

winds and following seas in the next chapter of their lives.

#### WORK TOGETHER TO FIX HEALTHCARE

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, Senate Republicans continue to push a flawed and harmful healthcare bill, TrumpCare. It fails to address the basic healthcare needs of Americans.

Republicans themselves are deeply divided on the subject. You have Republicans negotiating with Republicans and they can't come to consensus. Democrats, meanwhile, have been willing to work to come to consensus to work together to fix those real issues that we know we have to address in the Affordable Care Act. We have not been given the opportunity.

There has been no transparency in any of this discussion, no hearings, and no public input. The entire process is behind closed doors. Of course, we know why. This is a bill that kicks millions of Americans off of healthcare. Twenty-two million people would lose health insurance. For those lucky enough to get healthcare, they will pay more for less. Their out-of-pocket expenses will go up. If you are 50 to 64, there will be an age tax.

This is a terrible piece of legislation. It ought to be rejected and we ought to work together to fix the problems we have.

#### TAMPA BAY AREA COMBATS HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, in light of the important anti-human trafficking legislation passed by the House, I want to recognize efforts in the Tampa Bay area to combat human trafficking.

I am especially proud of the joint task force formed by Pasco County Sheriff's Office Corporal Alan Wilkett, BayCare's Liana Dean, and many others. Their work brings us closer to a community that is safer for our most vulnerable citizens.

Human trafficking is not a distant problem for other countries. It is a human rights crisis happening right here at home. Last year, Florida reported 550 human trafficking cases. That is the third largest number of cases in the country. It is unacceptable.

We passed three bipartisan bills to strengthen detection systems, improve education efforts, and protect victims. We have got to pass them in the Senate as well and have it become law.

The fight against human trafficking is a fight for the safety and security of our communities.

#### TACKLING THE CAUSE OF THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

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

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, in my home State of Hawaii, hospitalizations and emergency room visits from opioid-related conditions have more than doubled in the last decade. More people are now dying from overdoses than motor vehicle accidents. This opioid epidemic is killing 91 Americans all across this country every single day.

For years, companies like Purdue Pharma, the maker of the commonly known drug OxyContin, have profited off of the suffering of millions of Americans who are dealing and struggling with opioid addiction. Now Purdue and others are going overseas, targeting foreign populations, using the very same shady marketing tactics, lies, and false advertising that helped them get rich at the expense of the American people.

This is absolutely unacceptable. We can't just keep wringing our hands about the opioid crisis without actually tackling the cause of it. Purdue and those responsible should be prosecuted for the deaths and lives that have been ruined as a result of their lies.

#### LET'S GET ON WITH BUSINESS

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

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I don't believe I have ever seen a bigger mountain made out of a tinier molehill in my 29 years in Congress than what is being made out of Donald Trump, Jr.'s, meeting with the Russian lawyer. It reminds me of the Wendy's ad several years ago that asked: "Where's the beef?"

I know that hindsight is 20-20 and holier than thou, but this is ridiculous.

Do you really believe that Chelsea Clinton would have refused to meet with a Russian lawyer who she was told had evidence that would incriminate Donald Trump?

Donald Trump, Jr., met with this woman for a few minutes, saw she had nothing, and nothing came out of it. No action was taken. Even Director Comey testified he had seen no evidence that even one vote was altered by anything the Russians did.

They have been investigating this for months, and this is the best they can come up with?

It is time to stop crying over the election and do something about some real problems.

#### AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

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

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I applaud my colleagues for passage of my three amendments to the National Defense Authorization Act last night.

Two of my amendments would address our Nation's opioid crisis as it impacts our Nation's servicemembers and veterans. They would direct the Defense Department to study the effectiveness of their opioid prescriber education policies and require Department providers to counsel or give referrals to the VA for transitioning veterans that suffer from addiction or chronic pain.

My third amendment would direct the Department of Defense to analyze sexual coercion in the military as part of its annual report on sexual assault.

While I commend the Department for their progress in reducing the occurrence of sexual assault in the military, more work needs to be done. Understanding sexual coercion is important to the safety of our brave men and women, and important for our national security.

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#### RECOGNIZING MISS MOLLY MATNEY

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Miss Molly Matney, an outstanding resident of Metcalfe County in the First Congressional District of Kentucky.

Ms. Matney was crowned Miss Kentucky 2017 on July 1. She is an agriculture major at Western Kentucky University and hopes to pursue a career as an agricultural lending executive. Her talents and accomplishments distinguish her as a valuable asset to the Miss Kentucky organization, as well as the First District of Kentucky.

The "Farm Fit" platform she has developed encourages consumption of products found in local farmers' markets to help individuals maintain a healthy lifestyle. This concept complements and reemphasizes fundamental aspects of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's "Kentucky Proud" campaign.

Her yearlong travels will allow her to promote both of these initiatives throughout the Commonwealth. I am confident she will utilize her knowledge of Kentucky's agriculture industry for the betterment of her platform and will continue to be a deserving advocate for Kentucky farmers.

I wish her the best of luck as she prepares to compete at the Miss America pageant in Atlanta City, New Jersey, on September 10, and I look forward to her continued contributions to the First District of Kentucky.

#### MILITARY HUNGER PREVENTION ACT

(Mr. MCGOVERN asked and was given permission to address the House