

mothers and children seeking asylum, coming to ports of entry—not across any fences or borders, coming to ports of entry. The border guards are telling us they are turning themselves in. They want to, because they are seeking refuge from a country that has purported to be a country of refuge, that raises a statue in New York Harbor to send that message. But we need to make them known to us when they come into the country. We agree on that.

So, rather than all this rhetoric back and forth, Mr. Speaker, it is a simple proposition. Senator MCCONNELL has said, unless the President says he will sign on opening up the government, he won't put it on the floor. That is the only person who is stopping you, because we have sent bills.

Mr. COLE of your side said: I don't like the bills because they are only Senate bills. We don't like them either, but we like, less, government being shut down. We like, less, 800,000 people being put at risk. We like, less, the anxiety that we are causing our Federal employees in terms of the financial stability of their homes and their ability to put food on their tables and pay their mortgage and pay their rent.

Surely—surely—we ought to be able to come to agreement that that is not what we ought to inflict to get our way. I hope we open up our government.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland.

And when you look at the women who are coming across through this trek to try to cross the border, first of all, asylum has been offered by Mexico to all of the people as part of that caravan. Thousands of people were offered asylum, work permits—turned it down. There is a legal way to seek asylum.

It seems to me, if another country offers you asylum and you want to leave your country, you take the asylum, but they turned it down. But the women who are coming over, Doctors Without Borders has done a study and said that over 30 percent of the women who are on this trek have been sexually assaulted or worse.

We should all want to address this crisis. There is a way to solve the crisis. If we talk about hostages, both sides can use terms. But when the President of the United States and the White House look at the Speaker and say, "I will sign a bill that contains things that we have yet to negotiate that I don't agree with; I will sign it if you agree to keep negotiating," and the Speaker of the House said no, that is the my-way-or-the-highway approach that is wrong.

The President has put multiple things on the table, has offered to negotiate on terms, on dollars, on every front, and not one counteroffer. That has got to change. We can solve this crisis, but it is going to involve both sides being willing to put something on the table to solve the border security crisis. I hope we can get there, and we will keep working at it.

I appreciate the comments and the thoughts of the gentleman from Maryland, and I truly do believe that he wants to solve this. We have some differences. Let's keep working and get it done.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY,
JANUARY 11, 2019, TO MONDAY,
JANUARY 14, 2019

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday, January 14, 2019, when it shall convene at noon for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ALLRED). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland? There was no objection.

SHUTDOWN IMPACT ON CENTRAL
VALLEY

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

Mr. HARDER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remind Members of the everyday faces being hurt by this government shutdown.

Mr. Speaker, 21 days into this crisis, the Central Valley has had enough. I spoke to a woman from Modesto who drives 30 miles to work every morning to serve our country as a TSA agent. She goes paycheck to paycheck, supports her kids, pays her rent, healthcare, groceries. She is not getting paid right now, and her daughter may have to drop out of college because her mom can't afford her tuition.

What are we doing?

And it is not just Federal employees. Farmers in my district can't apply for tariff relief because the Farm Services Agency isn't open. Because HUD is closed, I have hundreds of families who won't be able to pay their rent and are worried about being evicted.

This is an unnecessary crisis. The Central Valley—America—needs this to stop. I urge everyone on this floor to put politics aside, to work together, and to reopen our government.

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STRENGTHENING BORDER
SECURITY

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

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Florida's Second Congressional District who stand in strong support of the Trump administration's efforts to secure our southern border. Unfortunately, obstructionist leadership on the other side of the aisle is unwilling to even consider a commonsense solution to the prob-

lem that hurts the security of our Nation.

This has become a needlessly divisive issue. We simply must secure our borders. Despite the steadfast efforts of law enforcement, human traffickers, drug dealers, and other violent criminals continue to enter our country from the southern border daily. Furthermore, the majority of heroin, fentanyl, and methamphetamine in America are smuggled into America from Mexico.

With the opioid epidemic and drug addiction costing our economy hundreds of billions of dollars annually, and taking countless lives, we must take action.

I stand with my colleagues and President Trump in our commitment to secure our Nation and protect our people.

RESTORE FUNDING TO THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, this shutdown is tearing at the fabric of our society, and one of the clearest examples is the lack of funding for the Justice Department.

As a practicing attorney for the past 30+ years, I know that many people, when facing some of the most challenging times of their lives, often depend on Justice Department services. When we fail to provide those resources, our fellow citizens are forced to suffer in silence.

This lack of funding has led the Violence Against Women Act to expire, jeopardizing protections for domestic abuse and sexual assault victims. Constituents in my district, who provide assistance to these survivors through such fine organizations as Turning Point of Lehigh Valley, and the Crime Victims Council, have said that their programs could soon be at risk.

And because of Washington's failure to fund programs like the Victims of Crime Act Assistance Grant Program, organizations that look out for children suffering abuse aren't getting the resources they need either.

As promised, when this shutdown began, I will be making regular charitable contributions to individuals and agencies in my district who are adversely affected by the shutdown, but that will, by no means, offset loss of Federal funding.

Our constituents are suffering, and they need us to act.

END THE TRUMP SHUTDOWN NOW

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

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, the U.S. Government, the greatest Nation on Earth, should never shut down. Never. It is outrageous, it is totally unnecessary, and it must end immediately.

Today, 800,000 Federal workers who go to work every day to serve this Nation and the American people won't get