NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on this first day of summer to recognize June as National Dairy Month.

From calcium to potassium, dairy products, like milk, contain nine essential nutrients that may help to better manage your weight and reduce your risk of high blood pressure, osteoporosis, and certain cancers.

Whether it is protein to help build and repair the muscle tissue of active bodies or vitamin A to help maintain healthy skin, dairy products are a natural nutrient powerhouse. Those are just a few of the reasons that we should celebrate dairy not just in June, but all year long.

National Dairy Month started out as National Milk Month in 1937 as a way to promote drinking milk. It was initially created to stabilize the dairy demand when production was at a surplus, but it has now developed into an annual tradition that celebrates the contributions the dairy industry has made to the world.

As vice chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, I am proud that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is one of the largest milk-producing States in the Nation.

Happy dairy month.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S ASSOCIATION HEALTH PLAN PROPOSAL

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

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my prayers are with the immigrant families who were being separated at the border. The administration's actions were inhumane, and I am glad the President reversed these actions.

As the children are sleeping on the floor behind a cage wishing they would hear from their mom and dad, the administration and Republican majority are working silently, chipping away at the Affordable Care Act.

The Trump administration released a rule that would greatly expand association healthcare plans, which are exempt from the Affordable Care Act's essential healthcare benefits, including maternity care, mental healthcare, and prescription drugs. This new loophole will bring back junk, or fake, plans that provide little or no health coverage.

Repeal of the Affordable Care Act didn't happen, but the Republicans' sabotage of our Nation's healthcare system continues, and our uninsured Americans continue to grow.

These junk plans will siphon off young, healthy people, damaging the ACA marketplaces and leaving everyone else with higher premiums. The fake insurance may not cover emergency room treatment or other terrible illnesses.

Americans need healthcare, not fake insurance.

NATIONAL ASK DAY

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, every single day, seven children and teens are killed by gun violence; 40 more are shot and survive. Most of the time, the incident could have been prevented if the gun involved was unloaded and locked away safely.

Mr. Speaker, 1.7 million American children live in a home with a loaded, unlocked gun, and three out of every four children ages 5 to 14 know where guns are kept in their home.

That is why today I am introducing a resolution to recognize June 21 as National Ask Day, the first day of summer, to encourage parents to ask a simple question to anyone who is responsible for their children in another home after school: Is there a loaded, unsecured gun in your house? Asking this simple question will help save lives and reduce the level of gun violence in our country.

This is a commonsense idea that both Democrats and Republicans should be able to agree on, because no matter our politics, we all believe that our children should be free from the scourge of gun violence.

Again, this is National Ask Day. We are asking everyone to just ask a simple question. Wherever your children are going after school, whether to another residence or to a family member or friend, ask the simple question: Is there a loaded, unlocked gun in that house? And be sure that it is secured. Help save the lives of so many American children.

FARM BILL

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

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to again vote against the partisan GOP farm bill.

Mr. Speaker, I traveled across my State and heard countless stories from Delawareans of all backgrounds: farmers, emergency food providers, and working families. I want to share one story.

During Kids Day at the Lewes Farmers Market, every child who attended with a SNAP participant was given $5 in tokens to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables. One boy, clutching his tokens, asked: ''Is this enough to buy a peach?'' The organizers told the boy it was enough to buy a whole basket. He looked up and said: ''Good, because I have never tasted a peach.''

That is what the farm bill is about. It is about connecting people from farm to fork.

This bill is too important for one party to go it alone. I hope my colleagues will vote again against this bill so that we can get back to truly working on a bipartisan farm bill that strengthens the rural economy, our farm safety net, and ensures that all children have the opportunity to taste a peach.

IMMIGRATION

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

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, like so many others, I have been dismayed about the administration's actions, ripping thousands of children from their parents' arms at our border.

Let's make one thing clear: Yesterday the President didn't fix the immigration problem, and this House is not going to fix the problem here today.

People are coming to our border, fleeing oppression and violence, turning themselves in, and asking for our help. This administration's response is to try to deter these immigrants by matching the cruelty they are fleeing.

We have to acknowledge the truth of what is happening. Children are being caged. Families are suffering long-lasting emotional and mental trauma, being used as pawns in the President's political games.

Every day for months, our neighbors living here under DACA have continued to face uncertainty. This is nothing short of inhumane, barbaric, and, frankly, immoral.

Moving kids from DHS cages to DOD cages doesn't solve the problem. Building a wall doesn't solve the problem.

Let's get our priorities in line. End the President's disastrous policy and pass the Dream Act.

IMMIGRATION

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, my first real professional job was as a social worker at Whaley Children's Center in my hometown of Flint, protecting kids who had been the subject of child abuse, victims of child abuse. We knew then, as we know now, that the best place, ultimately, for those kids was to get them back in their family. We worked to reunite kids with their families.

So it is particularly offensive to see the President of the United States, the Government of the United States, adopt policy that intentionally separates children from their families.

This is child abuse. This is child abuse. Nothing else.

The notion that a government would engage in this practice ought to offend everyone, and the idea that the President is congratulating himself for ending a policy that he, himself, ordered to separate children seeking asylum in this country from their families is ridiculous. Those who have sat silent as