

The Post Editorial closes: “. . . but given all the foreign investments and conflicts of interests—and now a \$400 million plane—they seem designed to benefit the President more than anything.”

This from the New York Post editorial board. I couldn't have said it better myself.

PROTECTING MEDICAID BENEFITS IN CALIFORNIA

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

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, the moment of reckoning for California Governor Gavin Newsom has arrived. While I have been fighting to protect Medicaid benefits for Californians, the Governor's irresponsible actions are now threatening deep cuts for Medicaid in California.

Mr. Speaker, Newsom has made California the only State that offers Medicaid to everyone in the State illegally. It has already cost us \$9.5 billion just this year in State funds, and now it also threatens to cost us even more in Federal funds.

Governor Newsom faces a very clear choice: He can continue a policy that no other State has and cost us hundreds of billions of dollars in Medicaid benefits that could have gone to legal California residents over the next decade, or he can act now to reverse this irresponsible policy.

Mr. Speaker, I am strongly urging the Governor and the legislature to do the latter immediately.

IT ALL STARTED WITH A SERIES OF LIES

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

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, I am a history teacher so I know that we have to do everything we can to document what is happening right now because we are at a very dangerous moment, and it requires courage from every single one of us.

Here is the truth of it: This national nightmare started with a series of lies, the first one being that Barack Obama was not born in this country. Then the second one, the ridiculous, easily disproved claim was that the 2017 inauguration broke records that no one had ever seen before. Then there was the lie about the weather map and the Sharpie, and then so many other lies building up to that one big lie that you all have heard about the 2020 election. It was an obvious lie, and yet he lost over and over and over in court and continued to lie. There was no evidence, but it didn't matter.

Why didn't it matter? It didn't matter because it wasn't about the evidence. It was actually a test.

It was a test to signal your willingness to be loyal. If you promise to

spread our lies, you can be on the team. It was a qualification for being able to work on that team. Slowly, like the rot in the foundation of an old farmhouse, it continues to let the decay set in.

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HONORING VINCENT C. MCMAHON

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and legacy of Vincent C. McMahon, a proud son of New City, a veteran of the United States Army, and a decorated lieutenant of the FDNY.

Vincent lived a life of service to his country, his city, and his community. He was a member of the elite 75th Ranger Regiment, a 25-year firefighter with the FDNY, and a first responder at Ground Zero after the attacks on September 11. Vinny never turned away from a call to serve. He gave everything, including his health, for the safety and well-being of others.

Beyond the uniform, Vincent was a brother, a husband, a neighbor, and a friend. He was a fixture at the Pearl River Elks, The American Legion, and the Knights of Columbus, and he never stopped giving back.

To his wife, Haley, and his entire family, on behalf of a grateful community and Nation, thank you for sharing Vinny with all of us. We will never forget his sacrifice, and we will carry forward his example of courage and commitment.

May he rest in peace.

SUPPORT SAFER COMMUNITIES

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

Ms. BYNUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because the President is out here in these streets cutting funding for programs that support a lot of things Americans care about: Survivors of sexual assault, programs that offer mental health care for police officers and keep hotlines to victims of crime open, programs that assist law enforcement in rural communities, provide guidance on finding safe housing, and offer care and counseling for children facing abuse.

Mr. Speaker, local organizations have been sounding the alarm of what these cuts would mean for our communities, and today I am joining them. In some situations, these services are make or break, and we just can't let our communities and our neighbors down.

Mr. Speaker, this week is Police Week, and if the President is truly supportive of safer communities, he should quit cutting funding for programs that work to keep them that way.

DELIVERING SUPPORT TO RURAL COMMUNITIES

(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, there is a fund called the Secure Rural Schools. It was enacted by Congress decades ago to replace the timber receipts we used to have when we had a strong forest industry, especially in the West. It has been run out by a lot of environmental policies that turned out to be erroneous, see the spotted owl.

In Congress, we have had to put forward this Secure Rural Schools funding in order to backfill what local counties, local school districts used to have from timber receipts.

The good news is that this piece is in the House Agriculture reconciliation bill, so it is good news for these rural counties that have been waiting for a long time, since it has already expired back in March. It is a lifeline for many areas in rural America where the Federal Government controls so much land.

In some States, it is somewhere between 40 and 80 percent of the land that counties can't collect property taxes on when the timber harvest isn't happening anymore like it used to. For some reason, the United States is the number one importer of wood and wood products. Instead, we burn millions of acres every year in the West. SRS was created as a promise. If Washington is going to tie up these lands, it needs to help fund the basic services these counties still have to provide.

FEDERAL WORKPLACE PROTECTIONS

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

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, recently I was privileged to join members of the United Steelworkers Local 1010 in Hammond, Indiana, to commemorate Workers Memorial Day.

During the proceedings, I shared how when the steel and manufacturing industries of northwest Indiana were beginning more than a century ago, the workers labored in long hours and extremely dangerous conditions and were regretfully considered expendable.

Today, through the power of collective bargaining, our workforce has the ability to negotiate with management and enact workplace protections that say we value labor and we value safety.

As a Federal legislator, I am committed to building on the progress and am very concerned about proposals to cut back the ability of the Department of Labor to implement Federal workplace protections. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I will make every effort to ensure that OSHA and the National Labor Relations Board have the resources and direction they need to ensure that all

workers make it back home to their families and loved ones at the end of the day.

REMEMBERING OFFICER GARRETT SWASEY

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

Mr. CRANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and remember the life and service of Police Officer Garrett Swasey to the Colorado Springs community.

On November 27, 2015, Officer Swasey, a member of the University of Colorado Colorado Springs Police Department, responded to a call of an active shooter at the Planned Parenthood office. Officer Swasey, who was one of the first officers on the scene, boldly and courageously engaged the shooter and was fatally shot.

Officer Swasey had been a police officer for 6 years and was a copastor for Hope Chapel in Colorado Springs. Officer Swasey left behind his wife, Rachel, and his children, Elijah and Faith.

Officer Garrett Swasey represented the best in all of us and faithfully and heroically served the Pikes Peak region until his final moments. On behalf of Colorado's Fifth Congressional District, I thank Officer Swasey and his family for their service to our community and our Nation.

PEACE TALKS WITH UKRAINE

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

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, we have all seen the recent news on Ukraine: Zelenskyy is set to meet Putin. Putin must immediately agree to a 30-day cease-fire. To force that, the United States and President Trump must increase the pressure on Putin.

This is not a regional fight. Ukraine's sovereignty is a U.S. national security issue. It is also a humanitarian crisis. As of 2023, the U.S. State Department had documented the abduction of approximately 20,000 Ukrainian children. That number has only increased. The program that was keeping track of those children has recently been cut.

These Russian abductions represent a deliberate effort to eliminate Ukrainian national identity, destroy family ties, and are a specific element of a genocide crime under international criminal law. The Russians claim, further, that 700,000 children have been seized. None of this can stand.

As someone who has traveled over a dozen times to Ukraine in order to investigate war crimes, I know how important it is that we make a stand now, not later. We must uphold our American values by seeking peace in the region and demanding the immediate return of Ukraine's missing children.

We will see this week whether Mr. Putin shows up for peace talks with Ukraine in Türkiye or remains an international pariah and coward.

LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDIT

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, today in a committee hearing, in which there were probably very few people in the room, the Republican majority voted to expand the low-income housing tax credit.

First of all, the low-income housing tax credit doesn't really benefit a lot of low-income people, but in any event, the way it works, we give 70 percent of the cost of a developer's project to him in tax credits. That seems a strange way to solve the housing crisis in this country for a Democrat. It is even stranger for a Republican.

In any event, I think people should look at this. We are spending \$13.5 billion every year on this credit and, like I said, you can get it on all sorts of think tanks. The primary beneficiary is the developer. Probably the number two beneficiary is the biggest banks in the country. It is something that ought to be reviewed.

TROUBLING SITUATION IN NEWARK

(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, many across our Nation are outraged at the \$400 million luxury airplane, the palace in the sky, that President Trump just accepted from the Nation of Qatar. That is against the Emoluments Clause of the Constitution. He took the bribe in plain sight.

Meanwhile, our Nation is very short on air controllers who are trained. Look at Newark, New Jersey. They have had radar failures and repeated flight delays due to serious staffing shortages. This is true across our country, but what did the Secretary of Transportation, Mr. Duffy, say? He said: What you see in Newark is going to happen in other places across the country. My reply: Excuses aren't an answer.

Going forward, what do we need to do? As of May 1, we are 3,000 air controllers short in this country. The workforce is aging. They are stretched thin and understaffed, exacerbated by DOGE buyouts and firings. The FAA just simply doesn't have the people, and it is going to get worse as people travel this summer.

While Newark grabs headlines, the pain is felt across America. Mr. Speaker, let President Trump sell the plane, \$400 million, and put that money into training more air controllers for their safety and for the safety of this Nation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CRANK). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

CELEBRATING MARILYNN WEBER

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

Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate Marilyn Weber, a remarkable leader whose impact on Kaiser Permanente Northwest and our community cannot be overstated.

Marilynn served Kaiser Permanente Northwest for 35 years, including 8 years as the Northwest Permanente chief financial officer. She expertly guided the company through challenging and innovative times. She is a mentor, adviser, and friend to me and many others.

I saw firsthand her unwavering commitment to the mission to deliver the best care possible to Kaiser members across Oregon and southwest Washington. Marilyn connected finances to people, ensuring that decisions supported healthcare.

Her ability to turn complex financial concepts into mission-driven outcomes has empowered countless care teams, but what truly set Marilyn apart and still does is her heart, her deep belief that healthcare is about service, compassion, and equity.

I thank Marilyn for her leadership, service, and integrity to the people of Oregon. I congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement.

BRING BACK FULL SALT DEDUCTIBILITY

(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, I rise to demand that Congress restore the full State and local tax deduction which would cut taxes for Nassau County residents.

On Long Island, we pay some of the highest taxes in the country, and we send far more to Washington than we get back.

For the past 8 years, this cap has hiked tax bills for hardworking families in my district and those in other high-tax States, even as the cost of living continues to rise. These families deserve real relief. It is what the President promised when he came to my district and said he would get SALT back.

Well, it is time to deliver, Mr. President.

At this very moment, the majority is advancing a reconciliation bill that fails to meaningfully lower our taxes for Long Island when we are already facing a cost of living crisis. Mr. Speaker, that is totally unacceptable.

There is bipartisan agreement among my New York colleagues that the majority's offer is a slap in the face to