

DENOUNCING ICE RAIDS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to denounce the ICE raids in southern California carried out this past weekend and the President's unilateral decision to deploy the National Guard and, now, the Marines.

The President claims to be going after violent criminals, but in reality, ICE is rounding up individuals off the street with no warrants, including children. Local and State law enforcement did not ask for assistance.

Donald Trump is escalating the situation and making it more dangerous for everyone. Just today, he said the National Guard is preventing the violence on the street, and that is a flat-out lie. The National Guard is standing on the sidelines, watching as local law enforcement handles the situation.

Now, he is sending in the Marines. This is not the mission of the Marines. They aren't trained for this. Sending them on ICE raids will only provoke confrontation.

The President is playing with the lives of Californians, and the military is the pawn in his political game. He wants to create a conflict that will allow him to invoke the Insurrection Act or martial law—God only knows why—but California will never ever bend to the will of a tyrant.

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

ENDING TAXPAYER-FUNDED PROPAGANDA

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

Mr. GILL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, China has state-sponsored media. North Korea has state-sponsored media. The United States does not need taxpayer-funded propaganda.

Mr. Speaker, we have the opportunity this week to rescind a billion dollars that is in the pipeline right now for NPR and PBS, two outlets that routinely spew anti-American and anti-Christian propaganda. They sow racial division in this country, and they promote weird, woke values that most Americans find disgusting.

Mr. Speaker, this is something that we have talked about for a long time, and finally, we have a President who is serious about rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse from the Federal Government. This is the perfect place to start.

Let's pass this rescission bill. Let's end taxpayer-funded propaganda. Let's take our country back.

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ICE RAIDS IN CALIFORNIA

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

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, the images emerging from California—ICE raids escalating into chaos, immigrant families fleeing their homes, and the National Guard troops confronting peaceful protesters—are a chilling reminder of how far we have strayed from my democratic values that we claim to uphold.

This is not the America I know. This is not the America we aspire to be. We are a nation built on justice, compassion, and the unwavering belief that every person deserves dignity and respect. What is happening in Los Angeles betrays our core beliefs.

The Federal response to deploy more than 4,000 National Guard troops and 700 marines without a local request is a troubling overreach. It risks escalating tensions and chilling the right to protest, which is protected by the Constitution.

We need leaders that listen and not the ones that answer concerns with intimidation and threats. In south Florida, immigration isn't an abstract political issue for us. It is personal. Our region is home to vibrant Jamaican, Haitian, Venezuelan, Cuban, and Central-American communities. They are nurses, doctors, pastors, teachers, small business owners, and caregivers.

The reason our economies thrive is because of our immigrant communities. The attacks on immigrants and Americans exercising their right to protest must end now.

CELEBRATING WALTER CUP WINNERS MINNESOTA FROST

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

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the incredible Minnesota Frost on a monumental performance throughout the 2025 Professional Women's Hockey League championship season, resulting in winning their second straight Walter Cup title.

Last year, our Minnesota Frost made history, winning the inaugural Walter Cup trophy at the 2024 PWHL finals. Thanks to their third consecutive overtime victory, the Walter Cup will stay at home in Minnesota for another year. This tremendous achievement wraps up an incredible season for the Frost.

I congratulate each and every athlete for the hard work and dedication they have put in to bring home this championship win and continue to put Minnesota women's sports on the map. We are so proud of them.

OPPOSING MORATORIUM ON AI REGULATIONS IN EXCHANGE FOR BROADBAND FUNDING THROUGH BEAD

(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 voice strong opposition to a nonsensical provision included in the Federal budget package that would force States to impose a moratorium on AI regulations in exchange for broadband funding through the BEAD program.

Let me be clear. This is bad policy. States should not be forced to choose between expanding essential broadband infrastructure and setting bumpers and safeguards on the safe and ethical use of AI to protect children, small businesses, and consumers.

I have seen firsthand how unregulated tech policy can impact our families and communities. Before coming to Congress, I worked for decades to protect children online and served as Deputy Secretary at NTIA which oversaw the BEAD program.

This provision undermines the very mission of BEAD which is to expand broadband opportunity, jobs, healthcare, and education in underserved areas. Universal, high-speed, affordable broadband is akin to a utility and is necessary to thrive in our country.

I will work with my colleagues—Representatives MATSUI, LANDSMAN, and CARTER—on a letter to the Senate, raising our concerns with this provision.

In closing, I urge the Senate majority to reject this coercive provision and insist on a transparent and standalone debate.

HONORING REAR ADMIRAL ALENE B. DUERK

(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, I rise to honor a true pioneer of American military history, Rear Admiral Alene B. Duerk of Defiance, Ohio, the first woman in the United States Navy to achieve the rank of admiral.

I join my Lake Erie colleague, Representative KENNEDY of Buffalo, in requesting the Secretary of the Navy name a naval vessel in her honor.

Admiral Duerk began her journey of service after graduating from the Toledo Hospital School of Nursing in 1941.

Soon after becoming a registered nurse, she entered the United States Navy Nurse Corps during World War II, and she treated wounded at the naval hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia. She later cared for the newly liberated American POWs aboard the USS *Benevolence* in the Pacific.

She continued her service during the Korean War as a nursing instructor. In

1970, she was appointed director of the United States Navy Nurse Corps. Her 32-year career was marked by fierce advocacy for improved medical care, equitable pay, and expanded roles for women in our Armed Forces.

Naming a Navy ship in her honor would pay tribute not only to her personal achievements but to the doors she opened for countless others.

I urge the Secretary of the Navy to ensure Rear Admiral Duerk's legacy of service, sacrifice, excellence, and patriotism are commemorated.

HONORING GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

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

Ms. ELFRETH. Mr. Speaker, this Gun Violence Prevention Month, I rise today to bring attention to the leading cause of death for children and teens in this country, which is firearms.

The reason we know that firearms are the leading cause of death for children is because of scientists and researchers at government agencies like the Centers For Disease Control.

Over the years, the CDC has advanced our Nation's public health through recommendations to improve things like vehicle design, smoke detectors, and bicycle helmets.

Yet this administration is now decimating CDC offices including the Division of Violence Prevention and the Division of Injury Prevention.

Mr. Speaker, as legislators, we have a shared responsibility to advance policies to keep our communities safe, but we cannot do that without good science and good data. We simply cannot understand the scope and the depth of the gun violence epidemic without the CDC doing its job.

That is why myself and House Democrats will fight for our world-class scientists, researchers, and health professionals every single day.

HONORING U.S. AMBASSADOR LINO GUTIERREZ

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

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of U.S. Ambassador Lino Gutierrez.

Lino honorably worked at the Department of State for almost 40 years, serving as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and Acting Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs.

He valiantly carried the flag abroad as the U.S. Ambassador to Nicaragua and Argentina and served as a high-level adviser in the National War College.

Even after his retirement, he found other ways to serve our community

and give back to his community. He led the Una Chapman Cox Foundation and was a professor at George Washington and Johns Hopkins Universities.

I know it brought him great joy to mentor the next generation of foreign affairs professionals, particularly emerging leaders from the Latino community. Lino nobly represented U.S. economic and social interests. He defended our national security and rallied support for the United States.

He was good neighbor, a model citizen, a loyal friend, and a loving husband and father. Our Nation owes him a debt of gratitude.

RECOGNIZING THE PUERTO RICAN ALLIANCE OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Puerto Rican Alliance of Northern Virginia for hosting and organizing their third annual festival.

Virginia is home to a vibrant Puerto Rican community, and the festival celebrates the community's culture and contributions. It brings in vendors, volunteers, music, and a vibrant community.

The festival made history in 2023 as the first-ever Puerto Rican festival in the DMV region. Each year, the festival draws over 10,000 attendees and continues to showcase the community's culture. The festival made history again in 2024 with over 18,000 guests in attendance.

I thank the Puerto Rican Alliance of Northern Virginia, and I wish them a great event this year.

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CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

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

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, did you grow up watching "Clifford the Big Red Dog," or "Sesame Street," or "Reading Rainbow?"

Did you spend time in "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker, maybe you enjoyed watching "Finding Your Roots" with Dr. Henry Louis Gates, or "FRONTLINE" documentaries.

If so, Mr. Speaker, you have the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to thank.

However, now Republicans are trying to take them down. Yes, Republicans are trying to get rid of your favorite PBS stations, Mr. Speaker. They are coming for Big Bird again.

Our youngest constituents, our babies, have so much to lose if PBS is gutted. PBS provides educational pro-

grams for our children and locally tailored content for families. It is free, and it doesn't require expensive cable or streaming subscriptions.

PBS and its affiliate stations also provide emergency alerts that are quick and reliable, reaching 97 percent of households during natural disasters.

Republicans' devastating cuts would mean many PBS stations would be forced to shutter, especially those in rural areas. They likely won't be able to fill the gap.

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting needs and deserves support from Congress.

SHAME ON REPUBLICANS FOR CUTTING FUNDS TO PBS

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

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise to associate myself with the gentlewoman from Wisconsin. I wasn't going to speak, but I came to the floor, and I heard Mr. GILL talk about how proud he was of the President doing away with PBS.

What a shame. Is this Brandenburg?

Are we going to be burning books next?

What do we stand for in this great country?

In the United States of America we have free speech, and everybody gets to express their opinion whether you agree with them or not.

PBS does an exceptional job. Thank God for them. God bless them and America.

If you want to help out, all you citizens out there, donate to PBS, and don't put up with any of this nonsense.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair and not to a perceived viewing audience.

AND STILL I RISE: DENOUNCING THE PRESIDENT'S AUTHORITARIANISM AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPEACHMENT WARRIORS

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise, a proud, liberated, unbought, unbossed, and unafraid Democrat. I am proud, Mr. Speaker, to say that I rise today to recognize those whom I call the impeachment warriors.

I had a press statement that was sent out, and I would like to read just a few words from it, Mr. Speaker.

It reads: "Media Advisory and Public Notice" "Congressman AL GREEN recognizes the significant battle won by impeachment warriors."

Then there is a subtitle: "Kilmar Abrego Garcia has been returned to the United States and may get the due process authoritarian President Trump declared he had no constitutional right to."