

and the courage to replace confrontation with common sense.

In closing, I believe that we all have a choice to make—all of us. Do we wish to be a nation that metaphorically goes to the Moon together or one that goes to war against one another?

As a free people, that choice remains ours, all of ours. As Albert Einstein, a notable immigrant to the United States of America, famously said that the world is a dangerous place, not because of those who do evil, but because of those who look on and do nothing.

I believe in us. I love you all, and I will see you down the road. Godspeed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair reminds Members that the rules do not allow references to persons in the gallery.

AMERICA MUST LEAD 5G INNOVATION

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, it has never been more critical that the United States lead the way on 5G innovation.

Not only would an expanded 5G network provide critical services and opportunities for Americans living in rural areas, but it would also provide the United States with the ability to continue leading the way on the development of wireless technology.

Allowing our adversaries to advance in future generations of wireless without us would erode our privacy, compromise the security of our networks, and lead to increased foreign influence in our communications.

The Promoting United States Wireless Leadership Act would help the U.S. take the necessary steps to safeguard our technological advantages. By bringing key leaders and stakeholders to the table, this bill would encourage a unified approach to set standards for all 5G networks.

By standardizing our approach, we can help ensure a greater certainty for both the provider and consumer.

As we look ahead, reliable high-speed connectivity will be vital for students who are doing their homework, for businesses connecting with their customers, for farmers in the fields, and for patients using telemedicine to heal from home.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this legislation and help ensure that our wireless technologies continue to expand and serve the needs of the American people.

CONGRATULATING JUNIATA COLLEGE EAGLES WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate the Juniata College women's volleyball team on once again winning the NCAA Division III national championship and on their incredible achievement of winning 97 matches in a row.

This record number of consecutive wins is the result of determination.

Under the leadership of Coach Heather Pavlik, the Juniata Eagles once again completed their season with a perfect 35-0 record.

Equally as important as the team's success in volleyball is their success in the classroom.

Juniata's commitment to academic excellence is an example of how student athletes can make incredible achievements both on and off the court.

On behalf of everyone in Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I am proud to once again congratulate the women's volleyball team at Juniata on another outstanding season, and I look forward to their continued success.

EXECUTIVE OVERREACH DURING PRESIDENTIAL TRANSITION

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, as the Biden administration comes to an end, we have seen continued attempts by the far left to enact major regulatory policies just as this administration is on its way out the door.

The American people have spoken and elected President Donald J. Trump to return to the White House. This is not the time for President Biden to take executive actions that provide student loan bailouts or implement Green New Deal policies.

If President Biden takes these executive actions at a time when the voters have made it clear that they are ready for change, we need to ensure that these rules are not permanent.

The Midnight Rules Relief Act would ensure that the American people are heard during a Presidential transition by allowing the Congressional Review Act to be used to overturn multiple Federal Rules in a single resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support the Midnight Rules Relief Act to put a stop to President Biden's executive overreach.

SENATE MUST REJECT RJK JR. FOR HHS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. ROBERT GARCIA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call on our colleagues in the Senate to reject Donald Trump's nomination of RFK Jr. as Secretary of Health and Human Services.

RFK Jr. has proven himself for decades to be a conspiracy theorist, and we cannot allow the critical work done by HHS and the doctors and medical professionals there to be undermined by someone with his record.

For those not familiar, RJK Jr. first has no scientific or medical credentials. Instead, he has spent his career fueling anti-vaccine movements around the world, including one in Samoa that contributed to a measles outbreak that killed dozens of people and made almost 6,000 sick, most of them children and infants.

RFK Jr. has falsely claimed vaccines cause autism and suggested that COVID health measures were worse than the Holocaust. He has also peddled conspiracy theories that chemicals in water are making children transgender and gay.

This is someone who has threatened to gut the National Institutes of Health, the Federal agency responsible for medical and public health research. They, along with the rest of HHS, do vital, nonpartisan work that impacts every American and every community, from pandemic preparedness to cancer research to resources for mental health and substance abuse.

There are real lives at stake. We just went through a pandemic that cost the lives of 1.3 million Americans, the single largest loss of life event in the modern era in our country and around the world.

We cannot allow at this moment to hand over the keys of public health to an extreme, unqualified, and dangerous nominee. The Senate must reject RJK Jr. for HHS.

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SOCIETY IS LOSING ITS MORAL COMPASS

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

Mr. LOPEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the decay of the moral compass that our Nation is facing. The moral compass of faith, family, and self-resilience that this Nation was founded on is being treated as if it is a cheap suit or an old pair of shoes that needs to be discarded and replaced.

There is a national movement today that is focused on distorting the foundational values on which our great Nation was founded, values such as faith, family, and self-reliance. This movement is found in our schools; our military; our Federal, State, and local government; our churches; and in the public square.

Our Nation's values have been distorted to merely hollow words and are no longer seen as a foundational bedrock of our Nation.

When our educational system focuses on teaching our children that gender identity is more important than learning to read, write, or to do math, that is a sign that society is losing its moral compass.

When society and medical professionals promote the concept that God can make a mistake when it comes to gender and that only science can correctly assign the two genders of our adult brothers and sisters and to our children, that is a sign that society is losing its moral compass.

When society openly allows the labeling of the killing of babies as women's health or body autonomy, that is a sign of society losing its moral compass.

When man believes he has the ultimate authority to redefine marriage

and turn his back on traditional marriage between a man and a woman, that is a sign that society is losing its moral compass.

When lawmakers vote in favor of allowing biological men who are experiencing gender confusion to equally use women's facilities and compete in girls' sports, that is a sign of society losing its moral compass.

When the church decides to ignore its role in educating the people on the Biblical values that America was founded on, that is a sign that society is losing its moral compass.

Just last week, NANCY MACE, a Member of Congress, was physically assaulted in the Halls of Congress because she stands on a basic commonsense principle. The commonsense principle that caused her to be physically assaulted was her firm belief, as it is mine, that individuals experiencing gender confusion should not be allowed to utilize opposite facilities or participate in women's or girls' sports.

The majority of the American people share that commonsense belief and are thirsty for bold leaders who will openly defend our Nation's fundamental values. America needs and deserves strong leaders who are not afraid of fighting and speaking in the public square about regaining our country's moral compass.

Some of our brothers and sisters, instead of focusing on promoting our Republic's foundational moral compass, are fighting to ensure that government plays an overreaching role by dictating what America should think, eat, be educated on, and why they should be happy to pay more in taxes to fund the runaway spending of government.

Mr. Speaker, America is at a crossroads, and we, the people, through our Federal, State, and local elections, will determine the moral compass that will lead us into the future.

Our job here in the sacred Halls of Congress is to limit government and revitalize civil society. The \$36 trillion national debt is a sign that our country has lost its moral compass.

Self-reliance has given way to dependence, and a loss of respect for persons and property continues to spread like cancer.

In 1837, John O'Sullivan wrote: "The best government is that which governs least. . . . [Government] should be confined to the administration of justice, for the protection of the natural equal rights of the citizen and the preservation of the social order. In all other respects, the voluntary principle, the principle of freedom . . . affords the true golden rule."

Our Nation's founding documents were written with the unwavering understanding that the nature of government is force, not freedom. The language used in the founding principle was to limit the role of government to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Imagine an America where the elected officials understood the true role of

government and allowed us to live freely.

Imagine if every American believed in and followed the golden rule, as written in Luke 6:31: Do to others as you would have them do unto you.

Imagine an America where every individual not only believes in the American Dream, but that they can actually experience it.

Imagine an America that openly embraces the fundamental values that founded this great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, may God bless America.

CONGRESS MUST ENHANCE CAPITALISM'S SAFETY NET

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

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, as all Americans know, Social Security is the number one antipoverty program for the elderly of this country. Most people don't realize that it is also the number one antipoverty program for children in this country.

What is further annoying to most Americans is that it has been 54 years since Congress, who has the responsibility for doing so, has enhanced Social Security benefits. This has a direct impact on every district in the country.

In the Speaker's district, there are over 174,000 Social Security recipients, and 142,000 of them are retirees; 13,000-plus are disabled workers; 7,000-plus are widows; 3,000 are spouses; and over 7,000 are children.

Mr. Speaker, what most Members don't realize is the direct economic impact and economic development impact that this has on their district. For example, the Speaker's district receives \$353 million monthly for those 174,000 recipients.

Where do they spend that money, Mr. Speaker? They spend it right back in the districts where they live.

Nobody gets wealthy on Social Security, but it has been the mainstay to keep people out of poverty, both the elderly and children alike.

Congress has not taken any action to enhance those benefits since 1971. Richard Nixon was the President of the United States the last time this body, which is in charge of making sure that Americans receive this benefit, has taken any action to ensure that people in the Speaker's district and in mine and in all 435 districts receive Social Security benefits.

Here are the statistics: Over 70 million Americans rely on Social Security. For more than 35 million Americans, it is the only retirement benefit that they have. Americans are getting concerned by the day because 10,000 baby boomers a day become eligible for Social Security.

Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor to plead for Congress to take action. Have a vote. If Members have a better idea, they should put it forward.

President Trump has at least called for tax cuts. Most people don't realize

that, when they retire, all of a sudden, they are being double taxed because their Social Security is taxed. That is a good idea, but President Trump's plan doesn't pay for that.

When it is not paid for, the money comes directly out of the trust fund, therefore hurting everybody in the program because it will reduce Social Security benefits by 36 percent as soon as 2031. That is not a long way off, and this body of Congress has been woefully negligent in making sure it is speaking out on behalf of the American people and the citizens that we are sworn to serve.

This is capitalism's safety net. The reason that we are able to thrive as a Nation and be entrepreneurial in the system is because we have a safety net for our workforce. In the event that a business collapses or people get laid off or they don't have work, there is Social Security. That is the brilliance of Franklin Delano Roosevelt that is still with us, and it is embraced overwhelmingly by Democrats, Republicans, and unaffiliated persons.

It is time to act, Mr. Speaker.

REMEMBERING BATTLE OF THE BULGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Oklahoma (Mrs. BICE) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. BICE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding correspondence from a young constituent of mine, Lauren Tappert, who expressed her desire to make a Federal holiday in recognition of World War II.

I was impressed by Lauren's patriotism and her initiative, especially given the fact that she is just in middle school.

This week, we remember one of World War II's most significant battles, the Battle of the Bulge. As Winston Churchill famously said: It is "undoubtedly the greatest American battle of the war."

The Battle of the Bulge, which occurred in the Ardennes Forest of Europe, lasted over a month. It is significant because it was the last major German offensive on the western front, ultimately ending in an Allied victory. In this defensive stand, the courage and fortitude of the American forces were challenged, but liberty ultimately prevailed.

I thank Lauren for taking the time to write to me and for placing special emphasis on a conflict that affected every American family and spanned the globe.

RECOGNIZING 233RD ANNIVERSARY OF RATIFICATION OF BILL OF RIGHTS

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize