

against the foolishness of the President's proposed tariff schemes. I spoke knowing a bit about corporate reaction from my own business career.

Now, the top financial minds of this country have spoken, in consecutive days of stock market tumbling, losing values for investors, including pension funds and 401(k) holdings. When is enough enough?

When will the Republican majority stand up and tell him for once: "Mr. President, you are wrong. Your policy is misguided."

He has imposed tariffs on Canada, Mexico, Japan, and the EU, our friends. He has not imposed tariffs on Russia, arguing they are negotiating with Ukraine, but he imposes tariffs on Ukraine.

We are now looking at the self-inflicted likelihood of a crippling recession, which could lead to a dramatic depression, all because of these policies that create chaos in financial markets across the globe.

Mr. Speaker, \$11 trillion has been lost in the stock market since January 20.

This is a self-made problem based on the misguided impulses of one man. Unfortunately, we will all pay the price.

TARIFFS LEAD TO HIGHEST SALES TAX ON AMERICANS IN HISTORY

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

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because this administration, the folks who are in charge of this country, after promising lower prices and a better economy, are actively jacking up prices and tanking the economy.

Last year in Ohio, we imported \$86 billion in goods. Now, nearly every country in the entire world is dealing with these tariffs because of a trade war that no one but one man wanted. The price of all of this will fall on us.

It is a tax on nearly everything we buy, everything we sell. Americans have watched their hard-earned savings vanish as the markets have tanked every day since the announcement.

Trump has now unilaterally placed the highest sales tax on Americans in the history of this country.

The impact? Higher prices across the board. The average family is expected to pay an extra \$4,000 this year alone. They cannot afford that.

Trump says: "I couldn't care less."

Mr. Speaker, we need to end this chaos.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BLAKE SCHWARZ

(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 to honor the life of Blake

Schwarz, a constituent of mine from Chadwick, Illinois, who lost his life to suicide 2 years ago, leaving behind a loving wife and a daughter who he never had a chance to meet.

Blake spent the last 3 years of his life as a corrections officer at the Thompson Correctional Center. I don't think most of us understand how hard these law enforcement officers work. For Blake, he did not have the resources when he was struggling, and he did not survive.

I have heard stories from correctional officers across the country who say they need more. The Corrections Officer Blake Schwarz Suicide Prevention Act will provide officers across the country with the resources they need to live.

When Michelle came to my office and asked if I would champion this bill in honor of the love of her life, with tears welling up then as they are now, I said yes.

Today, I call on House Republicans to stop their delay and bring this bill to a vote in the name of our hero from Chadwick, Illinois.

AMERICA'S ECONOMY IS BOUNCING BACK

(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, the March report for jobs showed that 228,000 jobs were added that month, far exceeding expectations.

Private-sector growth led the way with 209,000 new jobs, nearly double the pre-election average.

Wages are rising, with hourly earnings up nearly 4 percent over the past year.

Government job dependence is shrinking, with only 42 percent of new jobs in government-related sectors, down from nearly 75 percent under the previous administration.

Federal employment dropped by 4,000 as the administration cuts government bloat.

Construction jobs remain strong despite concerns over labor shortages.

Federal telework rates have dropped over 16 percentage points, aligning with private-sector norms.

Industrial production hit a record high.

The manufacturing output grew 0.9 percent month over month.

Auto production has surged 8.5 percent.

The core CPI inflation is at a 4-year low, easing pressure on consumers, on family budgets.

America's economy is bouncing back, stronger, leaner, and built for growth. Under President Trump's leadership, this momentum will continue.

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TARIFFS ARE CAUSING ECONOMIC HARM

(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 to urgently address the economic harm caused by President Trump's escalating tariffs, which are destabilizing our economy and hurting our families.

These tariffs have real impacts, including the largest hit to Americans' 401(k)s since the early days of the pandemic, and a massive tax increase on lower- and middle-class families, with households facing an average increase of \$4,200 per year. Today, our markets continue to nosedive.

While the U.S. retreats into trade wars, the rest of the world is moving on. Foreign countries are forming new trade relationships. With such uncertainty, businesses are unwilling to invest here.

It is time for Congress to step in. We need to reclaim our constitutional authority to manage tariffs as a Congress and develop a bipartisan strategy to promote American industry and job growth. I have heard from thousands of my constituents—Maryland families, farmers, and businesses—who have been severely impacted and have had their retirement accounts depleted. They deserve better.

It is time to protect our communities and prioritize stability over political gamesmanship.

ROLE OF THE JUDICIARY

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

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I am rising in opposition to the Republicans' dismantling of the Judiciary Act. It is not about justice; it is about power. It is a full-scale assault on our Constitution, the courts, and the people those courts are meant to protect.

The American people must be able to challenge unconstitutional laws and seek relief when they are harmed. That is the role of the judiciary, to be a check on our government from overreach and to safeguard our public rights. Instead of respecting that, Republicans are attacking judicial independence because they don't like the outcome when the courts rule against them.

Earlier today, Republicans in debate acknowledged that President Trump has been overruled by judges more than the last three Presidents combined, and that is because he is insistent on extending an overreach of the executive branch. We have the courts to safeguard that.

What the Republicans are trying to do is to require every single person who has been harmed in any way to file individual lawsuits, clogging up our courts, requiring them to hire expensive attorneys, precluding their access to the courts. It is unconstitutional, and this rule must be voted down. I encourage all of my colleagues to vote against it.

CONTRACT FOR AMERICA

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

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, over the past few weeks, I have held a number of townhalls, and one thing keeps coming up consistently: Democrats need a cohesive, concise message that clearly lays out what we are for, not just what we are opposed to.

In 1994, Newt Gingrich drew up a Contract with America. It was a simple set of priorities that Republicans promised to enact if they got the House majority. Well, it worked; the Republicans took the House in the 1994 mid-term elections.

I propose a Contract for America, one that reflects who we are as Democrats: Good wages, fair taxes, quality education, protecting Social Security and Medicare, expanding veterans' benefits, providing universal healthcare, environmental conservation, and national security.

We need a message that spells out exactly what we will do to benefit our constituents and how we will do it. That needs to start right now.

DEVASTATING MATERNAL
HEALTHCARE INEQUITIES

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

Ms. GILLEN. Mr. Speaker, across our country, women of color continue to experience devastating maternal healthcare inequities. As a proud mother of four children, I know firsthand how critical access to quality healthcare is for expectant mothers. However, far too many women in this country still do not have access to the vital maternal resources they need to survive and lead to good outcomes for them and for their babies.

Today, Black women are three times more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause than other women. They are also twice as likely to lose an infant to premature death. These disparities have not improved for more than 30 years, and that is unacceptable.

That is why I am proud to join the Black Maternal Health Caucus to work toward reducing maternal mortality and building healthier communities for Black women and their infants.

CONGRATULATING ALL-BLADE
BASKETBALL PLAYERS OF THE
YEAR

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, with March Madness coming to a close last night, it is with joy that I rise to celebrate two exceptional young, local basketball stars from northwest Ohio: Makhi Leach from Whitmer High

School and Elise Bender from Anthony Wayne High School, who were named the 2025 All-Blade Basketball Players of the Year.

Makhi Leach is a force to be reckoned with on the court. He dazzled all of the audience with his skill, determination, and unshakable leadership. A playmaker in every sense of the word, Makhi not only put up impressive numbers but also lifted his teammates, making everyone around him better.

Elise Bender has proven that hard work and passion are unstoppable forces. A true competitor, Elise has set the standard for what it means to be an elite student athlete, not just through her impressive performance, but through her sportsmanship, commitment to her team, and relentless drive to push beyond her limits.

Both of these young athletes have represented their schools, families, and communities with honor, and this is only the beginning. Makhi will play next year for Bowling Green State University, while Elise will suit up for Villanova. Their talent, determination, and leadership will take them far. Northwest Ohio will be cheering them on every single step of the way. They are the future.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL
EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO
SOMALIA—MESSAGE FROM THE
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES (H. DOC. NO. 119-38)

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 Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13536 of April 12, 2010, with respect to Somalia is to continue in effect beyond April 12, 2025.

The situation with respect to Somalia continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13536 with respect to Somalia.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, April 8, 2025.

REFLECTING ON AMERICA'S
HISTORY

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Ms. STEVENS of Michigan was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.)

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, it is a profound and humbling honor, as always, to address the Congress, the House of Representatives here in our Nation's Capitol. Of course, I am doing so on behalf of my incredible constituents in southeast Michigan, but also for all the residents of Michigan and this great Nation for, you see, the exercise of our democracy is enconced and inscribed here in our House Chamber and on our House floor. We use both our voice and our vote to move our Nation forward.

As you so declared, Mr. Speaker, I am, indeed, in the minority party, and so to gather time on the House floor is sometimes a struggle. To gather time in a committee is sometimes a struggle. You push for your 1 minute, your 5 minutes, your maybe 15 minutes if you get it. Well, today I asked for an hour.

I asked for an hour because last week we had an hour booked and, of course, the House adjourned early. We all paid witness to the incredible history that a Senator from New Jersey gave to this country by breaking the largest filibuster on record. Senator CORY BOOKER spoke for over 25 hours in the Senate Chamber on behalf of the voices of this Nation who have questions.

Of course, we know there are 435 Members in the House Chamber, with each of us representing about 800,000 people. My colleagues from Rhode Island represent just shy of half a million people. In Michigan, I represent just about 800,000 people. We are the tenth largest State in the Union, with 13 House Members and 2 Senators here to move the will of our Nation and to pass the Nation's laws.

It is an interesting thing to do so when the size of the institution is remaining as it has been described somewhat by laws. They said in 1913, we would have 435 Members, and we haven't added new Members to the body since.

I am not addressing you, Mr. Speaker, to propose controversy, but I am here to speak on behalf of the people of Michigan, who deserve fair and equal representation for the taxpayer dollars that they provide to the Nation's Treasury.

When you look at the largest freshwater basins of our Great Lakes, when you look at the arsenal of democracy, when you see our incredible trade unions from Saginaw up to Iron Mountain working and making and delivering—the only polysilicon manufacturing in the Nation exists in Michigan, in a place called Hemlock by a company called Hemlock—you want to make sure that Michigan has its fair and equal representation.

However, Mr. Speaker, it has been a point of frustration for my State of Michigan that in my 41, nearly 42 years