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Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the critical need to pass the USMCA, a trade agreement for the 21st century. The USMCA would expand our markets, add \$63 billion to the economy, and create 176,000 new jobs, with thousands of those jobs coming to Minnesota.

When I am back in Minnesota's Eighth Congressional District meeting farmers, workers, and businessmen and -women alike, I am often asked why Congress has not yet passed the USMCA, even though it was signed by the President nearly a year ago. And my answer is this: If we voted on the USMCA today, it would pass the House with strong bipartisan support.

Unfortunately, Democratic leadership's refusal to bring this critical trade agreement to the House floor for a vote continues, and uncertainty remains for millions of Americans.

Pursuing partisan impeachment rather than clinching bipartisan wins for the American worker, is not what a majority of the American people sent us here to do. Enough is enough. I urge Democratic leadership to stop playing politics and join the rest of us in working for the American people.

The time to pass the USMCA is now.

LOWERING PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES

(Ms. CRAIG asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, the number one issue that my constituents have asked me to address is the price of healthcare and, especially, the cost of prescription drugs. It is long past time for commonsense legislation to end the ban on price negotiation for drugs for our Nation's Medicare patients.

This one action will hold Big Pharma accountable and encourage more competition. That is why the special interests have opposed H.R. 3, because it forces them to lower their prices for U.S. patients.

We can use the money saved to lower premiums, cap out-of-pocket costs for our Nation's seniors, and invest in the National Institutes of Health's life-saving research and innovation.

These are decisions that impact real people. Take my constituent from Rosemount. He has Crohn's disease and takes a medication called Canasa. When he started taking the drug, it was \$100 for a 30-day supply. Over the past 10 years, that has skyrocketed to \$1,500 a month. In Canada, that same drug costs \$75 a month.

It is time to stop talking and take action.

JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION ONE WALK

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, I walked in the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation One Walk at Segra Park, home of the famous Columbia Fireflies. I am grateful to have been able to support such an important cause and walk in support of eradicating type 1 diabetes.

The money raised at the JDRF One Walk in Columbia supports life-changing research that gives hope to those impacted by type 1 diabetes. It is an autoimmune disease that strikes suddenly and is serious and stressful to families, challenging families across our district.

Currently, there is nothing that can be done to prevent type 1 diabetes and there is no cure. JDRF is a leader in funding diabetes research, motivated by their vision of a world without type 1 diabetes. This organization works tirelessly to improve the lives of those affected by this disease by accelerating life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent, and treat diabetes.

I appreciate JDRF Palmetto Chapter Development Director Beth McCrary for her hard work and success in coordinating the JDRF Walk in Columbia and for her advocacy for ending type 1 diabetes.

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

FUNDING THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH DECEMBER 20, 2019

(Mrs. LAWRENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. LAWRENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the continuing resolution to fund our government.

Unfortunately, it breaks my heart that we have not been able to do our job and reach a consensus on a budget, but we will not be shutting down our government. The bill ensures that the Federal Government does not shut down a week before Americans celebrate Thanksgiving with their families, preventing countless Federal employees from being forced to work without a paycheck.

For my home State of Michigan, this continuing resolution repeals section 1438 of the FAST Act, which would rescind over \$7 billion in highway funding from the States. This repeal would protect over \$300 million in critical funding for Michigan, which is needed for our highways.

I am also thrilled that the continuing resolution provides a 3 percent pay increase for our Nation's servicemembers who devote their lives to protecting our Nation.

While the House and Senate use this additional month to continue negotiating complete fiscal year funding, I urge the Senate to include House language that would include increased

funding for maternal mortality, environmental protection, and programs that give women and families a better chance.

DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER ADVERTISING COSTS IN THE UNITED STATES

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

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to bring awareness today to a challenge that most Americans face every day with the high cost of their prescribed medications.

Since 2010, the practicing cost of drugs in the United States has risen by close to 10 percent per year. As a physician, I see patients who forgo their medications because they simply cannot afford them.

In 1996, the United States' use of direct-to-consumer advertising began a skyrocketing climb such that, today, 8 out of the top 10 pharmaceutical companies in the U.S. spend more on advertising than they do on research, personnel, or manufacturing. In fact, we are only one of two countries in the world that allow this practice, and this is a major reason why we have the highest cost of medications in the world.

As a physician, I am often put in the unenviable position of explaining to a patient why the drug they see on TV is not the right drug for them and why. Patients ask their doctor about this medication, only for them to receive entirely different advice from their physician who diagnoses their illness.

Yes, I am an ardent supporter of free speech, yet I would ask the American public: Is it worth it to you to pay up to 25 percent more for your medications just to see them advertised on television?

So rather than investing billions of dollars in advertising, pharmaceutical companies could be decreasing the cost of medications or using that money for cure research.

I ask for bipartisan support of this measure.

LEGAL IMMIGRATION MAKES OUR COUNTRY GREAT

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

Mr. BUDD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to showcase why legal immigration makes our country great.

Earlier this month, I had the opportunity to give a keynote address at a naturalization ceremony for new U.S. citizens. I awarded 68 new Americans with their citizenship certificates and spoke with their families and their loved ones. Being a part of that ceremony reinforced my patriotism and my belief in our country.

We want the best and the brightest from around the world to come to our