

have made Spottswood proud. We can't wait to see what they accomplish in the future.

HONORING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to recognize the brave men and women in law enforcement who serve our communities, our Commonwealth, and our Nation with honor and courage.

These officers are our friends and neighbors, men and women who wake up each day, put on the badge, and willingly face danger to keep others safe.

Earlier this week, in Bridgewater, I joined members of local law enforcement and Commonwealth's Attorney Marsha Garst to honor those who lost their lives in the line of duty. Since 1776, nearly 27,000 officers have made the ultimate sacrifice, including 165 last year and 25 so far this year. Their service and their sacrifice must never be forgotten.

Mr. Speaker, the men and women of law enforcement represent the very best of our communities. We are safer because of their commitment, and we are grateful for their service. To every officer who serves, we thank them, support them, and will continue to stand with them.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, last week was National Small Business Week, a time to celebrate the millions of small businesses that form the foundation of our economy and our communities. These men and women aren't just entrepreneurs. They are job creators, innovators, and the embodiment of the American Dream.

House Republicans and President Trump are fighting to make sure they have the tools they need to thrive. That starts with making the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent. Those tax cuts are critical for small businesses, with over 26 million relying on the 20 percent deduction to grow, invest, and hire.

I hope we keep working to ensure small businesses can continue driving American innovation and prosperity.

ENDING PAY-FOR-PLAY POLITICAL GIFTS

(Mr. CISNEROS of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, Donald Trump was elected with a mandate to improve the lives of hardworking Americans, to lower housing costs, to make groceries, childcare, and medicine more affordable, and to help our seniors get the care they need.

What has he done instead? He has used his position to inflate his own wealth and pad the pocketbooks of billionaire donors, all at the expense of the very people who elected him.

Unlike every single President before him, Donald Trump has refused to divest his business interests. He didn't

even put them in a blind trust. Instead, he handed them over to his family, who continues to profit.

In the past year alone, Donald Trump has doubled his fortune from \$2.3 billion to \$5.1 billion. He now has over \$5 billion. How is he doing that? By treating public office like a personal business opportunity.

Crypto investments make up \$2.9 billion of the Trump family's net worth. Just days after the inauguration, Trump announced a Trump meme coin used to funnel money into his and his family's pockets. Now, the Trump family crypto mining scheme is going public as their payouts grow larger.

This is more than a conflict of interest. It is blatant corruption. He is now considering accepting a \$400 million jet from Qatar dubbed a "palace in the sky." How is this even ethical? Even some of my Republican colleagues agree that not only is this wrong, but it is a national security risk.

As a Member of Congress, I can't even accept a gift of more than \$50, let alone \$400 million. It is a slap in the face of millions of people who work long hours just to put food on the table and afford the roofs over their heads.

He isn't looking out for the best interests of the American people. He is only looking for what is good for the Trump business.

While House Republicans are out here snatching SNAP benefits away from children, Trump is making sure his billionaire buddies get higher tax breaks.

While families stress over how to make ends meet with high costs, Trump is flaunting hotels and golf courses.

While House Republicans debate which critical funding to cut, Donald Trump is raking in the excess to expand his personal empire.

Donald Trump is making a mockery of public office by continuing to enrich himself at the taxpayers' expense. If a Democrat were in the White House, my friends across the aisle would be losing their minds right now. Wrong is still wrong, regardless of which party this President belongs to.

We need to put an end to Donald Trump's pay-for-play political gifts for the sake of our reputation, our democracy, and our future.

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

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S DELIVERY ON HIS PROMISES

(Mr. HARIDOPOLOS of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to be here with you this morning to talk about the good news. Every day, I hear in so many newscasts that somehow the sky is falling. Let's get to the facts about what is actually happening in our economy and, most

importantly, how America is moving in the right direction.

Gas prices are down. Inflation, despite all the worry of the last month, was held in check. Food prices are down. The border is secure. Enlistments are up. Respect is back around the world.

Look at the scenes we are seeing overseas and the respect the United States enjoys once again. Peace is on the horizon, both in Ukraine and, of course, now that we have negotiated a deal with India and Pakistan.

This is about promises kept and about leadership met. That is why I am so excited to see America back again.

When we look at a lot of these things, one of the things that is so refreshing, that so many people tell me about back at home, is that the President of the United States is finally talking directly to the American public. He actually talks to the press. He takes questions. He illuminates what he is working on and why he is pushing different policies.

This is what is called open government. For the last 4 years, we have seen behind-the-scenes maneuvering. Now, we see open government and not just in talk but in action.

I know there has been some criticism of DOGE, and nothing is ever perfect. Let's be candid here. Mr. Speaker, it is your money. You deserve to know where every single dollar is spent. That is all DOGE is doing, in addition to making recommendations on how we can actually save money.

In case everyone hasn't noticed, we are running a deficit of \$1 trillion, let alone over \$36 trillion in overall debt. When I hear the other side talk about these different adjustments that might be made, what solutions have they offered other than higher taxes, that we need more money? There is plenty of money here in Washington, D.C. Let's figure out how to spend it in a smarter way.

That is all DOGE is trying to say. One of the smartest people in the world is literally saying there are some alternatives we might want to take into consideration on how the real business world works, as opposed to what happens in Washington, D.C.

That is why a lot of us new folks ran for office. Back at home, we actually balanced budgets. We are forced to work with a balanced budget amendment. Here, money just flows. If we dare cut spending in any possible way, somehow we are seen as heartless. I don't buy that.

For years, they talked about prescription drug changes. Guess what? The President did it. He didn't talk about it. He acted, and it is such a refreshing change. Again, he kept promises made on the campaign trail as opposed to the bait and switch.

Mr. Speaker, this is what American Government should be all about and why I am proud to work with the President every single day, trying to figure out how we actually reduce the size

and scope of the government and how we reduce costs so you have more of your own money in your own pockets. You earned it, after all.

Here is the other refreshing thing. He talked about reducing Social Security taxes during the campaign. Guess what? If you make under \$75,000, you are going to have a nice tax cut if you are on Social Security. Let's remember that is on a tax you have already paid.

Second, he talked about the idea of no tax on tips. Again, this is in the proposal we are putting forth. That is not Elon Musk getting breaks. That is not some rich billionaire getting a break. These are everyday, working Americans who make this country operate every single day.

It is a welcome change to what we saw over the last 4 years, when they just kind of told people what they were doing behind the scenes but never actually addressed the public directly on it.

I want to say one last thing. I was here last night. Mr. Speaker, I had the honor of serving in the chair where you are. For a long time, I heard a Member from the other side talk about tax cuts for the rich. Guess what? The tax rate for the rich is staying the same. It is 37 percent now. It is going to be 37 percent when we pass this bill.

That is not a tax cut. Get it straight. They are on the same level. They are in a situation where they are paying high taxes. Mr. Speaker, think about 37 percent. Thirty-seven percent of every hour and 37 percent of every dollar you earn goes to the government in that regard.

There is no tax cut for the rich. It is simply keeping the current tax rate. I wish the other side would recognize that. This is not a tax cut.

Finally, I will end with this, Mr. Speaker. The issue of China is very important. As we know, once they joined the WTO many years ago, they were supposed to play by the rules. We were all supposed to be on a level playing field. Instead, what they have done is abuse the privilege of being in the WTO, the World Trade Organization. They steal our technology. They pollute the world. They still have slave labor today. It is an unlevel playing field.

What does President Trump do? He put the pressure on them, and they capitulated right away. We brought down the rates, and we have a more logical agreement. I think that, with the good work of our Secretary of the Treasury, we will actually put it in order.

Mr. Speaker, I thank you for the opportunity to address the American public about what is really going on in our economy.

INTRODUCING LEGISLATION ON DRUG PRICING

(Mr. KHANNA of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce as legislation Presi-

dent Trump's executive order for the most-favored-nation status on drug pricing.

My legislation will codify President Trump's executive order, which basically says that Americans should not pay more for drugs than people in other countries and other parts of the world.

Right now, we are paying two to three times more for our drugs than people in other industrialized nations. This executive order, codified by the legislation, will allow our Cabinet Secretaries to put pressure on Big Pharma and make sure that they are not price gouging and will allow for the importation of cheaper drugs.

Why do we need the legislation? The reality is that Big Pharma will sue over the executive order, like they did in the previous Trump administration. In the previous administration, they managed to kill the executive order. The only way we can stand up to Big Pharma is to codify legislation, which the President wants to do in an executive order.

Here is the deal. If I can cross the aisle and support President Trump's executive order and legislation, every Republican should be willing to cross the aisle and support my legislation.

It is a pretty simple test. Are we going to stand in this body with the \$16 billion that Big Pharma spent on lobbying, or are we going to stand with the American people? We will know that answer based on how many cosponsors we get for my legislation that simply codifies Donald Trump's executive order.

OPPOSING MEDICAID AND NIH BUDGET CUTS

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose the cruel budget cuts on Medicaid and NIH. I don't want to sensationalize. I just want to give some of the facts.

The Republican budget would cut \$715 billion from Medicaid. They are going to freeze this thing called a provider tax, which means that the Federal Government is going to give \$600 billion less to hospitals across this country.

That is going to mean, according to the independent Congressional Budget Office, that almost 8.6 million people will lose their insurance. It is going to mean that many hospitals won't be able to offer services in physical therapy and mental health counseling. It is going to mean, unfortunately, that rural hospitals close.

Don't take my word for it. Take the word of Senator JOSH HAWLEY, who represents the State of Missouri. He said that these Medicaid cuts would be a total betrayal by the President and the Republican Party of the working class.

I never thought I would be quoting JOSH HAWLEY, but everyone should read his op-ed. He was pretty clear that these cuts would be devastating for working families.

Look at the cuts to the NIH. A report released today by the Senate says

there is already a 31 percent decrease in cancer research in this country. The NIH has been decimated with 30 percent effectiveness and almost a 40 percent cut. This is money that goes not just into cancer research but into Alzheimer's research and Parkinson's research.

We used to have a bipartisan consensus in this country that we did not cut Medicaid, that we did not cut medical research, and that we did not give more tax breaks in my district in Silicon Valley, to the billionaires in my district, at the expense of medical research and the working class.

Mr. Speaker, I hope people in this body will reconsider the cruel cuts to Medicaid.

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I hope people in this body will reconsider the cruel cuts to Medicaid, the cruel cuts to NIH, and tax the billionaires in my district a little more so we don't have to cut these essential programs.

WINNERS OF THE CONGRESSIONAL SPEECH COMPETITION

(Mr. ALFORD of Missouri was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to announce our winners today for our second annual Missouri's Fourth Congressional District speech competition for 2025. This is something we started last year here in this very Chamber, and I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to maybe adopt this in their district to try to re-instill patriotism into our great Nation.

Our prompt this year is: What does it mean to stand for freedom here at home and abroad?

Our first winner is Taylor Olendorff who is in the 11th grade at Glasgow High School.

Taylor wrote this:

Standing for freedom means advocating for the inherent rights of individuals to live without oppression, pursue their dreams, and express themselves without fear.

In America, freedom is foundational, symbolized by democratic values like free speech, equality, and the pursuit of happiness.

At home, this means protecting civil liberties and ensuring justice for all, regardless of race, gender or background.

Abroad, America plays a critical role in promoting freedom by supporting democratic movements, opposing tyranny, and providing humanitarian aid.

The U.S. has historically used its influence to encourage the spread of human rights and liberty worldwide, embodying the belief that freedom is a universal right, not just an American ideal.

Our next winner is Grey Landreth, who is in the 11th grade at Waynesville High School.

Grey wrote:

A tall, stone lighthouse standing firm against turbulent waters, giving a path for sailors even in the most treacherous of storms, always steadfast.