

shores, and we want them to do it the right way. That is part of the American story.

So let no one claim that being tough on illegal immigration has to mean that you in any way oppose immigrants. It is actually quite the opposite. We want people to come to the United States the American way, the legal way, so they can pursue their American Dream.

REMEMBERING THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember President Lincoln's famous remarks in Gettysburg, 156 years ago today.

In the Gettysburg Address, President Lincoln expressed some of the most important American values in just 272 words. At the time, President Lincoln said: "The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here."

Over the past 150 years, the world still remembers the service of those who fought in Gettysburg, including my great-grandfather.

We continue to remember and to cherish what President Lincoln said there, and we remain resolved "that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth."

It is my privilege to represent Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in the United States House of Representatives and to highlight our region's significant role in American history.

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FOOD BANKS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SUPPORTING FAMILIES WHO NEED A HELPING HAND

(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. Mr. Speaker, this weekend I had the pleasure of joining volunteers of my district at the Port Matilda Baptist Church for the monthly CommonFood distribution event.

CommonFood is an organization that works to provide underserved and underemployed elderly, single-parent families, and low-income families in western Centre County with nutritious food.

CommonFood feeds approximately 140 to 150 families in the area. Each month these families receive a box of food valued at approximately \$150 filled with meat, produce, and nonperishables.

Organizations like CommonFood and our Nation's food banks play an impor-

tant role in supporting families who may need a helping hand. Through the USDA's Emergency Food Assistance Program, States are provided with food that is then distributed to local food banks and soup kitchens. These organizations then distribute quality ingredients to low-income households who are, in turn, able to provide their families with nutritious meals.

Organizations that provide emergency food assistance play an important role in the lives of low-income families, and they deserve our support. I am proud to support the farm bill that provides that type of support.

CONGRATULATING LOYALSOCK LANCERS MARCHING BAND

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

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the people of Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District, I congratulate the Loyalsock Lancers Marching Band on their recent State championship at the 2019 Cavalcade of Bands.

The Lancers 2019 show entitled, "Heart of the Machine," Tin Man's journey to finding his heart, has been noted as leaving fans on their feet cheering during halftime events at football games and during their competition season.

The Loyalsock Lancers Marching Band has a rich history of success, winning the 2017 Cavalcade of Bands, being 20-time Tournament of Bands Region 4 champions, and marching in the National Outback Bowl parade. The band is the only band in North America to open for the performing group DRUMLine Live.

Even given this rich history of achievement, band director Ryan Bulgarelli said that the 2019 Lancers are possibly the best in school history. Again, I congratulate the Loyalsock Lancers Marching Band on their recent State championship.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER HOUSE AMENDMENT TO SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 1865, NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT MUSEUM COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to take from the Speaker's table the bill, H.R. 1865, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention of any point of order, a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or her designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment with the amendment submitted for printing by Representative LOWEY of New York in the portion of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII; that the Senate amendment and the motion be considered as read; that the motion be debatable for 1 hour equally divided

and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations; that the previous question be considered as ordered on the motion to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question; and that House Resolution 708 be laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 3055, COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, TRANSPORTATION, AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 708 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 708

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 3055) making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce and Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention of any point of order, a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or her designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment with an amendment inserting the text of Rules Committee Print 116-38 in lieu of the matter proposed to be inserted by the Senate. The Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The motion shall be debatable for one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to its adoption without intervening motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Massachusetts?

There was no objection.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, the Rules Committee met and

reported a rule, House Resolution 708, providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 3055. One hour of general debate has been provided, controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

Mr. Speaker, funding the government may seem like an arcane exercise to some watching this debate today, but it is the most basic responsibility any Member of Congress has. And failure to follow through could be devastating.

Remember what happened during the Trump shutdown? The President and Republican leaders who controlled the Congress then caused the longest government shutdown in American history.

Hundreds of Federal workers were forced to miss paychecks. The men and women who keep our country safe struggled to put food on the table. Members of the Coast Guard, FBI agents, Border Patrol officers, and TSA agents waited in long lines at food banks to provide for their families. Millions of households were at risk of experiencing a gap in their SNAP benefits without a backup plan. And I could go on and on.

These debates are not just some abstract political exercise. They have real-life consequences. And that is why this majority passed bills to fund roughly 96 percent of the Federal Government earlier this year, but Leader MCCONNELL and Senate Republicans couldn't get their work done.

So today we find ourselves needing to take action, once again, before funding runs out later this week. And, once again, this majority is not shirking its responsibilities. We are taking the lead through a bill that not only keeps the lights on, it addresses the most critical budget priorities we face.

In addition to funding the government through December 20, the underlying measure also gives our military a 3.1 percent pay raise. It fully funds a fair and accurate 2020 Census, and it keeps critical public health programs going for another month, so consumers don't see a gap in care. Families, businesses, and communities need this certainty while talks continue on a longer-term deal.

Just as important as what is here, Mr. Speaker, is what is not here. There are no controversial policy provisions, nothing designed to make Members run to their partisan corners. This is simply about whether key programs remain authorized and funded, whether members of our military are able to avoid the pain of budget uncertainty, and whether we guarantee an accurate 2020 Census.

You know, we fight about a lot of issues on this floor, but this bill should not be one of them. I know President Trump's disposition is to govern by tweet. That is what helped bring on the last Republican shutdown. I don't know if he has logged on in the last few minutes and tried to throw a wrench into the process, but I hope that re-

gardless of what he does or doesn't say in the next few days, Republicans will join us in agreeing that we should not be shutting the government down.

We should pass this bill. We should allow appropriators to have more time to negotiate and continue this process in an orderly way. Make no mistake, this majority will continue fighting hard for our priorities. We are going to keep defending vital programs, and we will be providing a check on the Trump administration. But we are going to fight for what we believe in while averting another costly shutdown because it is the right thing to do, and it is the responsible thing to do.

I don't expect that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are always going to share our priorities, but I do know that there are many in the House, and I include my ranking member who was also an appropriator in that category, who is sincerely dedicated to making sure we do our job to making sure we fund our government, to making sure that we achieve a reasonable compromise, and to making sure that we avoid another shutdown that has such catastrophic effects.

So I urge all my colleagues to join with us. Let's allow more time for talks to continue while saying enough to government shutdowns.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank my good friend, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Chairman MCGOVERN) for yielding me the customary 30 minutes, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we are here on a bill that represents one of the most fundamental roles of the United States Congress, and that is to fund the government, and to keep it open.

This continuing resolution ensures critical government funding will remain in place through December 20. While short-term measures are never ideal, this extension of funding is necessary to ensure that the House and the Senate can continue to negotiate and reach agreement on a full-year appropriation for fiscal year 2020.

As Members of Congress, we are obligated each year to pass legislation that funds the government and keeps it open so that it can continue to provide services that many of our constituents are counting on. With today's bill, we ensure that the government remains open until December 20, which will give Congress time to reach an agreement funding the entire government for the rest of the fiscal year.

This continuing resolution not only maintains government funding, but it also rightly extends authorizations for some key programs that otherwise would expire, programs like community health centers, a special diabetes program, and the special diabetes program for Native Americans. And we are also adding an adjustment to raise pay for our members of the armed services by 3.1 percent.

Even though it is good news that we are preventing a government shutdown with this continuing resolution—as my friend knows, I certainly plan to support it when it comes to the floor—to-day's measure sadly represents a missed opportunity for the House of Representatives. The fact that we are here today on our second continuing resolution of this fiscal year is a reminder that Congress is not getting its work done, at least when it comes to appropriations.

Last year, despite the fact that we were in the midst of an election cycle, Congress still managed to get appropriations bills covering 80 percent of full-year spending passed into law by the start of the fiscal year. Today, by contrast, we have passed exactly zero appropriations bills into law, despite being almost 2 months into the fiscal year.

This state of affairs is disappointing, and while I recognize that this is certainly not entirely the fault of the House of Representatives, we still have yet to pass all 12 bills out of our own House. The job won't get any closer to completion until we pass all 12 appropriations bills for this fiscal year. The American people deserve no less from us and our full attention on this pressing matter.

Again, I share my friend's frustration at this process, but I am actually somewhat optimistic that in the next 30 days we can get that job done and get out of this cycle of continuing resolutions and actually have a fully functional government with 12 appropriations bills. Certainly, I intend to work to achieve that aim. I know my friend and my colleagues on both sides of the aisle on the Appropriations Committee will do that, and I sincerely hope we can be successful.

Mr. Speaker, I urge opposition to the rule, but support for the underlying bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, we don't have any additional speakers on our side, so we are ready to close any time the gentleman is.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I urge opposition to the rule. And while I am encouraged that we are considering a continuing resolution to keep the government open and operating until December 20, our work for this fiscal year is not done. It is not going to be done until we pass all 12 appropriations bills into law.

While the House is focused on other areas, we have neglected some of our key responsibilities in both Chambers, quite frankly, for funding the government for fiscal year 2020. Our constituents demand that we get our job done.

So, Mr. Speaker, again, I reiterate my commitment. I know the commitment of my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee, on both sides of the aisle, to work diligently to come to an agreement so we can we can bring before this body compromised legislation between a Republican Senate and

a Democratic House, legislation that we can all, frankly, send to the President with a great deal of pride. This underlying legislation gives us the time to do that.

I thank my friend for cooperating, and I look forward to working with him on that measure, as well as the eventual completion of the appropriations process.

So, Mr. Speaker, while I oppose the rule, I support the underlying bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

□ 1230

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Let me begin my closing by again thanking the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COLE) not only for his work on the Rules Committee but also for his work on the Appropriations Committee. I think he understands the importance of making sure that we don't have any more government shutdowns, but he also understands that in this place, no matter who is in charge, you don't always get 100 percent of what you want and that sometimes compromise is appropriate and necessary to do the right thing.

Mr. Speaker, as the gentleman knows, we on this side tried to accommodate the minority in terms of the underlying measure, changing the underlying measure at the minority's request. Unfortunately, a Member on the minority side objected, so we were not able to do that, but I do have nothing but the highest respect for the gentleman, and I appreciate his words.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I know that some of my friends on the other side of the aisle would have drafted a different bill if they were in charge. I want my colleagues to know that if I could wave a magic wand and have my own way in everything, I would, too.

For example, I would have removed the 4-month extension of the PATRIOT Act's FISA provision from this bill. I have voted against this program in the past and for bipartisan reforms that would strip the government of this unchecked and, I believe, unconstitutional spying power.

I may be the chairman of the Rules Committee, but I don't believe it should be my way or the highway on everything. I don't believe in blowing up a bipartisan, bicameral negotiation just because I didn't get my own way on a particular provision.

But make no mistake, Mr. Speaker, I hope that we have a standalone and robust debate on the FISA when the extension expires next year. As I said, this is a 4-month extension that we are talking about. Meaningful reforms, I think, are long overdue.

Let me remind my colleagues what is at stake today. 800,000 Americans had their paychecks held hostage for 35 days during the President's last shutdown. Workers couldn't pay their bills. Communities lost access to health and safety services. Our national security was endangered. Our economy was

harmed. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates that it cost us billions of dollars for the President's shutdown.

The choice before us today is whether we are going to vote to cause a repeat of that devastation or not. I think the costs are too high, and I would like to think my Republican friends have learned their lesson.

Look, no one expects either side to stop fighting for what they believe in, but let's do it while the lights are on.

There is really nothing terribly controversial here. This is not a radical proposal. It is about keeping the government funded through December 20, giving the men and women of our military a raise, fully funding the Census, and encouraging Senator MCCONNELL and Senate Republicans to finally get their work done.

House appropriators, I would say in a bipartisan way, did most of their work. The Senate remains a problem on getting a yearlong budget deal.

Quite frankly, if it were possible, the Senate majority leader should be sued for malpractice due to his inaction. But we are where we are, and we should all be able to agree on that. Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge a "yes" vote on this rule and on the underlying bill.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO BURUNDI—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 116-81)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days before the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the na-

tional emergency with respect to the situation in Burundi declared in Executive Order 13712 of November 22, 2015, is to continue in effect beyond November 22, 2019.

The situation in Burundi, which has been marked by killing and other violence against civilians, unrest, the incitement of violence, and significant political repression, and which threatens the peace, security, and stability of Burundi and the region, continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13712 with respect to the situation in Burundi.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, November 19, 2019.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 19, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on November 19, 2019, at 11:07 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 2071.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 36 minutes p.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 (Mr. LARSON of Connecticut) at 1 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 708;

Adoption of House Resolution 708, if ordered; and

Suspending the rules and passing H.R. 5084.