

Services Appropriations Bill, which provides more than \$23 billion to partially re-open the government.

This important bill would reopen the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)—ensuring hardworking families receive their tax returns on time. It would also help to restart the taxpayer assistance centers, which serve approximately 2.5 million citizens monthly.

This shutdown is affecting real lives, Madam Speaker; real people.

According to the Washington Post, IRS furloughed employee Krystle Kirkpatrick, said she and her family of four can scrape along on her partner's machinist salary for a while, but she's already thinking about signing up to be a plasma donor to earn extra cash—that's only an extra \$200.

Let me reiterate. A federal employee is considering becoming a plasma donor—because her paycheck, from her federal government job, won't be coming in the mail.

This is no way to run a country.

Madam Speaker, the Trump shutdown is hurting real families and it's hurting our economy. Let's pass this bill.

Let's get the government back open and get workers their paychecks.

I urge my colleagues to vote yes on the Financial Services Bill.

IN MEMORY OF THOMAS H.  
DOOLEY

**HON. JOE COURTNEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 22, 2019*

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Thomas H. Dooley, a prominent attorney and businessman from Vernon, CT, who passed away on January 6, 2019.

Born in 1934 to Lawrence and Lauretta Dooley, Tom was raised in Middletown, New York and graduated from Clarkson University in 1956 with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. He subsequently joined the U.S. Army, serving his country for two years before beginning his career with the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company as an assistant claims examiner. Soon thereafter Tom enrolled at UCONN School of Law where he was editor of the UCONN Law Review and a Starr Fellow. Tom graduated in 1964 and became a partner at Flaherty & Dooley Law Firm. Tom eventually returned to Connecticut General Life Insurance, this time as an Assistant Counsel in their legal department. Eventually he moved into a management position becoming Second Vice President of Group Insurance Operations. Then, in 1985 he became Executive Vice President of CIGNA and President of Connecticut General.

Tom did not slow down after his retirement in 1992. He became Executive-in-Residence at the University of Hartford and taught at Manchester Community College and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Graduate Center. He also chaired Connecticut's Citizen's Ethics Advisory Board from 2010 to 2011 and was trustee emeritus at his alma mater, Clarkson.

Tom was not just a businessman and attorney; he was also a public servant. He was the attorney for the town of Vernon for several

years as well as a town council member and deputy mayor in our hometown of Vernon. He even served in the Connecticut General Assembly from 1970 to 1974.

Madam Speaker, on a personal note, I had the privilege of knowing Tom Dooley for many years since I practiced law with his former partner Leo Flaherty for over twenty years. Leo and Tom remained good friends after Tom left their partnership and because he was such a talented lawyer, all of us in the firm frequently looked to him for advice on thorny legal issues, for which he was happy to provide well-thought out and sound advice. Tom's two terms in the Connecticut General Assembly from Vernon's 56th Assembly District preceded my own election to that seat which I held from 1986 to 1994. I can attest to the fact that his outstanding legacy and reputation at the state Capitol still resonated years after his departure. His record of ethics and professionalism in the practice of law and public service in the political arena is an example that all should emulate.

Lastly his devotion to his beloved wife Antoinette and all their children and grandchildren who are leading successful lives is another life achievement that will ensure his memory will live on. Tom Dooley made eastern Connecticut a better place, and we are all better off because of him. I ask my colleagues to please join me in honoring Tom's life and memory and expressing our deepest sympathies for his family and friends.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. PETER WELCH**

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 22, 2019*

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on Roll Call 38. I would have voted "Nay" on Roll Call 38 had I been there.

#### THE TANF EXTENSION ACT OF 2019

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 22, 2019*

Ms. LEE of California. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 430, the TANF Extension Act of 2019. This bill would provide a much-needed short-term TANF extension through June 30, 2019.

TANF, unfortunately, expired in December and many states, including my home state of California, are unable to pick up the lack of federal funding for this program. So, this bill is not only necessary, it's incredibly timely.

Madam Speaker, more than 3.4 million struggling working moms and dads are on TANF, providing critical income, childcare, and employment support.

But, sadly TANF does not reach enough families, especially families of color. For every 100 families living in poverty, only 23 receive direct financial assistance from TANF—down from 68 families in 1996.

Let me be clear—funding for the TANF program has not kept pace with the growing need in our country. As a result, 4 out of 5 children living in poverty are not being reached.

And for those families with 50 percent below the poverty line their situation is even worse. In 2015, TANF only lifted 349,000 children out of deep poverty.

Because of this, many families are forced to choose between paying their rent, putting food on the table, or paying their medical bills.

This is outrageous. This program literally does not fulfill its mission—which is to reduce child poverty.

Madam Speaker, I was in the California legislature on the conference committee that negotiated California's TANF program—and let me tell you—I voted against my own conference committee's report because as a former welfare recipient myself, I didn't want to see more welfare recipients being penalized with onerous work requirements with no real incentive or job supports to actually help women—and men—obtain good-paying jobs.

And while I am pleased to support this vital short-term TANF extension, I hope that we can get to work with changing TANF to ensure that it is reaching more poor families and helping them meet their basic needs.

With that, I urge my colleagues to vote yes on this bill and let's ensure that we strengthen and improve TANF moving forward.

IN HONOR OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE  
SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION (NHSA)

**HON. ANN M. KUSTER**

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, January 22, 2019*

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association (NHSA) and their charitable fund raising event that helps provide summer camp experiences to underprivileged, disabled and challenged children.

The New Hampshire Snowmobile Association is made up of 105 independently incorporated Snowmobile Clubs across the Granite State. They work together as a unified voice to speak for support of snowmobiling and to promote it as a safe family recreation. Member clubs voluntarily maintain and groom 7,000 miles of recreational trails that interconnect with Maine, Vermont, and Canada. These trails are a major economic driver, generating more than \$580 million dollars of economic activity annually.

Every year for the past 47 years, they have partnered with Easter Seals and hold the annual New Hampshire Snowmobile Association Easter Seals Ride, where clubs from across the state gather to compete and challenge each other to raise money for Easter Seals Camp Sno-Mo. Camp Sno-Mo is for children with disabilities and unique healthcare needs. Camp Sno-Mo is in Gilmingtton Iron Works, New Hampshire.

Since the inception of the Easter Seals Ride-in in the 1970's, the group has raised more than \$3.2 million. Those proceeds ensure more than 100 children attend camp each year.

It is a privilege and an honor to recognize the New Hampshire Snowmobile Association, its member clubs, and their membership for their commitment and volunteerism for nearly five decades. Countless children who may