

will avoid a government shutdown and fund core government services.

President Trump backs the legislation so that “we can continue to put the country’s financial house in order.”

Among the benefits today, it maintains government operations without increasing borrowing more of taxpayers’ money. It increases border security. It supports veterans and ensures full funding for their healthcare services and benefits. It enhances defense investments and includes the largest pay raise for junior enlisted troops in over 40 years.

The continuing resolution is necessary to support the agenda of President Trump on behalf of American families and allows Congress to address Federal waste, fraud, and abuse.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Open borders for dictators put all Americans at risk of more 9/11 attacks imminent as warned by the FBI. Trump is reinstating existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength.

HER NAME WAS BREONNA TAYLOR

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

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, 5 years ago, a young Louisville woman was killed in the middle of the night by police officers who forced entry into her home without warning.

Her name was Breonna Taylor.

While we will never forget how Breonna Taylor died, we get to choose to remember how she lived. Breonna was a sister, a daughter, and a girlfriend.

Breonna was a caregiver, working at Louisville’s emergency room to save lives. Breonna was a 26-year-old with her whole life in front of her. She had dreams, including of becoming a mom someday.

Breonna loved her family, her community, and more than anything, she loved life.

In the face of injustice, we cannot be silent. We must speak up. We must say her name: Breonna Taylor.

TAXPAYERS SHOULD KNOW HOW THE GOVERNMENT IS SPENDING THEIR HARD-EARNED MONEY

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

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, over the past few weeks, DOGE has been hard at work locating wasteful spending and improving the efficiency of the Federal Government, something that has been a priority for me during my time in Congress.

For many years, I have worked in a bipartisan manner to highlight and target government waste, fraud, and abuse.

Over 4 years ago, my legislation, the Taxpayers Right-to-Know Act, passed the House and became law.

This bipartisan legislation required the Office of Management and Budget to publish an online inventory of each agency’s Federal programs to streamline duplicative programs and prevent wasteful spending on ineffective programs.

Last year, the OMB officially launched the Federal Program Inventory, representing a vital first step in increasing transparency and providing us with the tools necessary to eliminate government waste.

Along with OMB Director and DOGE, I remain committed to ensuring that taxpayers know how the government is spending their hard-earned money.

HONORING RICHARD “RICHY” PERLMAN WITH THE KEY TO THE CITY OF WORCESTER

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, on January 25, I had the honor of joining Worcester Mayor Joe Petty, former State Senate President Harriette Chandler, and other community leaders to present Richard “Richy” Perlman with the Key to the city of Worcester.

It was a moving ceremony for a man who has spent his life quietly serving others.

For over 110 years, three generations of Perlmans, have provided care and comfort to families during their most difficult moments.

As a funeral director, Richy has ensured that every person is treated with dignity and respect, honoring sacred traditions that have stood the test of time, including the sacred Jewish ritual of Tahara.

Richy’s service has strengthened our community and upheld the values of compassion, faith, and humanity. Worcester is better because of him. I was proud to stand with so many local leaders to celebrate Richy’s contributions, and I congratulate him, once again, on receiving this great honor.

RECOGNIZING MARCH 13 AS K9 VETERAN’S 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, I rise today to recognize March 13 as K9 Veteran’s Day, honoring the courageous dogs who serve alongside our men and women in uniform.

The legacy of military working dogs dates back to Sergeant Stubby, the most decorated war dog of World War I.

Stubby served in 17 battles, warning his unit of poison gas attacks, detecting incoming artillery, and finding wounded soldiers.

On March 13, 1942, the U.S. military officially established the K9 Corps, recognizing the importance of war dogs.

Since then, these highly-trained canines have served in conflicts from Korea and Vietnam to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Today, over 3,000 military working dogs are deployed worldwide protecting our troops and supporting critical missions. For decades, however, these heroic dogs were classified as “equipment” and often left behind after service.

Thankfully, since the year 2000, retired military dogs can be adopted, usually by their handlers, ensuring they receive the care and the love that they deserve and have earned.

Our canine veterans have served our country with loyalty and bravery. Today, we recognize them as the heroes that they are.

REMEMBERING THE LEGENDARY DR. HAZEL DUKES

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

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the life, the legacy, and the leadership of the legendary Hazel Dukes.

Dr. Dukes was a New York icon, a remarkable role model, and an American hero who helped to breathe life into the principles of liberty and justice for all and equal protection under the law.

As an iconic president of the NAACP and the leader of our New York chapter for decades, Dr. Dukes was a fierce civil rights champion, a defender of democracy, and a powerful voice for the voiceless.

She never hesitated to speak truth to power and always fought for a nation designed to be the best version of herself.

The lasting impact of Dr. Dukes will be felt for decades to come, including through her work to launch the Head Start program nationally and her continued support for children and families all across the United States of America, fighting to make sure that every single child had access to a high-quality education so they could experience the American Dream.

I pray for Hazel’s son, Ronald, the entire Dukes family, and all who loved her. May she forever rest in peace.

Mr. Speaker, God bless Hazel Dukes, God bless New York, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

WARNING TO COLLEGE BASKETBALL TEAMS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

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

Mr. MCDOWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer a warning to college basketball teams across our country: The Panthers are coming.

For the first time in history, the High Point University men’s and women’s basketball teams have both

punched their tickets to the March Madness tournament.

The men's team clinched their spot with a Sunday night victory over Winthrop, coming back from a 15-point deficit.

The women's team punched their ticket by winning the Big South tournament against Longwood University.

Together, these teams have made history, and they are not stopping now. To anyone unfortunate enough to be facing the Panthers later this month, good luck. You are going to need it.

Mr. Speaker, I say to both teams that Guilford County and the entire Sixth District of North Carolina are with them. May they remember their values: God, family, and country. Let's choose to be extraordinary and bring it home.

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HONORING REVEREND PHIL LAWSON

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

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Reverend Phil Lawson, a civil rights leader, pastor, tireless advocate for social justice, mentor, and friend.

From a young age, Reverend Lawson committed himself to faith and peace, studying nonviolent direct action under the leadership of Bayard Rustin. He emerged as a powerful voice for civil rights, participating in events like the historic 1965 Selma to Montgomery marches alongside his friend, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

After leading a Methodist parish in Kansas City, Reverend Lawson took a job with the city of Berkeley, California. He later served in roles at two local Methodist parishes before being appointed to lead the Easter Hill United Methodist Church in Richmond, California. His work on social justice issues earned him recognition as the Contra Costa County Humanitarian of the Year in 2003.

After a distinguished life of service, Reverend Lawson passed away earlier this year at the age of 92. He will be remembered for his outstanding character and his deep impact on this country and our community in California.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Reverend Phil Lawson.

GOOD ASPECTS OF CONTINUING RESOLUTION

(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, one of the good aspects in the continuing resolution for California, and nationally for those who like California-grown food, is a portion that will be in there

through the WIIN Act regarding Bureau of Reclamation funding for water projects in California, mainly the Sites Reservoir.

What you see here is the Shasta Reservoir and all that water going over that is actually going nowhere except out to the Pacific Ocean. Sites Reservoir's existence will mean we will have the ability to impound up to 1.5 million acre-feet of saved water that the whole State can use instead of being lost.

We have lost so much water this year due to, I think, not great management of that resource. At least 800,000 acre-feet, maybe up to 2 million acre-feet, have been lost just from Lake Shasta down the river out to the ocean.

This funding here will help build a good project. It will help California's water supply go much further than what we see happening right now. We see farms being cut to 35 percent of their allocation. We see people in urban areas being cut to 42 gallons per day because we can't manage this water supply.

Build the storage, manage the water better, and we will get a lot more wins.

CUTS TO NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in defense of the National Park Service, whose payroll and costs may be cut up to 30 percent by the administration in the coming weeks.

For over a century, the National Park Service has protected and preserved the stunning beauty of our country for all Americans, and these parks have further generated tens of billions of dollars for our local economies.

My district is the Sixth District of Maryland, and we are home to seven national parks, including Antietam and the C&O Canal, which has over 4 million visitors annually. This supports thousands of jobs, hotels, and restaurants.

Cuts to the National Park Service just don't hurt its employees, like my constituent Carrie Schmitt, who was laid off by the Catoctin Mountain Park 2 weeks ago. They also hurt the millions of small businesses that depend on our parks to keep the lights on.

Equally important, our future generations, like my first grandbaby, 7-week-old Charlie, deserve to see the beauty and grandeur of our geography. We must protect our parks and the dedicated public servants who take care of them.

ENSURING AMERICAN STEEL STAYS RESILIENT

(Mr. MILLER of Ohio asked and was given permission to address the House

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

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend President Trump for his position that the United States Steel Corporation must remain an American company.

Steel is foundational to our Nation's economic and national security. We must maintain a strong domestic steel industry.

U.S. Steel was once the largest steel producer in the world, a symbol of our global competitiveness, but over decades, it was weakened by an onslaught of subsidized steel dumped from overseas.

Instead of auctioning off critical manufacturing assets to the highest foreign bidder, President Trump is focused on policies to ensure our American steel industry stays resilient.

This is not about being anti-Japan or any other nation but about being pro-America and protecting our economic future and national security.

We shouldn't sell out our workers or our future to foreign corporations.

GIVE SENIORS THE CARE THEY DESERVE

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

Ms. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Bob Christianson, a resident of a local nursing home in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Bob is 85 years old. He bravely served our country in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. He, like millions of seniors across the country, gets his nursing home coverage through Medicaid. When I met Bob, he said he would not be here today were it not for Medicaid.

Now, congressional Republicans are proposing to gut Medicaid in order to pay for tax cuts for billionaires, which would mean less access to services, less access to care, and worse quality of life for seniors everywhere.

Bob told me he is fighting this proposed budget with all the effort he can muster, calling his representatives, joining local organizations, and going to protests, all at 85 years old.

It shouldn't be this way. Bob should not have to be spending his days protesting just to get the healthcare and nursing home coverage he needs.

Remember, 62 percent of all nursing home residents in the United States are covered by Medicaid. We cannot put our seniors' care on the chopping block to pay for tax cuts for billionaires.

I implore my Republican colleagues to work with us on a budget that will give our seniors the care they need and deserve.

HONORING DR. HAZEL DUKES

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