have things laid out constitutionally.

RECOGNIZING JUDGE MELINDA ANDERSON

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Judge Melinda Anderson on an incredible career in the First District's Liberty County court system.

Judge Anderson's first major achievement of her storied career came when she was appointed ex-officio notary and justice of the peace by the Liberty County Grand Jury in 1979.

Then, in 1983 the legislative consolidation of the justice of the peace and small claims court created the magistrate court.

Consequently, in 1988, Judge Melinda Anderson was elected as Liberty County Chief Magistrate. Since then, she has served the First District of Georgia well, and her accolades are too numerous for one speech.

I congratulate Judge Melinda Anderson on a magnificent career, which included awards for both Magistrate of the Year and Lifetime Achievement.

HONORING GRIFFIN LOTSON

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Darien City Councilman Griffin Lotson, who is featured in the International African American Museum in Charleston, South Carolina.

The Butler Island Plantation where the International African American Museum stands, was where Lotson's ancestors, the Gullah Geechee, were enslaved.

Councilman Lotson's family spans seven generations of Gullah Geechee roots.

In addition to serving on Darien City Council, he also serves as the vice-chair of the Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor, a nonprofit dedicated to preserving and sharing Gullah heritage and culture.

Griffin Lotson was also recently promoted to the level of Global and State Goodwill Ambassador.

Darien, along with the rest of Georgia's First Congressional District, is honored that Councilman Lotson calls our community home.

CONGRATULATING LINDSEY STREETER

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Command Sergeant Major Lindsey Streeter for winning the Military Times Veteran of the Year.

Sergeant Major Streeter enlisted in the Army at 17 years old as a 76C, equipment parts and records specialist.

Lindsey deployed from Hunter Army Airfield in support of Operation Desert Storm, and when he returned, he was asked to go into the U.S. Army Recruiting Command, taking on the weighty task of recruiting the next generation of soldiers.

Over his 31-year career, he would go on to hold leadership positions at every level, culminating with his first assignment as commandant of the Non-commissioned Officer Academy at Fort Stewart.

Although he hung up the uniform, his desire to serve others only grew stronger.

Once he left the Army, he joined Bank of America as its senior vice president of global military affairs, a position that allows him to help transitioning servicemembers and long-time veterans with financial education and assistance.

On top of his professional work, Lindsey started a charity with his late wife, Mary Ann, Quad E, that provides healthcare resources to underserved and low-income families.

In 2022, he also purchased the semi-pro basketball team, the Savannah Hurricanes, yet another example of serving our local community.

Simply put, his impact on the First District of Georgia is immeasurable.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Command Sergeant Major Streeter for his continued service to not only our country, but, also, to our local community.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 37 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Merciful God, You came near when we called You. In these recent days of dispute, disagreement, and deliberation, when we called to You, You spoke. In our distress, You upheld us, declaring to our hearts, "Do not fear." Thank You for Your abiding presence and the assurance of Your protections in the midst of our turmoil.

Just God, last week You heard our troubles and took up our case. Rightly dividing requirement from embellishment, clarifying necessity from excess, and guiding the way through competing concerns, You redeemed our concerted attempts to uphold the stewardship of our country's resources and the trusteeship of our government's responsibilities.

Sovereign God, set the course this week that these Members can navigate the way ahead with Your leadership. Shed Your light on the path that both their debate and their decisions would reflect Your wisdom, Your compassion, and Your forbearance.

We call on Your name, O Lord, from the depths of all that we have endured and with the whole of our very being. Do not close Your ears to our cry for Your direction.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JASON ROONEY

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

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a friend, a hero, and a great American.

Jason Rooney passed on June 11 this year, just shy of his 51st birthday. He is survived by his parents, Dudley and Cathy; his daughter, Skyler; and his three brothers, Christopher, Michael, and Brian.

Growing up, Jason always put others first. He had a heart for serving others that ultimately led him to serve as a Los Angeles County deputy for over 15 years. He took great pride in being a deputy and he performed all of his positions with honor and with distinction. However his true purpose in life came on January 31, 2008, when he welcomed his daughter Skyler Marie into the world. Skyler is a beautiful and intelligent young lady and Jay's world revolved around her.

Jason Dudley Rooney was a great brother, great son, and a great father. He will be missed by his family, friends, and the good people of Los Angeles County whom he served so well.

Mr. Speaker, may God bless Jay Rooney, who is now by His side, and may God bless all of our peacekeepers.

HONORING STANLEY L. MYERS, ESQ.

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to ad-

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, tragically, beloved South Carolinian, Stanley L. Myers, passed away last Wednesday. As a founding partner of what is now Moore Bradley Myers, I especially appreciated his service and his remarkable life. I also want to express sympathy to his family and his senior law partner, Jake Moore, who correctly recognized him as a son.

His obituary: Moore Bradley Myers partner, Stanley Myers, died at age 47. MBM managing partner Christian Spradley asked that the community members turn their attention to praying for Stanley's wife, Tashia, and their two young children.

As a Citadel alumnus and 4-year starting quarterback for the Bulldogs, Myers was elected to the Citadel Board of Visitors. He also served on the Lexington Medical Center Board of Directors and founded the Swansea Mentoring Program.

Every Christmas, Stanley proudly hosted the town of Swansea's Bike Bonanza. Myers opened Countryside BBQ restaurant in Swansea in 2022. His service and spirit of giving back to the community was unparalleled.

As an attorney, Myers was selected as a 2023 Leadership in Law honoree by the South Carolina Lawyers Weekly. Myers deployed as a captain with the 218th Infantry Brigade to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He was a lieutenant colonel who served as the Staff Judge Advocate for the 59th Troop Command at McEntire Joint National Guard Base.

Stanley Myers passed away unexpectedly on September 27, 2023.

May God bless his memory.

SECURING OUR BORDER

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, securing our border should be a bipartisan goal, and indeed House Republicans are dedicated to that. We had most of the elements of H.R. 2 in a bill last week that we just fell short on mustering, unfortunately. We did pass H.R. 2 separately earlier on to achieve that goal for the border. It is a comprehensive security package that would end the invasion at the southern border, halt the abuse of the asylum process, and strengthen border security.

Unfortunately, Senate Leader SCHUMER won't even bring it up for a vote over in the Senate. Why not?

His own New York Governor, Democrat Kathy Hochul, called on Congress this weekend demanding a limit on who can come across and for more agents to catch illegal immigrants.

While SCHUMER should be listening to her, at least, every single New York Democrat who voted for these right-to-shelter laws and soft-on-crime open border policies needs to realize their

policies have now had detrimental consequences.

It is not extreme to want law and order or to track who is coming into our country. If New York City doesn't have the resources to deal with these waves of illegals coming on to their streets, neither do the small border towns in Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California.

The Senate must take up H.R. 2, and the Biden administration must actually take action on our border.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COLLINS). Laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 30, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on September 30, 2023, at 9:10 p.m.

That the Senate passed without Amendment H.R. 5860.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk.

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Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
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DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on September 30, 2023, at 10:54 p.m., said to contain a message from the President regarding the designation of funding as an emergency requirement in H.R. 5860, the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2024 and Other Extensions Act.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Acting Clerk.

DESIGNATION OF FUNDING AS AN EMERGENCY REQUIREMENT—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 118-67)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed: