

alarm about the deterioration of our strategic partnership with India at the hands of Donald Trump.

As two major democracies and economies, U.S.-India cooperation is essential to advancing our mutual interests and confronting our shared competitors.

President Biden took the relationship to new heights, strengthening collaboration on defense, strategic technologies, and the Quad.

In mere months, Trump's reckless foreign policy style has unraveled decades of progress, suddenly slapping India with 50 percent tariffs because his fragile ego was so triggered.

Republicans have refused to go to bat for the U.S.-India relationship when it really matters, beholden to their MAGA isolationist base.

This partnership is too important to be sacrificed by Trump's ego and Republican complicity. Trump must reverse course, make a deal, and fix the damage that he has caused. He needs to get his act together on behalf of this country and our relationship with India.

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

FAILED SOCIAL EXPERIMENT BACKFIRING ON OUR COMMUNITIES

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise today in regard to the latest stabbing on the Charlotte Area Transit System of Iryna Zarutskya. It is just the latest awful example of what has gone wrong with our criminal justice system.

Mr. Speaker, today, I felt compelled to tell my daughters to be careful.

This suspect had been arrested 14 times, including for violent offenses. Despite this record, mental health issues, and skipping bond, a Democrat judge—happened to be Democrat—released him back into the streets after his arrest in January.

Police do their jobs, but ideological prosecutors and judges refuse to do theirs.

This is not justice. It is a failed social experiment backfiring on our communities. We see it time and time again.

In D.C., police recently arrested a carjacking suspect who laughed in their faces saying: I have been in the D.C. jail six times for this warrant. I will be out tomorrow because the victims never show up. That is the mentality of this broken system, and it emboldens criminals.

President Trump is proving there is another way, using all the resources available to protect innocent people.

Mr. Speaker, we need to support these efforts. We need to bring law and

order to our streets. The American people deserve protection, not excuses.

FULTON COUNTY FAIR

(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 today to talk about a treasured northwest Ohio tradition in Ohio's Ninth District, the Fulton County Fair.

It is the second largest fair in the State of Ohio, which has 88 counties, surpassed only by the State fair. Hallelujah, Fulton County. I was honored to spend the day there recently with residents and visitors from other counties.

I was able to listen to farmers and veterans at the hallowed Veterans bean dinner and people both young and old from far and wide. The show barns were full of animals and people, and the weather was heavenly.

I spoke with constituents from six of the eight counties I represent and got a famous Fulton County Dairy Association milkshake, a farm-fresh cheeseburger, and got to meet hundreds from across the vast northwestern Ohio region I represent and beyond, even Michigan.

The Fulton County Fair welcomed a record 180,000 visitors over the opening weekend.

Last but truly not least, I spent time speaking with the dedicated director of the Fulton County Farm Bureau, Roy Norman. I learned about some of the great soil and conservation work being done in this mighty, hardworking county.

Let me invite all visitors from our region and across our country to check out the Fulton County Fair next year. Set up your campers. You won't be disappointed. Onward, Fulton County.

HONORING DONALD MCPHERSON

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of American hero Donald McPherson of Adams, Nebraska, who sadly passed away last month as our Nation's last surviving World War II Ace fighter pilot.

In his F6F Hellcat, Mr. McPherson directly faced our enemies in the skies to defend our country and preserve our liberty, shooting down five enemy aircraft while stationed aboard the USS Essex in the Pacific.

He earned three distinguished Flying Crosses and four Air Medals. In 2015, I proudly congratulated Mr. McPherson on receiving the Congressional Gold Medal for his valiant service to our country.

After his wartime service, Mr. McPherson was a dedicated volunteer with the VFW, American Legion, his local church, and youth baseball and

softball leagues. He also served as Scoutmaster for Troop 280.

The legacies of our selfless military heroes, certainly including Mr. McPherson, must be celebrated and protected for future generations to understand the true cost of freedom.

On behalf of the people of Nebraska's Third District, I thank Mr. McPherson for his service to our country and extend my condolences to his family.

WE ALL BELONG IN AMERICA

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

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I am Latina. I am a citizen, and I speak Spanish.

My family has been in "Nuevo"; "New" Mexico for 17 generations.

Today, ICE can now detain me if they hear me talking to my "tia"; "aunt" saying something like:

(English translation of the statement made in Spanish is as follows:)

As of today, the Supreme Court has put latinos in danger of being detained by ICE.

They have given them permission to detain any person who looks latino, speaks with an accent, or works a humble job.

Instead of protecting its people, this government has just sentenced millions of latinos to live in fear.

We'll see more fathers handcuffed in front of their children, and workers detained while they harvest our food.

We now have to carry our passports, as if being latino were a crime.

This is the kind of racism that goes hand-in-hand with fascism.

Hoy, la Corte Suprema puso a todos los latinos en peligro de ser detenidos por ICE.

Les dieron permiso de detener a cualquier persona que parezca latina, hable con acento, o tenga un trabajo humilde.

En vez de proteger a su gente, este gobierno acaba de condenar a millones de latinos a vivir con miedo.

Veremos más padres esposados frente a sus hijos, y trabajadores detenidos mientras cosechan nuestra comida.

Ahora tenemos que cargar nuestros pasaportes, como si ser latino fuera un crimen.

Esto es el racismo que va mano a mano con el facismo.

In my America, we all belong. In Trump's America, we do not.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from New Mexico will provide a translation of her remarks to the Clerk.

PRAYERS FOR IRYNA ZARUTSKA

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

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart. I ask this

body to join me in praying for the family of Iryna Zarutskya, who was brutally murdered on the Charlotte light rail by a violent, repeat offender who never should have been on the streets in the first place.

Iryna was a 23-year-old woman who fled the war in Ukraine just to meet her horrific fate at the hands of a dangerous criminal who was repeatedly released from jail over and over on serious, dangerous charges.

Iryna had a bright future ahead of her. Sadly, she will never see her home country again. Gone is her chance for a new future here in America. It didn't have to happen.

This criminal had a rap sheet going back nearly two decades, including armed robbery and threats of violence. Yet, because of irresponsible policies by our former Governor Roy Cooper's administration, this brutal thug was set free and allowed to terrorize our community again and again.

Our people deserve commonsense leadership that puts victims first and keeps dangerous criminals behind bars. I will keep fighting to make sure violent offenders stay off the street and that our communities are safe for every family. I will pray for Iryna's family.

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TEMPORARY BENEFITS FOR WORKING FAMILIES

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

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, I recently held community conversations across Indiana's First Congressional District.

What I heard loud and clear was that families are struggling with rising costs at the grocery store, skyrocketing utility bills, and economic uncertainty that has been created by the chaos from this administration.

My constituents know exactly that this economic pain and unfairness stems from the so-called One Big Beautiful Bill Act. You can't fool hard-working people. They see the truth as clear as day.

Yes, there are tax breaks on tips and overtime but only for 3 years. This is at the same time that billionaires and those who can afford a \$1 million annual membership to Mar-a-Lago got tax breaks that are permanent. Why is help for working families temporary but handouts for the privileged permanent?

We won't be deceived. Communities in northwest Indiana are struggling with increasing costs, and they know that the Republican bill is unfair toward working families.

It is one of the many reasons that I opposed this unpopular legislation and why I will continue to fight to make the current tax benefits for working families permanent.

CALLING FOR USE OF RECONCILIATION PROCESS

(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, we are going to follow up with a theme that has been talked about earlier within our Conference.

Frequently, Republicans have to go home and explain why they aren't getting done what they want to get done. It is because the rules in the Senate require 60 votes to break a filibuster, which means that you need CHUCK SCHUMER to sign off in order to get almost anything done in the Senate.

However, three times in this 2-year period, through the process called reconciliation, we are able to pass a bill out of the Senate with 50 votes or 51 votes with the Vice President. There are Republicans here who do not want to put us in that position.

Mr. Speaker, 8 years ago in Donald Trump's first term, some of these same Republicans, when we also had three votes—we used one vote for the tax cut, one vote to try and failed to do something on healthcare reform, and a third vote that the Senators didn't want to use. They wanted to restrict the floor votes to votes in which CHUCK SCHUMER signed off.

We are now at the same position this time, and I hope that our talk radio and mouthpieces will wake up and demand that the Republicans use all three reconciliation votes this bien-nium.

RESTORING LIFESAVING FOOD AID FOR MALNOURISHED CHILDREN

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for the 37th time to demand that the Trump administration restore lifesaving food aid for malnourished children.

This is Plumpy'Nut. It is manufactured in my district to treat kids who are starving to death.

Mr. Speaker, when children are starving, their organs stop working. They cannot digest regular food. This is their only chance at getting back to health.

It took the Trump administration 10 days to put a stop to USAID's shipments of Plumpy'Nut to starving children around the world. Since then, they have promised over and over again that the program will restart.

They have issued RFPs. They have said that they are going to start shipping again, but it has been 9 months. It took them 10 days to shut down this program and 9 months and counting to get it going again.

Every day that they delay and drag their feet is a day that children are starving. Stop the excuses. Stop the

delay. Restore this program. I will speak out on this floor every day until the program is restored.

BETTER IS POSSIBLE

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mrs. McIVER of New Jersey was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.)

Mrs. McIVER. Mr. Speaker, once again, we find ourselves staring down a deadline to fund the government—deadline after deadline after deadline. Once again, we expect to see our colleagues across the aisle use this as an opportunity to put partisanship over people.

Like so many Americans watching from home, I must ask: Why does this keep happening? Why does this keep happening?

My colleagues across the aisle either don't understand, or they simply don't care about how a government shutdown impacts people, real people. They seem to think that it is a tool that they can use to force their cruel agenda onto our communities and a tool to take more from the folks who they have already hurt with their big, ugly bill.

During recess, I conducted a roundtable with school leaders from 18 cities in my district, and they talked about the challenges that students will face with cuts to SNAP benefits and the school lunch program. They spoke of how students will not be able to show up to school ready to learn and how it would impact their learning experience and their school environment.

I spoke to families who told me that they didn't know how they would be able to afford healthcare once their Medicaid is cut, once the effective date kicks in. We talked to many constituents about how they would be able to afford to put food on their tables once SNAP benefit cuts kick in.

The people deserve a government that works, a government that works for the people, one that is stable, functional, and focused on solving real problems, not constantly heading toward a shutdown, not a government engaged in constant cruelty, constant chaos, and constant confusion.

Once again, the American people deserve a government that works for them. That means investing in what matters, such as public safety. How about education, transportation, healthcare, and the services that families and communities rely on the most? Those are the programs we should be investing in, not cutting. We need more investments in these programs.

Mr. Speaker, we must and will oppose attempts to slash those services, and we won't support a partisan, poisonous bill that hurts the people we serve and the people who depend on us, the people who have elected us to work on their behalf and their behalf only. That is as simple as that. We will not support it, point-blank, period.