

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. HOYER moves to refer the resolution to the Committee on Ethics.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Maryland is recognized 1 hour.

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I am moving to refer this resolution to the Committee on Ethics.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the motion.

The previous question was ordered.

The motion to refer was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REOPEN THE GOVERNMENT

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

Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL. Madam Speaker, Daniel Garcia-Barbon has been an air traffic controller for 10 years at Miami International Airport. It has been his life's dream to help passengers travel our skies. But last Friday Daniel was one of thousands of Floridians who received a pay stub in the amount of zero. He was forced to cancel his 4-year-old's birthday, and he is unsure how much longer he can afford to support his family.

Our government is failing our public servants.

I would like to ask this President and the Republican Party if they understand the value of the work that Daniel and thousands of other Floridians do to keep us safe.

We Floridians have weathered many storms, including this shutdown, but we always come together. Just this weekend, I witnessed kindness from an owner of a creole restaurant in the airport who was offering lunches to Federal employees.

This shutdown must end. It is preposterous to punish thousands of Americans for political gain. The Senate has a constitutional duty, and it must rein in this reckless President.

Madam Speaker, today, once again, I stand here before you to implore the Senate to reopen the government.

HOOR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. UNDERWOOD). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM DAY

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today on Religious Freedom Day to celebrate the numerous faiths that people hold across this great Nation.

Today we commemorate the 233rd anniversary of the passing of a State law that has shaped and secured our important legacy of religious liberty. On January 16, 1786, the Virginia General Assembly passed the Virginia Statute of Religious Freedom. The bill, written by Thomas Jefferson, states: "All men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain, their opinions in matters of religion."

Just a few years later, this bill served as the inspiration for the First Amendment, which affirms our right to choose and exercise faith without government coercion or retaliation.

Today, Americans from diverse ethnic and religious backgrounds remain committed to the values of faith, honesty, integrity, and patriotism.

Madam Speaker, our Constitution and laws guarantee Americans the right not just to believe as they see fit, but to freely exercise their religion. We observe this day in our homes, schools, and houses of worship because we have the freedom and the right to do so.

DEMOCRATS STAND FOR HUMANITY

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I think it is important for us to know what just happened today.

Democrats stood on the floor, unanimously, to open the government. Democrats stood on the floor, unanimously, to be able to provide for desperate Americans suffering from devastating floods, hurricanes, and wildfires.

Yes, we helped our friends in the Northern Mariana Islands for our good colleague to stand on the floor and to have amendments that would provide Medicaid for his constituents. Democrats stood for the humanity of Americans.

Democrats are also standing for our Coast Guard, members who are on the front lines everywhere around this Nation and in our seas stopping drugs and saving people.

Democrats are simply asking that there be humanity in this Congress, in this House, for those who understand TSAs are trying to do their job without food or gas.

Democrats are asking for Senator MCCONNELL to put our bills that were just passed to open the government on the Senate floor and to act like there is leadership in this Nation, to send them to the President.

Mr. President, sign the bill to open the government now and stand for what America is: a nation that cares.

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STAND FOR LIFE

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

Mr. BIGGS. Madam Speaker, early next week, America marks the dark anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's decision of *Roe v. Wade*.

Since that date, over 60 million babies have been aborted. Those babies had no voice to defend themselves.

The tide is turning, though. Thanks to President Trump and a pro-life Congress the last 2 years, we have continued to take a stand for life in legislation, through executive action, and in the courts. There is much to do to make sure that every baby is protected under our law yet.

I am especially grateful that Arizona was recently recognized as the most protective of life in the United States. Thank you to all the officials and advocates who work tirelessly to make this happen.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, let's be clear. The longest shutdown in our history is not about border security. Both Democrats and Republicans agree we need strong border security; we need new technology; we need stronger ports of entry; and we need more personnel.

But the President is tossing aside what we agree upon so that he can hit taxpayers for \$5 billion for his wall, and he is making 800,000 hardworking Federal employees and contractors, and their loved ones, pay an even higher price right now.

I have heard from constituents who should be working as aviation safety inspectors to keep our skies safe. Instead, one is waiting in the unemployment office. One cabin safety inspector is struggling to pay for cancer medication. Another is negotiating a payment plan for his mother's care, and his mother is an 88-year-old veteran living with dementia.

Let's end the pain of this shutdown, reopen the government, get Federal workers back on the job and being paid. We can work together to strengthen our borders, and we can treat asylum seekers with respect.

WHAT WOULD DR. KING SAY?

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

Mr. MARSHALL. Madam Speaker, on April 3, 1968, the Reverend Martin Luther King gave what the world didn't know would be his final speech. Seven times in that address, Dr. King said, "But I wouldn't stop there," as he spoke of his dreams for a better world.