

work and play, and I look forward to his visit and his words of inspiration to the people's House where the government for and by the people is practiced daily.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

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

Mr. MULVANEY. Mr. Speaker, as the House prepares next week to take up a discussion about Planned Parenthood, I want to speak very briefly to what the debate is not about. It is not about women's health.

The proposal that many of us are making to this House is that we simply take this money away from Planned Parenthood and move it to federally qualified healthcare clinics, clinics that provide better services and more services to women. There are 13,000 of these clinics versus 900 Planned Parenthood units, services that go to women that Planned Parenthood does not provide.

Planned Parenthood does not do mammograms; the clinics do. This debate is not about women's health care, and anyone who wants you to believe that it is, is simply afraid to tell you what it is really about, which is whether or not we should give taxpayer money to an entity that sells pieces of dead children.

THE FIVE MERCENARIES

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year, Secretary of Defense Ash Carter stunned Congress and the country when he admitted that the administration's \$500 million program to train and equip so-called moderate Syrian rebels had resulted in the training of 60 individuals. The original goal was to have 5,000 within the first year, but they only had 60.

The information gets worse. Today, most of those 60 mercenaries have been killed, captured, or just gone missing.

Mr. Speaker, where, oh, where have the fighters gone? Where, oh, where could they be? Have they gone to fight with the enemy—which just leaves us how many? It is four or five, according to General Austin. Four or five fighters for a cost of \$500 million, is that the plan for the war in Syria to defeat ISIS?

The lack of a plan in Syria has created chaos. Thousands of people have panicked and are running from the Syrian turmoil. The U.S. needs to lead.

Expecting five mercenaries to defeat ISIS is disgraceful. The United States needs an aggressive strategy to defeat the enemy of civilization, ISIS.

And that is just the way it is.

DEFUNDING PLANNED PARENTHOOD

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

Mr. YOUNG of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a father of four, a regular dad who loves my children more than I love my own life. I know I speak for millions when I say that my wife, Jenny, and I fell in love with our children before they were even born.

It is this love for my children that led me to the pro-life movement, to serve on the board of directors of a crisis pregnancy center, to offer free legal services for those who want to adopt.

It is in this spirit of love, informed by powerful life experiences, that I rise today in strong support of legislation to defund Planned Parenthood.

Now, Hoosiers have made it clear. They should not be forced to violate their own conscience so that Planned Parenthood can continue to operate.

Given the light that has recently been shed on Planned Parenthood's gruesome practices and procedures, can we not agree that taxpayers shouldn't have to foot the bill for these atrocities?

Now, if the best argument on the other side is that eliminating taxpayer subsidies for Planned Parenthood would create access problems, that is just not the case. The 73 federally qualified health centers, 63 rural clinics, and 24 community health centers in the State of Indiana, all of which provide women vital health services without providing abortions, prove otherwise.

Theirs is an empty argument, one I would encourage my colleagues, as a matter of integrity, to put to rest. Let's free Americans from participation in this morally reprehensible practice.

THREATS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise as a member of the Safe Climate Caucus to note the extraordinary damage done by wildfires in Washington State this summer.

It is a fact that our climate is changing. We just had one of the driest springs and summers in more than a century that led to trees and vegetation becoming kindling for the massive fires that we have seen.

The largest wildfire in our State's history hit central Washington, forcing thousands to flee and putting firefighters in harm's way. We have a wildfire that continues to smolder in Olympic National Park, a rain forest. From Washington to California, brave emergency responders have spent this summer on the front lines, battling flames, with no signs of abating.

I believe it is time we pay attention to these warning signs. If we want a

better future for our kids, if we want to protect the communities in which we live, then we need to confront the threats of climate change.

INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

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

Mr. CURBELO of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Saturday, September 19, as International Coastal Cleanup Day. I encourage everyone nationwide to participate by visiting a local beach and assisting with this special event.

Ocean pollution is a serious problem that negatively impacts wildlife, humans, and our economy, including many small-business owners. Debris found in ocean water and on shores is detrimental to aquatic life and has the potential to injure water sports enthusiasts and beachgoers, as well as destroy boats and their propellers.

In 2012, more than 10 million pounds of trash were collected by 500,000 volunteers in 97 countries. Earlier this year, my staff and I spent a morning cleaning up the beaches on Stock Island in the Florida Keys and saw just how much trash washes ashore.

Unfortunately, this amount is just a snapshot of an even larger problem. Though International Coastal Cleanup Day happens annually, it is important that we make a stronger effort to protect our beaches more than once a year.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

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

Mr. WALKER. Mr. Speaker, in America, the practice of abortion is now referred to as women's health care. Yes, in the 21st century, even with all the science, we refuse to ask the question: What about the baby?

The cavalier spirit and the cold-hearted callousness in taking a live baby and then cutting into her face to retrieve fresh body parts—can you imagine the national outrage if we were carving up puppies in the same manner?

We don't condemn these young mothers who have been convinced that no other options exist; yet we will be negligent if we stand silent over the atrocities of an abortion mill that goes by the name Planned Parenthood. Whether you are pro-life or not, surely, most Americans are appalled by the idea that our tax dollars are funneled to this organization.

I cannot look the other way. It is my belief, and I am thoroughly convinced that this is no longer a political issue. This is about a human rights violation that parallels other barbaric times throughout history. Ultimately, we will stand before almighty God.