

This first job report of the decade shows that America's economy will continue to thrive in 2020, thanks to President Trump.

Following an acquittal after the impeachment hoax; providing a peace plan for Israel; inspiring the Nation with the State of the Union Address; providing new trade agreements with China, Mexico, and Canada; and the announcement of Opportunity Now, this job report rounds out another week of winning for President Donald Trump.

All Americans celebrate the lowest levels of unemployment ever for African Americans, Hispanics, and Asian Americans.

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

PRESIDENT ON PATH TO BALANCED BUDGET

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

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, no wonder Americans elected a President who struck a chord with voters disappointed with business as usual in Washington and with the fake news media.

This week, after the President released his budget plan, his opponents here on the floor and in the media breathlessly are spouting fake news, falsely claiming that the President's budget cuts Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. But just like seeing the impeachment phone call transcript for themselves that exposed the impeachment as a hoax, every American should look at the budget for themselves and see how fake the claims are that Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid are cut.

In fact, what they would see is a budget that doesn't touch Social Security and Medicare benefits, and they would see a Medicaid budget that not only isn't cut but increases 3.1 percent per year.

By controlling other spending, the President's budget, like all of his three previous budgets, actually sets us on a path to finally balancing our budget.

That is much better than the last administration, which, in 8 years, never, ever submitted a budget that would balance.

RECOGNIZING RANDY ROUTON

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

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my friend, Mr. Randy Routon, for his nearly 34 years of dedicated service in mental health as the CEO of LifePath Systems, a mental health provider in Collin County.

Randy's steadfast leadership helped thousands of families and individuals

throughout our community gain access to life-changing mental healthcare. Randy's inspiring dedication was also illustrated by his role on many boards, committees, task forces, and clubs throughout our community.

I proudly worked with him during my time in the State legislature toward our shared goal of ensuring everyone in Collin County had a chance to receive high-quality mental healthcare.

I know Randy looks forward to spending more time with his wife, Diane, as well their six children and six grandchildren, during his retirement.

Mr. Speaker, as Randy prepares for his next chapter, I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me in thanking Randy for his selfless and dedicated career of serving those around him.

PROTECTING NEWBORNS WHO SURVIVE ABORTION

(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, this week, the Senate Judiciary Committee had a hearing on the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act.

In the House, Democratic leadership continues to block the near 80 times that my Republican colleagues and I have tried to consider this legislation on this floor, let alone even holding a hearing.

I am willing to bet most Americans assume that doctors and nurses will do everything they can to help a baby that has somehow miraculously survived an abortion. They would be surprised and sad to know that that is not always the case.

In 2002, Congress recognized the simple fact that an infant who survives an abortion is indeed a person. So why is there no legal protection for those newborn babies who have run the gauntlet, who survived and have been born alive after a failed abortion attempt?

It is way past the time to hold abortion providers accountable for ensuring the best possible care for any newborn baby, despite what the Governor of Virginia might say, regardless of whether that baby survived an abortion.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my colleagues, Whip STEVE SCALISE and Representative ANN WAGNER, for their great work on this issue. It is time the House passes this important legislation to protect the sanctity of innocent newborn life.

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, February 12, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The 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 February 12, 2020, at 9:36 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H.J. Res. 80.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

ROBERT F. REEVES,
Deputy Clerk.

COLORADO WILDERNESS ACT OF 2019

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. DEGETTE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to insert extraneous material on H.R. 2546.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. LURIA). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 844 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2546.

The Chair appoints the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2546) to designate certain lands in the State of Colorado as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, and for other purposes, with Mr. MCGOVERN in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

General debate shall be confined to the bill and amendments specified in the first section of House Resolution 844 and shall not exceed 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources.

The gentlewoman from Colorado (Ms. DEGETTE) and the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. FULCHER) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Colorado.

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself 5 minutes.

Mr. Chair, I am pleased today to rise in support of H.R. 2546, the Protecting America's Wilderness Act.

As a fourth-generation Coloradan, I know how important our public lands are to the people of my State and to millions of Americans across the West.