

am a former member of the Florida State Senate, and Medicaid is the fastest-growing government program in our State.

Just so everyone understands, it is not Medicare. It is Medicaid. Medicaid is the program that is simply known as welfare healthcare, which helps people most in need: persons in nursing homes, the disabled, kids from low-income families, and pregnant women. That is an essential program, and we want to help those people who truly are most vulnerable.

Yet, the demagoguery on this issue has really gone over the top, and it is really frustrating, as a person who actually understands Medicaid, that we are not cutting one single person out of that program who truly qualifies for that program.

The only people who will be out of that program or “lose healthcare” are people who lied on their applications and are no longer eligible.

Second, if a person is an illegal alien, they will not get Medicaid. People will say that is not true. Ask the Governor of California. He even talked about how he is going to make sure that we can't allow illegal aliens on Medicaid.

Third and finally is the issue that if you are able to work, you should work. You should not be a ward of the State. You should not be getting free healthcare when other people are working hard to pay their \$1,500 or \$2,000 a month to get healthcare.

These are commonsense realities. This is something that Bill Clinton and others talked about in the late 1990s, the idea of for welfare to work, that it should not be a permanent state because God did not put you on this Earth to be a ward of the State.

I am proud to support the One Big Beautiful Bill Act because it keeps the campaign promises that the President talked about. We helped the people hardest hit over the last 4 years, and we bring the American Dream back to America by investing in people instead of investing in more and more government.

I am looking forward to working with the President and, more importantly, to signing this bill later this year so that we can see these programs in action, move this country forward, and empower America.

PROTECTING OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES

(Ms. PRESSLEY of Massachusetts was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. PRESSLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of our neighbors and community members, our immigrant brothers and sisters who are being targeted and abducted, taken from their homes, torn away from their babies, and disappeared on their way to church, work, and school.

There are children crying in their teachers' arms, families separated, and communities traumatized that if they

have not already been kidnapped, they are fearful that they will be.

Children crying in their teachers' arms are afraid that they are going to come home and their parents will be gone. There are elders carrying all of their medications with them in their comings and goings for fear of being abducted and sent somewhere without access to necessary healthcare.

We see a spike in no-shows and cancelations at health clinics as patients would rather miss critical care than risk detainment. We see young parents and grandparents alike attending their immigration court hearings, eager to officially call this country their home, only to be met with handcuffs and shoved into cars by masked ICE individuals.

This is Donald Trump's America, but these are real people. These are hard-working people whose labor and contributions make our communities a better place. These are young people who show up every day in our schools as part of our learning communities. These are mothers and fathers working overtime to provide for their children.

In my district, Massachusetts-07, my Chelsea constituent Kenia and her three children were driving to a Mother's Day church service with her husband, Daniel, when ICE agents in unmarked vehicles ambushed them, broke the passenger side window, forcefully extracted Daniel from the car, and slammed his face on the hot sidewalk while their three children watched on in horror.

In East Boston, my constituent Mercedes and her son are struggling after her husband, Jose, was arrested at work and detained for 2 days at an ICE facility in Burlington. Jose was living here legally with temporary protected status but was told by the ICE agents who detained him that only people born here have rights.

These are real people—real people—children and adults alike traumatized, whose lives have been disturbed, upended, and irreparably harmed.

Donald Trump and ICE claim that they are committing this assault on our communities in the name of safety. Terror makes no one safe. It does the opposite. It sows chaos. It breeds fear and fosters unrest.

From my home in Massachusetts-07, where mothers have wept on my shoulder, pleading for their husbands to come home and for their families to be reunited, to Los Angeles, where Donald Trump sent the National Guard and the Marines to descend on justice-seeking, peaceful protesters, the hurt and harm of this hostile White House is felt by us all.

This has nothing to do with law and order. That is laughable coming from the most godless, lawless Oval Office occupant in our history.

This has everything to do with power and control: deploying the National Guard without a Governor's approval and taking unwarranted and unprecedented action against peaceful justice seekers and freedom fighters.

We must see our neighbors' humanity in this moment. Yet, across the country, occupant Trump is working overtime to be a fascist dictator, to weaponize our government against its own people, to sow fear and chaos, and to silence dissenting voices in our communities, at our colleges, in the courts, and, in fact, even in Congress.

These actions are lawless, a complete violation of our constitutional rights to due process, and void of common sense and compassion.

Know this, for those of you watching at home who might be tempted to think that this is not your problem: An extremist march toward fascism is everyone's problem. Trust me, if you are not already suffering, you will be.

We need solidarity, resistance, and a rejection in this moment of these attacks on our immigrant communities. An attack on our immigrant communities is an attack on all of us.

As a woman of faith, my God tells me to welcome the stranger. Do not be indifferent to the suffering of your neighbors. Immigrants make our country a better place. Immigrants make America great, and our immigrant brothers and sisters deserve to call this country home.

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

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 38 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOORE of North Carolina) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God and Father of us all, in just a few short hours, after weeks of practice and hours of coaching, sides will be drawn, each boasting in their finesse, and their prowess, ready to address their worthy opponents on the battlefield of the Congressional Baseball Game.

When the first pitch is thrown and the batter swings, we pray you protect each player, safeguarding them from their own enthusiasm, that each will finish the game without injury or ignominy, and will walk away with a deepened respect for the courage and conviction that each player has brought to the game.

So to, in this arena, where the teams are formed up, the positions taken, and the hours of preparation and debate have led these legislators to a far more crucial competition, we pray Your watch over their efforts and Your protection over each one as they strive to serve their constituents and preserve our Constitution.

Like players who united their efforts to benefit the future of D.C.'s youth, may each here play their positions with integrity and to the best of the abilities with which You have graced them. May they work together to find common ground in their pursuit of the common good for the people of this country.

We offer our prayers and ourselves to the glory of Your grace plan.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

TO PROCLAIM AMERICA'S COLLEGE

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce that America has a new baseball team, and that baseball team is the Murray State Racers located in Murray, Kentucky.

Murray State is a real-life Cinderella story. Murray State was the number four seed after winning the Missouri Valley Conference. They played in the Oxford Regional where, of course, Ole Miss is, and they beat Ole Miss twice and Georgia Tech once to advance to the Super Regional. Then Murray State did what every blue-blooded Kentucky Wildcat fan could only dream of, they beat Duke. They didn't just beat Duke on their home field once, they beat Duke twice to advance to Omaha to the College World Series.

This is a historic achievement for a small school. Murray State defied the odds in the era of NIL and big contracts and players getting paid. This is a group of baseball players that want to play ball. They play hard every game. They weren't highly recruited, and they win.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Coach Skirka and the Murray State Racers and the entire Murray, Kentucky, community.

TROOPS IN LOS ANGELES

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

Mr. SWALWELL. The President has our troops sleeping in squalor, not on the battlefields of Afghanistan or Iraq, but in Los Angeles. I guess this is what you would expect from somebody who has described our brave war dead as suckers and losers.

We were promised that the immigration policy would deport the most violent criminals. That is something I support. That is something everyone here supports. Instead, it has deported a 4-year-old American citizen battling cancer. It detained a U.S. marshal over the weekend. Nobody is asking for this. Our troops deserve much better.

The cost of this is \$134 million of your hard-earned tax dollars, \$134 million.

Mr. President, take the troops out of Los Angeles and get back to a sane immigration policy that only deports the most violent in our community and addresses the real workforce crisis in agriculture, hospitality, childcare. We can do better.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

CHINESE GENOCIDE OF UYGHUR MUSLIMS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the Chinese Communist Party is committing genocide against the Uyghur Muslim population.

Four years ago, I was grateful to join with Congressman JIM BANKS, now Senator, as the first Members of Congress to declare Chinese Communist Party crimes against the Uyghur population as genocide. Only a week later, President Trump carefully declared these crimes a genocide.

The Chinese Communist Party is eliminating the Uyghur population through slave labor, forced sterilization, and mass detention.

Today, Uyghur retired doctor Gulshan Abbas will spend her 63rd birthday unjustly imprisoned by the Chinese Communist Party in retaliation for her family's courageous advocacy in America. It is important that

Radio Free Asia Uyghur Service be able to confirm that Congress stands for the immediate release of Dr. Abbas.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstating existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump, mocking Trump with murderous drone attacks intended for hospitals in Ukraine.

HONORING DR. RICHARD EAKIN

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart to honor the remarkable life and legacy of Dr. Richard Eakin, who dedicated 14 years of his life as Chancellor of East Carolina University.

Dr. Eakin was my mentor, my instructor, and my dear friend. He inspired me to pursue a doctoral degree in education, and I will always be grateful for that.

Dr. Eakin was one of the most compassionate and insightful leaders I have ever known.

He earned his B.A. in math from Geneva College and his M.A. and Ph.D. in math from Washington State University.

Before his time at East Carolina University, he held several administrative positions at Bowling Green State University.

He did all of this while always wearing an infectious smile. His gentle, yet impactful approach, left a mark on Pirate Nation and everyone who learned from him.

My heartfelt prayers are with his wonderful wife, Jo, and their family.

HONORING FIREFIGHTER JAKE BRIDGES

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

Mr. MOORE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today is a sad occasion as I rise to honor the life of Firefighter Jake Bridges, who was a firefighter with the Hickory Fire Department in North Carolina and from Cleveland County, my home county, who tragically passed away in the line of duty at just 20 years old.

Jake graduated from Gaston College Fire Academy and joined the Hickory Fire Department in 2023 as a Certified Level II Firefighter and an EMT. In that short time, he earned the respect of all who served alongside him.

In the early morning hours of June 5, after battling a fire and returning to the station, Jake suffered a sudden medical emergency while preparing the truck for service.

Jake's courage and commitment to serving others reflect the best of North