

RECOGNIZING WORK OF CUSTOMS, BORDER PATROL AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to speak about our recent trip, on Friday, to Calexico, California, on the southern border between California and Mexico, with President Trump and several of my colleagues here from the House.

What really stood out the most to me on this visit was the dedicated men and women who do this important work along the border from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. Border Patrol. They did make it very clear to us in the group that they don't currently have the personnel, the funding, the infrastructure, and even the commitment by Congress to do everything they need to do to get their job done well.

This includes the continued need for a physical barrier along the border, which they have seen and have demonstrated works very well. They reinforced that fences do, indeed, work. They serve as chokepoints for those who are trying to come across the border illegally. We have much to do in this department if we are going to have a secure border.

For this time, my hat is off to them for the great work they do and for being honest with us about what needs to be done so they can do their jobs well instead of watching them go right on by into our country.

RECOGNIZING GRIFF DOYLE

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Griff Doyle, who retired as the University of Georgia's vice president of government relations on Friday, March 22. Mr. Doyle dedicated 40 years to good government throughout Georgia, and a large part of his career has been crucial to UGA becoming a premier public university in this country.

Before he started with the university, he worked with the Georgia Public Policy Foundation, with former Governor George Busbee, and as an assistant U.S. attorney in the State.

Experiences like these gave him a priceless breadth of knowledge that enabled him to be one of the most important figures at the University of Georgia.

While at the university, he educated Members of Congress on the latest research projects and secured funding necessary to move those projects forward, keeping UGA itself, the State of Georgia, and our entire Nation as global research leaders.

He also contributed directly to the students by placing 40 interns annually

in congressional offices and even teaching seminars in government.

Thank you, Griff, for your personal friendship and for your dedication to our State and our beloved University of Georgia. Your work has truly been invaluable. Enjoy your retirement.

CALLING FOR A BUDGET PLAN

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

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, where is the proposed budget plan? We just voted to approve the use of the Capitol Grounds for a soapbox derby, but we can't vote on the budget?

Article I of the Constitution gives Congress the primary responsibility of creating spending priorities for the Nation. The President submitted his budget weeks ago. Rather than fulfilling this obligation to govern, House leadership is asleep at the wheel.

It is irresponsible to not allow us to vote on a budget resolution. We are more than \$22 trillion in debt. We can't continue this broken process. The American people deserve to see the Speaker's spending priorities and know where taxpayer dollars are going to be spent.

Mr. Speaker, I say to Speaker PELOSI, show me your budget. Let's vote on a budget. Let's get to work.

CELEBRATING THE 2019 MASTERS

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, this week in Augusta, Georgia, we celebrate a tradition unlike any other: bringing together the most elite golfers in the world to take on the prestigious Augusta National Golf Club for the first major of the year, the 2019 Masters Tournament.

The first full week of April in my hometown of Augusta is always filled with excitement and great competition, creating one of the most electrifying atmospheres in all of sports.

This year, I am thrilled that a new tradition has unfolded. This past Saturday, the inaugural Augusta National Women's Amateur took place at the famed Augusta National for the first time.

I congratulate the entire field for their stellar performance and especially our women's amateur champion, Jennifer Kupcho.

I also thank Chairman Ridley, the membership of Augusta National, and all the volunteers for their continued success in conducting the finest competition in sports and in growing the game of golf worldwide.

This special week allows the world to get a glimpse into Georgia's 12th District and the wonderful people who live and work there. I am looking forward to the final round on Sunday and the

2019 champion putting on that coveted green jacket. The tradition that encompasses the Masters is truly special.

CLOSING THE IMMIGRATION LOOPHOLE

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

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the worsening humanitarian and national security crisis on our southern border. In the past 6 months alone, over 200,000 migrants have been detained by the Border Patrol, nearly twice as many as the previous year.

Currently, caravans of migrants are headed north with little to no opposition by neighboring governments. The U.S. must demand regional cooperation. While fleeing their countries to escape poverty, gang violence, and crime, they fall victim to coyotes and criminals on the trek to our border, including women and children.

Our immigration facilities are too full to house, and our court systems are too burdened to process, these cases. This results in migrants being released into America, most never to be seen again.

We have a moral obligation to American families across this land to close these immigration loopholes, secure our borders, and restore the rule of law.

Congress must fix our broken immigration system, and we must do it now.

RECOGNIZING THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF NCMEC

(Ms. FOXX of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the 35th anniversary of the founding of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, NCMEC.

Every child deserves a safe childhood, but each year, hundreds of thousands of children are abducted, abused, and exploited. NCMEC serves as the national clearinghouse and coordinated response center to locate missing children, combat sexual exploitation, and prevent victimization.

NCMEC's impact cannot be overstated. Since its founding in 1984, NCMEC has assisted law enforcement and families with more than 25,000 cases of missing children and helped to identify more than 16,700 children who were victims of sexual abuse. Thanks to NCMEC's efforts, law enforcement has successfully recovered more than 290,000 missing children.

NCMEC's dedication to serving vulnerable children and their families is remarkable, and I am proud to honor NCMEC as it continues its tireless efforts to bring children home.