

Born Alive Act, which will require all healthcare providers to give babies who survive abortions the same level of care as other newborns and to ensure that they are immediately admitted to a hospital. The illegal fetal tissue trafficking industry profits most from abortions that increase the likelihood of a live birth. Congress must provide born-alive infants with lifesaving care, not exploit, kill, and sell them to the highest bidder.

I am also introducing the Prenatal Nondiscrimination Act, or PRENDA, which will prohibit sex-selection abortions or forcing a woman to obtain a sex-selection abortion. The sad truth is that victims of sex-selected abortions are overwhelmingly female. It is estimated that 117 million girls are demographically missing from around the world due to sex-selection abortions, infanticide, and other forms of gender-based violence.

Girls are targeted for abortions not only in countries like China and India, but right here in the United States. These abortions victimize both mother and daughter and have no place in a just society.

Mr. Speaker, there is so much bipartisan work we can do to protect America's mothers and babies, and I hope we can act together to serve and protect all God's children.

I thank all of those who will march for life this week. I stand with them, and I will continue to fight and pray for the day when abortion is not only illegal but is unthinkable.

RECOGNIZING SAM JOHNSON FOR DECADES OF SERVICE TO UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TAYLOR) for 5 minutes.

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand here today as the Representative for Texas' Third Congressional District. This district was first represented by William Thomas Clark, a general in the Union Army in 1870. Since then, 19 people have represented the district, including myself. Most recently, a true American hero, Congressman Sam Johnson, represented the Third District in the Congress for 28 years.

Prior to that, Congressman Johnson was in the U.S. Air Force. As I like to say, he shot down his first MiG in Korea. He served a ground tour in Vietnam, and in his second tour of Vietnam, on his 46th mission, he was flying his jet over an enemy gun position when his gun jammed. He did a circle around. He flew a second time, and that time, he was shot down. He then went to the Hanoi Hilton. There, he survived pernicious beatings and torture.

But, Mr. Speaker, do you know what? Despite the tremendous pressure that he was under, Sam Johnson was unique among the prisoners of the Hanoi Hilton in that he never broke; he never

gave in; and he never wavered in his patriotism, his faith in God, his courage, his sacrifices, and his commitment to this country.

America is eternally grateful for his service.

After he got back from the Hanoi Hilton, he came back to his beloved Shirley and his children back in Texas. He was in the Air Force for a while, and then he went into business.

But he wanted to continue to serve. In 1984, he ran for the Texas House of Representatives, and he was elected in the Third District in a special election in 1991.

Here in the United States Congress, he served for 28 years. He served on the Ways and Means Committee and continued to be an icon of virtue, a paragon of service, and a man whose shoes I can never truly fill but in whose footsteps I resolve to try to walk in.

RIGHT TO LIFE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about a fundamental human right, a right declared to be an inalienable right by our Founders who proclaimed we are all created equal and have the God-given right to live—to live freely and to pursue happiness.

Our Founding Fathers carefully articulated that life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are the human rights that encompass the American way and are the logical foundation for freedom.

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Unfortunately, it seems that Planned Parenthood has a logic problem. The CEO of Planned Parenthood tweeted just last week that the organization's "core mission is providing, protecting, and expanding access to abortion and reproductive healthcare." And she called the procedure of an abortion a "fundamental human right."

Mr. Speaker, abortion is not a human right. Abortion, to the contrary, is death. Abortion is the antithesis of life, the fundamental human right.

For years, we have been fed the same argument that Planned Parenthood operates to ensure women's health and prenatal care, but straight from their CEO, we know this is not the truth. Planned Parenthood's mission is abortion. Planned Parenthood's mission is death, and their actions prove it.

Planned Parenthood ended the fundamental right to life through 321,384 abortions in 2016. That is 881 abortive deaths per day. This means that every 98 seconds a life was extinguished by Planned Parenthood.

The CEO said in the same tweet that the organization "will never back down from that fight" to not only expand access to abortion but to deem it a human right.

Mr. Speaker, as freedom-loving Americans, we must stand on our core

principles that all are created equal, and we cannot back down from the fight to preserve life and to protect those who can't protect themselves.

I look forward to continuing work to ensure that our taxpayer dollars do not fund death and abortion, a procedure that denies the right to live and contradicts the core founding principles of our freedom and our Nation.

IN SUPPORT OF LIFE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support life.

Mr. Speaker, 46 years ago when I was a senior in high school, it was decided by the U.S. Supreme Court, or the U.S. Supreme Court felt, that the United States Constitution required abortion be legal in this country, despite the fact that, for much of the past century, every State in the Union felt that abortion should be made illegal. This decision directly led to the deaths of over 40 million children who should have been living a full life.

John Adams said that our Constitution was meant for moral and religious people. How can a country built for a moral, religious people living under our Constitution allow this to happen?

We know how it happened. About 10 years ago, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg let the cat out of the bag. This decision was meant to prevent the growth in populations we don't want to have too many of, the progressives' dream.

But how did the progressives get their dream? Some politicians sometimes talk about science and say we don't take into account science enough around here.

It is interesting that, in 1973 when this decision was reached, we didn't have ultrasounds. Now, with ultrasounds, it is more apparent than ever that every new baby in that womb is a unique individual, with its heart beating, with its feeling pain. Nevertheless, we continue to ignore that science and continue to allow this horrible stain on our culture.

Indeed, right now, the United States is one of only seven countries to allow late-term abortions. There we are, in the same list as North Korea, China, and Vietnam. I guess you can kind of look back and see why, in the sixties, the progressives would talk about Ho, Ho, Ho Chi Minh and why they wanted the Communists to win in Vietnam. This is probably one of the reasons, the type of country that they like.

Our forefathers wanted this country to be a country that would shed a light on the world. Nevertheless, we appear to be going backwards. The new majority recently brought a bill to the floor to allow the United States to pay for abortions abroad again.

Is this what we want America to be known for: the United States telling

countries all around the world that abortion should be legal and the government should be paying for abortion? What a stain on the moral record of the United States of America.

This is the week of the March for Life. I would like to thank all the people from the State of Wisconsin who are there and come here diligently every year, hoping the people in this city, both the justices and the politicians, realize that this murder of almost a million people a year must end.

I would like to thank them and hope that this is the last year that we have to continue this debate and that, finally, by this year, this time, we one more time think that life is precious and our government will not continue to allow the premature snuffing out of life.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 21 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Thank You, O Lord, for giving us another day.

We call upon You this day to be with our Nation during these difficult times. Thousands are without work, services are diminishing, futures are increasingly precarious.

May Your spirit impel those who are empowered to do so to bring resolution to the current shutdown. In such a contentious time, may humility be manifest in the exchange of opposing positions, that all might find relief, and those charged with serving to secure our safe travel and our borders can be properly compensated in a timely fashion.

Lord, have mercy on us.

May everything we do be for Your greater honor and glory.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BANKS)

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BANKS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, today marks the 26th day of President Trump's irresponsible and destructive government shutdown. Not only has the shutdown resulted in hundreds of thousands of Americans being put on furlough, but it has also inflicted long-term damage to our Nation's research and development enterprise.

During my 26 years on the Science Committee, I have witnessed the consequences of our Federal science and technology agencies being forced to shut their doors; namely, science suffers and U.S. innovation falters. We fall behind and fail to compete globally as our competitors strengthen their own investments in R&D.

Researchers who rely on regular funding from now-closed agencies are struggling to keep their projects afloat as they miss important deadlines and have crucial gaps in data. We are seeing contractors that work in coordination with the Federal Government being furloughed, with no promise of back pay when the President's temper tantrum is finally over.

We hope to get back on course. If we want to remain a global leader in innovation, we must end this shutdown.

REMEMBERING MOFFATT BURRISS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, South Carolinians are celebrating the life and achievements of Moffatt Burriss, Sr., who passed away last week at the age of 99.

He should always be remembered for his valiant service in the Army, liberating Europe during World War II. This was chronicled in his autobiography, "Strike and Hold." His heroism led to the capture of the Nijmegen bridge in the Netherlands. It is the basis of the movie, "A Bridge Too Far."

Upon his return, he established an extraordinary family, business success, and, as the first State house caucus leader, was a pioneer in developing the

modern Republican majority in South Carolina.

My wife, Roxanne, and I offer our deepest sympathy to the Burriss family.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

DISASTER RELIEF AMENDMENT

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

Mr. HARDER of California. Madam Speaker, today, I rise on behalf of the communities affected by the devastating wildfires in northern California.

These past few months have been a trying time for our community. Entire towns were destroyed, crops were burned, and thousands of families were left with nowhere to call home. My relatives' home was completely destroyed in the Paradise fire.

In my district, we had to wear masks because of the terrible air quality. Farmers throughout our region took a huge hit with missing livestock and crops ruined by thick ash.

Today, I am proud to lead a bipartisan amendment bringing \$1.9 billion in relief to our farmers for crop and livestock losses during the fire. This is incredibly important to my district, and it is just the start in helping our communities rebuild. It is also a perfect example of how we can put party labels aside, actually work together, and do what we were sent here to do: help people.

I know a lot of people in my district are frustrated we can't even work together to keep our government open. I am frustrated, too. Let this be an example and a sign that, out of tragic loss, we can remember what actually unites us.

BORDER SECURITY

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

Mr. WILLIAMS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the crisis on the southern border. I stand with the President and my colleagues in the House and Senate in their calls for securing our southern border.

As the former secretary of state of Texas, I was the chief liaison for the Texas Border and Mexican Affairs. My experience in that role taught me that our border was vulnerable, and, sadly, that remains true today.

While I was Texas' secretary of state and now as the representative for Texas' 25th District, I am encouraged by all that our Border Patrol and Federal law enforcement agents do to protect this great Nation. However, I am disappointed that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have abandoned reason and asked these patriots to do more with less.