

seats in each row, charging extra fees for luggage or snacks, and many other inconveniences, many people are understandably upset that a CEO of a major airline will receive a golden parachute with up to \$20 million in compensation and free first-class airline tickets for life.

The airline industry is expected to double its profits this year as compared to last year, and even though the fuel prices have dropped 50 percent, ticket prices have barely budged, but what has changed is smaller seats and less legroom.

Since 9/11, the traveling public has complied graciously and patiently with all the new regulations, but once they board the airplane, they are squeezed at every side.

I will soon be introducing legislation that improves the flying experience for the flying public. I think Congress needs to look out for the consumer.

CHIWAUKEE PRAIRIE ILLINOIS BEACH LAKE PLAIN

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

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Chiwaukee Prairie Illinois Beach Lake Plain for being designated as a Ramsar Wetland of International Importance.

As the 38th Ramsar Wetland in the United States, this designation recognizes the Lake Plain for its globally significant contribution to biodiversity and importance to human health and economy.

Mr. Speaker, wetlands are among the Earth's most diverse and productive ecosystems, providing flood control, food, and freshwater. The Lake Plain protects diverse natural communities, including globally rare wetlands, while still being open to the public. This gives our community the chance to experience and enjoy nature, while learning about biodiversity and how to conserve our natural resources.

I specifically want to congratulate the many groups that made this conservation effort possible, including the Lake County Forest Preserve District, the Chiwaukee Prairie Preservation Fund, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

This honor is only the beginning for the Chiwaukee Prairie Illinois Beach Lake Plain. I look forward to seeing what else they will accomplish in the future.

OPPOSING A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN AND RENEWING THE CALL TO CREATE JOBS

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

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, we have only 6 legislative days left to avoid a reckless and unnecessary government shut-

down. I come to the floor to, once again, urge the leadership of this House to focus on jobs.

We need to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank, and we need to pass a long-term highway bill and to invest in America's infrastructure, but this House is busy attacking women's health care instead of defending America's economy.

Instead of creating jobs with a highway bill to rebuild America, the majority is fixated on misguided attempts to defund Planned Parenthood. Instead of creating jobs by supporting manufacturers who export to the world, this House is pushing companies to export American jobs.

It is time for this House to focus on rebuilding America and to support American businesses by getting back to the business of the American people.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S FIDUCIARY RULE

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

Mr. DUFFY. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to express great concern about the Department of Labor's fiduciary rule. This is a rule that is going to have a substantial impact on lower-income and middle-income savers, the men and women and the families that we want to get good advice from advisers so they can save and plan for their retirement. This rule is going to make it harder for American families to save for that eventual day of retirement.

For decades, my constituents in Wisconsin have been served by well-regulated financial institutions, and they include the mutually owned cooperatives and the fraternal membership organizations. These organizations only do well if they serve their customers and their clients well, and if they don't serve them, the clients walk down the street, and they go somewhere else.

This Department of Labor fiduciary rule is going to take the advice away from folks who need the most advice when they are saving. It is an idea that Washington knows best and that people with full disclosure can't make the right decisions for their families.

This rule is a disaster, and my concern is less people are going to save, which means more people are going to be reliant on the Federal Government. That is a wrong approach. Let's not let this rule go through.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, in 6 legislative days, our government will shut down. This is a bad idea.

Last time the government shut down, our economy lost more than \$20 billion, \$4 billion in tax refunds were delayed, 20,000 veterans disability claims per

week were delayed, and \$140 million in small business loan applications were not processed. If you look at the analysis, over those 2 weeks, 120,000 fewer jobs were created. This is a bad idea.

In Sacramento County, my home community, thousands of employees of the VA, Department of the Interior, and other agencies were threatened. This hurts American families.

It doesn't have to be this way, Mr. Speaker. We could come together, put together a budget, keep the government open, and get people back to work. That is what we are sent here to do.

Let's work together, Democrats and Republicans. Let's avoid a government shutdown, and let's put America back to work.

DELIGHT BREIDEGAM, JR.

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

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join my colleague Representative RYAN COSTELLO in celebrating the life of and remembering DeLight Breidegam, Jr.

If you have a Deka battery in your car, your motorcycle, or tractor, it is the offspring of a product manufactured by his company, East Penn Manufacturing, and developed by DeLight and his business partner, Karl Gasche.

DeLight started his business with his father at the age of 20. He and his father, DeLight, Sr., worked tirelessly, both at their small company and at part-time jobs, to help make ends meet. Through their tenacious talent, DeLight grew a business that now employs over 7,000 people in Berks County, Pennsylvania, and beyond.

I just wanted to say it was an honor for me to know this great man. He drove me around his battery empire. He showed me his farmhouse, and I said: "How did this business begin, DeLight?"

He said: "Well, my father sent me out in the backyard to fix the battery in the tractor."

I said: "DeLight, I am just glad he didn't send you out there to go shovel manure. We would have a fertilizer empire right here in this community."

Nevertheless, he was an extraordinary man, generous, kind, caring. He supported universities—like Moravian College—Lehigh Valley Hospital, and so many other charities.

I wanted to pay tribute to the life and memory of DeLight Breidegam, Jr.

AIR FORCE CELEBRATES 68TH ANNIVERSARY

(Ms. GRAHAM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, this week, we are celebrating a very special birthday; the United States Air Force is turning 68.