

House refuse to work out a bipartisan compromise to keep the Federal Government open. This not only disrupts the lives of millions of Americans, but it may have real harmful economic consequences.

The Trump shutdown sends exactly the wrong message. It projects chaos. It can hurt business confidence, tapping the brakes of economic growth.

In 2013, the last time the congressional leaders shut down the government, the economy took a real hit. The nonpartisan Bureau of Economic Analysis found that the shutdown lowered GDP growth by 0.3 percentage points on an annualized basis. Economic analysts at Moody's, Standard & Poor's, and Goldman Sachs estimated it may have cost our economy \$24 billion, about \$1.5 billion per day.

Our economy depends on faith in our government institutions. Let's not do anything to jeopardize it. Let's stop this dangerous game. Open the government. Fund the government.

URGING SENATE DEMOCRATS TO REOPEN THE GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, last week the House voted to keep the government open with legislation that, on any other day, every Member would have supported. It funded the government and it reauthorized CHIP for 6 years, a program that 24,000 Montana children depend on for their healthcare needs.

On any other day, these proposals would pass with broad bipartisan support, but my colleagues on the other side of the aisle in this Chamber opposed it and 44 Senate Democrats opposed it. And for what?

An unrelated immigration issue that can be addressed before March.

What has been the result of these misplaced priorities?

The government shutdown. More than 2 million servicemen and -women aren't being paid; 9 million American children, including 24,000 in Montana, are losing their healthcare insurance.

My colleagues in the Senate will soon consider reopening the government. I urge them, particularly the 44 Senate Democrats who voted for the Schumer shutdown, to reopen the government, pay our troops, and restore health insurance to children.

PASS A BILL THAT INCLUDES FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS AND OTHER HEALTH PROGRAMS

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, Republicans claim that they have taken care of children's health insurance, but that is not the case. They politicized CHIP

by adding it to this controversial continuing resolution. If they were really interested in children's health, they would have considered passing this bill separately from the continuing resolution, and we could have included funding for community health centers and other health programs critical to our seniors.

Without an extension of funding for community health centers, the future of 142 centers in my State would be in jeopardy. These centers are where more than 200,000 New Jersey kids receive care when they get sick. You can't stand up for children's health when you are refusing to fund community health centers.

For weeks, we had been conducting bipartisan negotiations on CHIP, community health centers, and all of the other extenders that are critical to Medicare and to seniors, but Republicans tossed that all aside in favor, yet again, of partisanship. Republicans decided that the Medicare providers, the safety net hospitals, and community health centers didn't matter.

It is time for the partisanship to end. Let's get back to the negotiating table and work to pass a bill that includes the extenders, CHIP, community health centers, and all of these other healthcare programs. There is no reason we shouldn't be conducting those negotiations today.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to bring up H.R. 4872, the End the Shutdown Act of 2018, a continuing resolution that would immediately reopen the government while negotiations continue on a budget agreement that adheres to parity and other critical issues.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. As the Chair previously advised, that request cannot be entertained absent appropriate clearance.

SCHUMER SHUTDOWN

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, during times of strife and stagnation, the most powerful tool we have at our disposal is the power of prayer.

It is with that in mind that I offer my most heartfelt prayers for the men and women serving in uniform who are going without pay, and for the 9 million children forgoing access to critical healthcare during this Schumer shutdown.

House Republicans fulfilled our bipartisan mission to responsibly fund the government, support our troops, and reauthorize CHIP for the children who rely on the program. The reason that Senator SCHUMER and Senate Democrats shut down the government is plain and simple. They value the demands of illegal immigrants more than they value the needs of American citizens.

It is now the third day of the Schumer shutdown and that is 3 days too

many in my book. I pray that the Senate Democrats who have shut down our government will soon see reason and will fund the government. Our citizens deserve better.

End the Schumer shutdown.

REPUBLICANS NEED TO OFFER MEDICAL EXTENDERS

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to not speak about Alabama winning the national championship.

Mr. Speaker, the reason we are here is because Republicans care more about the extremely wealthy than they do about average American citizens. They got together and passed a tax scam bill that gave 86 percent of the moneys to the top 1 percent in our society.

They gave crumbs to the middle class that will expire, unlike the corporate cuts they gave that will not expire. And then they come up with a children's healthcare plan as a bargaining chip to get what is not a clean CR through, but a CR where they took funds that will help the ACA continue and take those down for 2 years so the ACA is further crippled.

To hear the Republicans talk about their care for healthcare is laughable. They were never for Medicaid or Medicare or the Affordable Care Act. They are not for a permanent children's healthcare plan. They are not for community health centers, where 40 percent of those CHIP children get their healthcare.

If they wanted to bring the government back and get us open, they would offer us the medical extenders like Mr. PALLONE talked about. This is unfortunate. We should get past this and we should stop our mantra that the Republicans have learned.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Texas will state her parliamentary inquiry.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, the parliamentary inquiry is the utilization of the words "illegal immigration" being used against the well-stated policies of the United States dealing with respecting people who come to this country.

My question is the terminology being used to indict Democrats, the Democratic Party, and it is maligning hard-working Americans who came from an immigrant background.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will not interpret the meaning of a Member's remarks.