

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1730

Mr. LEVIN changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING ENSIGN SARAH MITCHELL

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today in memory of Ensign Sarah Mitchell, a naval officer serving on Active Duty who passed away on July 8 due to injuries sustained in a training accident in Aqaba, Jordan.

Sarah was raised in Feasterville, Pennsylvania, and attended Lower Southampton Elementary School and Poquessing Middle School before attending Neshaminy High School in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

While at Neshaminy, Sarah excelled in the classroom, as well as being a member of the school's field hockey team, basketball team, and track and field team.

Lisa Pennington, Sarah's field hockey coach, described her as the person you would always remember as smiling and working hard to be successful.

Upon graduation from Neshaminy High School, Sarah attended and graduated from Virginia Tech University, where she was a member of the Corps of Cadets.

Regarded as an exceptional student athlete and member of our community, Sarah's decision to serve our Nation came as no surprise to those who knew her best.

Her longtime friend Emily Curtin had these amazing words about Sarah in our local paper, the Bucks County Courier Times: "She was fearless in the pursuit of everything she wanted, never settling for less. Sarah never left anyone behind. Sarah's loyalty to her family, fiancée, friends, and country was undeniable. She carried the burdens of others and helped every person" she encountered who was in need.

Mr. Speaker, may all of us use the legacy Sarah left us as a guide to live in a way that exemplifies patriotism and courage.

We send our deepest condolences to Sarah's fiancée, Dave Collins; her parents, Jack and Betsy; her siblings, Kevin, Kristy, John, and Jillian.

Mr. Speaker, I ask our colleagues to join us in a moment of silence for Ensign Sarah Mitchell, an American hero.

A TAX REFORM SUCCESS STORY

(Mr. NORMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring your attention to yet another success story from tax reform.

A constituent of mine who is the founder and owner of All Pro Solutions, a small business in South Carolina, has benefited greatly from tax reform.

Tibi contacted my office with his recent success story, and he cannot downplay the positive impact he has seen.

All Pro Solutions is a digital archiving company of 10 employees, so they are in no way a big corporation. As a result of tax reform being signed into law, All Pro Solutions has been able to buy extra and newer equipment. They have already seen an increase in sales. They are now expanding their archiving work, and they will soon be hiring two more employees due to these wonderful circumstances.

His story proves that these tax cuts were for everyone. They are working on a local level, and these tax cuts are beneficial to all and working on a national level.

OPPOSING ADMINISTRATION PLANS TO ROB RYAN WHITE HIV/ AIDS PROGRAM FUNDS

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, the vast majority of people in our country oppose the Trump administration's cruel policy of jailing immigrant children. This administration is rotten to the core.

Just yesterday, news broke that the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement is preparing for possibly another surge of families to separate. They are planning for the possible detention of thousands more children, even though the office doesn't have enough money to take care of these children.

So what is the administration's plan for covering the cost of jailing children? According to internal documents obtained by reporters, HHS plans to pay for the child separation by robbing funds from the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program. In fact, HHS is already moving money out of the Ryan White program.

Mr. Speaker, this administration is wicked. Stealing from the underinsured and the uninsured people living with HIV in order to put children in jail is outrageous. Congress needs to step up and protect the Ryan White program and end child detention.

WHERE IS THE HEART IN THIS ADMINISTRATION

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I will be returning to the House Judici-

ary Committee. We have been there for more than 8 hours, maybe 11 hours, with Peter Strzok, an FBI agent who has been vindicated by the inspector general regarding the Hillary Clinton emails, which were found to have no effect on any violation or any criminal violation, but yet Republicans have continued over and over again to hold these hearings without addressing the question of jailed children snatched from their families.

Today, we understand that Health and Human Services is holding back the reunification of some of these babies under 5 to their moms and their dads on the basis of unrelatable or unnecessary predicaments of these parents, where they have been incarcerated for misdemeanors regarding immigration.

This is the administration that really has no caring and no love for people.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, the World Health Organization had the delegation from this Nation, not representing me, fight a country that was trying to support breastfeeding, and they wanted to condemn Ecuador for a resolution supporting breastfeeding for mothers around the world.

What are we coming to? Where is the heart in this administration?

HONORING THE LIFE OF SUSAN SMITH

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

Mr. KIHUEN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to remember the life of Susan Smith.

Susan attended the Route 91 festival in Las Vegas on October 1.

Susan was a wife and a mother of two. She worked as an office manager at Vista Fundamental Elementary School in Simi Valley, California.

Susan loved traveling, scrapbooking, and documenting countless memories for her family.

Susan had a contagious laugh and a great sense of humor. She was patient, strong, and kind.

Susan is remembered for her love of her family, her drive, and the beautiful way she treated others.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my condolences to Susan Smith's family and friends. Please know that the city of Las Vegas, the State of Nevada, and the whole country grieve with you.

RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL DAY OF CIVILITY

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

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the special day that today is. It is the National Day of Civility, #nationaldayofcivility.

I wanted to recognize this day because last year, as a freshman Member,

even before we were sworn in, my freshman colleagues and I were stuck in Williamsburg in a snowstorm. When we were stuck together, we decided to come up with a new course for our class and a new initiative called the Commitment to Civility—thanks to my colleagues, MIKE JOHNSON especially, for this brainchild.

From that day forward, we all agreed, and all of us except, I think, I believe three Members on the Democratic side, signed this with the hope of us finding a different course, finding some more civility and some more work across the aisle.

To this day, I have tried to live up to that commitment. Every bill that I have introduced that is originally sponsored, I have done with the bipartisan support of my Democratic colleagues. We have endeavored to work together on a number of initiatives, whether it is soliciting advice from other committees or the President or any kind of letter to the agencies that we represent.

Mr. Speaker, I just want to say thank you to all my colleagues who signed this and who continue to live up to our commitment to civility.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in encouraging that H. Res. 400, Creating a National Day of Civility, be recognized.

□ 1745

COVERAGE OF PREEXISTING CONDITIONS

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, President Trump, along with his Republican choir here in Congress, is sabotaging your healthcare.

First, his administration put hurdles to enrollment by slashing outreach for insurance signup efforts, and then he just announced he was slashing navigator funding. Now the administration cut off key payments to insurers that helped stabilize insurance markets.

This Republican Congress repealed the requirement that everyone have insurance, which puts further strains on costs in the healthcare system. Meanwhile, Republicans in States across our Union are urging Federal courts to rule health protections for 130 million people with preexisting conditions unconstitutional.

Ohioans are staring down an 8 percent increase in premiums for 2019, and what is the Trump administration doing? Sabotaging people's healthcare.

His Supreme Court nominee has now questioned the constitutionality of key elements of coverage in the Affordable Care Act.

There are bipartisan solutions to help Americans facing the daunting task of paying rising healthcare costs. This Congress must choose people over the profits of big pharmaceutical insurance companies. Human lives hang in the balance.

MR. TRUMP SHOULD TESTIFY

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

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, Robert Mueller is conducting a criminal investigation. Mr. Trump's attorney doesn't want him to testify.

Rudy Giuliani has taken three outrageous positions: He has claimed that Mr. Trump doesn't have to testify if he doesn't think the prosecutor has a good basis for the investigation; that Mr. Trump doesn't have to testify if he doesn't think the prosecutor is being objective; and that Mr. Trump doesn't have to testify if the prosecutor doesn't already have sufficient evidence of a crime.

On this poster is a picture of Mr. Al Capone. He was forced to testify before a grand jury. Mr. Capone didn't think that there was a basis for that investigation, and Mr. Capone didn't think that the prosecutor was objective. But he testified under oath, as did President Bill Clinton, because no one is above the law. No one is immune from a subpoena, not Mr. Al Capone, not Mr. Donald Trump.

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

CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS HURT THE MILITARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2017, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. TAYLOR) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, we are here tonight to speak about how, for far too long, Congress has passed continuing resolutions that have devastating effects on our military and national security apparatus. They have hurt our maintenance, readiness, training, and contracting, causing a cascading and negative effect in extending our deployment schedules, which hurt our strong military families, who are the very foundation of our force.

Indeed, Secretary Mattis said in January 2018:

As hard as the last 16 years have been, no enemy in the field has done more to harm the readiness of the U.S. military than the combined impact of the Budget Control Act's defense spending cuts and operating under continuing resolutions.

Madam Speaker, Congress has passed continuing resolutions for 9 out of the past 10 years.

I will say, Madam Speaker, that I am encouraged, skeptical, and hopeful that Congress will move toward regular order this year and forego a continuing resolution for the defense of this Nation later this year: encouraged, because the Senate has expressed they will take up defense appropriations and move it to the floor for the first time in years; skeptical, because I am a realist, and they will attach another bill to it, which will make it tougher to get passed; hopeful, because I am an optimist. We all know it is the right thing to do, and we are pushing to make it happen.

Madam Speaker, I have the great honor of representing the district with more military and veterans than anywhere in the Nation. If anything is going on in the world, our men and women are there on the front lines, fighting for families, fighting for friends, fighting for freedom.

We, in Congress, owe them better. We must do better. We must get our acts together and lead with the courage and the spirit of our Nation, and the courage and spirit of those men and women in uniform who stand watch for us every single day.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. HUNTER).

Mr. HUNTER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Virginia for his service. If you don't know, SCOTT TAYLOR enlisted in the Navy SEALs in 1997, got out, and then went back to Iraq in 2005. In Ramadi, as a Navy SEAL sniper, he was injured. And here he is now.

I thank the gentleman for doing this. Like all or most Navy SEALs, the gentleman does great when the camera is on him. As a Congressman, the camera is always on him, so he does very well in this job.

I would like to bring up one point that really struck me, because of the Budget Control Act and the continuing resolutions. The former Speaker of the House, when we passed this 9 years ago, looked us in the eye and said: This will never pass. It is too horrible. This will never happen. It is too horrible for the military. It hurts it too badly.

That is what the former Speaker of the House said. When he looked the Armed Services Committee in the eye and told them that, a lot of the Members proceeded to vote "yes" on the Budget Control Act, and that put us where we are now.

Let me tell you where the Budget Control Act has put us. In 2017, you had about 80 servicemembers die in training. That doesn't include drunk driving or falling off a cliff. But in training in the United States, all four branches of service, you had more than 80 servicemembers die last year just training.

You had 21 servicemembers die in combat. So you had 21 service people die in combat zones where they are getting shot at and fighting the enemy, and more than 80 people died back here at home just training.

The Budget Control Act and the continuing resolutions that we have been