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GOP = GOVERNMENT OF PUTIN

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, Helsinki will be remembered as the place where GOP became shorthand for "Government of Putin."

Just as Trump surrenders to Vladimir Putin, these Helsinki congressional Republicans surrender to Trump.

Trump's own intelligence chief, former Senator, lifelong Republican Dan Coats, says "the warning lights are blinking red again" on Russian attacks. Yet Helsinki Republicans refuse to act, providing zero funding to the States to protect election integrity today. Their refusal to appropriate a dime for state defense against Russian interference really represents nothing less than unilateral disarmament.

Enough excuses. Enough weakness. Instead of a President with no scruples and a congressional Republican majority with no spine, we need strong leadership, unafraid to protect our borders and unafraid to protect American families from the ongoing Russian aggression against our democracy.

ACKNOWLEDGING LAMAR SMITH FOR HIS WORK ON THE DYSLEXIA CAUCUS

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

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the work of Chairman LAMAR SMITH of the Congressional Dyslexia Caucus. His work on this important issue has brought much-needed attention in Congress to a learning disability affecting as many as one in five Americans.

He championed the READ Act, which mandated that the National Institutes of Health direct specific funds towards dyslexia research. This law is deepening our understanding of dyslexia and providing additional tools for us to help those with this learning disability.

Last week, I began serving as co-chair of the Dyslexia Caucus, alongside Congresswoman JULIA BROWNLEY. It is my hope that we can work together to continue the impressive work of Chairman SMITH and effect positive change for those living with dyslexia.

Individuals can overcome dyslexia and achieve greatness in their education and careers when they have the right tools and instruction. We will work hard in Congress to give them what is necessary to succeed.

Mr. Speaker, I again thank Chairman SMITH for his leadership and lifetime of dedication.

NO MORE PRESIDENTIAL WARS

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

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, Article I, section 8 of the Constitution gives Congress the exclusive authority to declare war, but the last time Congress officially declared war was December 8, 1941, the day the U.S. entered World War II. Ever since, Congress has failed to uphold their constitutional responsibility and has instead ceded power to the President.

So we remain in a state of perpetual war, led by Presidents in both parties, at great cost to the American people, with no declaration of war by Congress and no input from the American people.

The direct and indirect costs of these Presidential wars are astounding. They take a toll on our troops, our veterans, and on the American people.

Since 9/11 alone, we have spent trillions of dollars on regime-change wars and nation building, while people in our community suffer and struggle because of a lack of resources here at home—not to mention the cost borne by our troops, those who pay the ultimate price as well as those who come home with wounds that are both visible and invisible.

The American people deserve accountability. Mr. WALTER JONES and I have introduced bipartisan H. Res. 922 to make sure that Congress fulfills its constitutional role, ends Presidential wars, and has robust debate before making a decision to send our troops into battle.

SYRIAN LAW 10

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the pressing issue that has the potential to exponentially worsen the humanitarian crisis in the war-torn country of Syria.

I know I don't need to remind this body or the American people of the dire circumstance that the Syrian people face as their country continues to be ripped apart by a known war criminal, their President, Bashar al-Assad.

While millions of Syrians have fled the country, seeking asylum and safety in neighboring countries, the majority of these refugees' only hope is to one day return back to their home. However, the Syrian regime recently passed a law that will make that nearly impossible.

Law 10, passed in April of this year, forces all Syrians, regardless of where they are currently residing, to register and provide proof of ownership of their private properties in Syria within 30 days, or else they will be forced to hand their properties over to the state of Syria. This amounts to a massive land grab by the corrupt Syrian regime that would essentially push out the nearly 13 million displaced Syrians and ensure that they never have a chance to return home.

Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that this body will understand this and we will speak loudly.

I urge my colleagues and this administration to take a serious and critical look at this law that would have far-reaching implications for the United States and our allies who have offered these refugees temporary asylum in our nations and the disastrous consequences for the Syrian people for generations to come.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NEYSA TONKS

(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 Neysa Tonks. Neysa attended the Route 91 festival in Las Vegas on October 1.

Neysa was a single mother to her three kids: Kaden, Braxton, and Greysen. She worked at Technologist in Las Vegas and was known as being a fireball from the minute she woke up to the minute she went to bed.

Neysa was spontaneous, adventurous, and full of life. She loved waterskiing, ziplining, hiking, jumping off waterfalls, and traveling. She had even competed in a Tough Mudder with very little training.

Despite her many adventures, she would always save time in the winter to carry out her tradition of packing hundreds of backpacks with supplies and delivering them to the less fortunate with her sons.

Neysa was compassionate and had plans to retire early so she could spend more time with her boys.

Neysa enjoyed going to concerts, laughing, and trying new things. Neysa is remembered as always being the life of the party.

I would like to extend my condolences to Neysa Tonks' family and friends. Please know that the city of Las Vegas, the State of Nevada, and the whole country grieves with you.

NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to speak about our national parks and our parks and recreational opportunities.

I grew up in California's San Joaquin Valley, where we are blessed with some of the Nation's most beautiful lands. Like many, I spent my youth exploring local Fresno recreational areas and the California State parks.

My family and I, many times, visited Kings Canyon National Park and one of the crown jewels of all national parks, Yosemite Valley, seen in this striking photograph.

Wallace Stegner, famous writer, historian, and environmentalist, once said: "Our national parks are the best idea we ever had. Absolutely American, absolutely democratic, they reflect us at our best rather than our worst."