

This status quo fails to meet the needs of businesses, is unfair to workers, and is holding back economic growth and opportunity in New Hampshire and all across this country.

Congress must prioritize the consideration of bipartisan legislation to comprehensively reform and modernize our immigration system: H.R. 15, the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act.

It has been over 200 days since the Senate passed similar reform legislation, and it is long past time for the House of Representatives to do the same.

Republicans and Democrats must work together to take this common step to better secure our country and to reward those who work hard and are strengthening our economy.

Comprehensive immigration reform would strengthen our borders, combat illegal immigration, and create new opportunities for individual achievement and the pursuit of the American Dream.

Madam Speaker, I implore you: bring this important bill to the floor.

PRESIDENT SHOULD ACT ON KEYSTONE

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, for more than 1,960 days, the President has refused to approve the construction of the Keystone pipeline. The President has incorrectly blamed the delay on harmful environmental impacts, but last week, the State Department released a study confirming what House Republicans have been saying for years: the Keystone pipeline will not harm the environment.

The President is placing politics over job creation. On Monday, former Energy Secretary Steven Chu acknowledged that the administration's decision is strictly political and has no scientific backing.

The President says he wants to create jobs, but his inconsistent actions have prevented over 120,000 immediate shovel-ready jobs. The President has said these are temporary jobs, but he is wrong. These are permanent jobs at MTU of Graniteville and Michelin of Lexington, producing engines and earthmover tires for oil sands recovery in Alberta, Canada.

The most environmentally secure method of transportation is by pipeline, and the President should join Congress in developing Keystone for jobs.

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

FLOOD INSURANCE RATES

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

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call on the House of Representatives to take action to prevent enormous flood insurance rate hikes from going into effect for homeowners all across this country. This is about the basic principle of housing affordability.

Recently, I met with Realtors, homeowners, insurance agents, and mortgage brokers in my neck of the woods. They shared with me just how dramatic the impact has already been in our region.

One perspective home buyer in Grays Harbor County was shocked to find that their flood insurance quote came out to a whopping \$13,000 per year. After paying \$600 to show that the property was elevated, the insurance quote was still more than the monthly mortgage payment would have been, and the deal fell through.

This policy has already led to a rapid and substantial decline in property values in a part of my district that already struggles with double-digit unemployment and can't afford another round of congressional disfunction.

Madam Speaker, the Senate has already acted. Let's do the same and immediately take up the Homeowner Flood Insurance Affordability Act.

TRIUMPH OF FLIGHT MONUMENT

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

Mr. TURNER. Madam Speaker, my hometown of Dayton, Ohio, is the birthplace of aviation. At the turn of the 20th century, Orville and Wilbur Wright, bicycle repair shop owners in Dayton, invented the first airplane, ushering in the era of modern aviation.

From their efforts, America led the development of an entire new industry. It revolutionized commerce, communication, travel, and our national defense.

Today, Ohio continues to help the Nation reach new heights in aviation and in the aerospace industry.

For example, in Dayton, the field where the Wright brothers developed and flew "the world's first practical aeroplane" is now part of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the largest Air Force base in the world and home to the Air Force Research Laboratory, dedicated to advancing aerospace technologies.

That is why I am here today to congratulate the efforts of the Wright Image Group, a team of resolute individuals who are preparing to construct a new monument for America to promote our Nation's accomplishments in air and space.

Calling it the "Triumph of Flight," seen here, they will place a massive replica of the 1905 Wright flyer 250 feet in the air above the crossroads intersection of Interstates 70 and 75.

Madam Speaker, this monument's innovative design will remind us of the

Wright brothers' achievements and excite and inspire future generations.

This monument site will honor the great achievements of Ohio aviation and aerospace leaders, including the Wright brothers, John Glenn, and Neil Armstrong.

I congratulate them again on the innovative design, and we look forward to this monument rising between Interstates 70 and 75.

DEBT CEILING

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

Mr. HONDA. Madam Speaker, Treasury Secretary Jack Lew has been urging Congress to act before Friday's debt ceiling deadline, but here we are again with no signs of legislative progress, with rumors of a ransom that Republicans will demand before Congress will be allowed to do its job.

The Treasury Department is once again being forced to resort to extraordinary measures to continue financing the government.

These games of chicken are dangerous. They are irresponsible, they have led to turmoil in the markets, and they have cost our economy billions. We have avoided disaster in the past and I believe will avoid it this time. In any game of chicken, one side always must blink. But what happens when neither side blinks? Disaster.

I ask my colleagues to help me install a permanent fix that would end the brinksmanship surrounding the debt limit.

My H.R. 233 allows the debt limit to be raised unless a supermajority of Congress votes to block such action. This would permanently shift the role of Congress to disapproving debt ceiling increases instead of being forced to approve them.

My approach has been introduced by Senators SCHUMER, BOXER, and HIRONO in the Senate, and has been endorsed by a growing chorus of economists and outside thought leaders.

I urge my colleagues to join me in pursuing these permanent, necessary reforms.

ADDICTION AND MENTAL HEALTH

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

Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, Philip Seymour Hoffman, a gifted and talented actor, didn't have to die. His death is all too common. In the past 6 years, heroin use has doubled, with 1 million ER visits and several thousand deaths that will occur this year from an overdose.

This is not just a law enforcement issue but a public health issue because addiction is a mental disease.

Many treatments for addiction are modeled on peer support like Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, valuable and important organizations that provide a pathway to helping a person overcome an addiction through peer support, but peer support is only support. It is not the whole treatment.

In *Time* magazine, a parent whose son died of a drug overdose said:

I did everything I could, but I failed him. Everything included eight residential treatment programs and four outpatient programs.

Addiction programs don't always do everything right. Ninety percent of those who enter treatment programs don't receive evidence-based treatment. The fact is there is a lack of mental health professionals, broken Federal policies, and a severe shortage of acute care facilities.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in sponsoring the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act, H.R. 3717. Let's get people the help they need.

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CORPORAL G. ROBERT SMITH

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

Mr. WENSTRUP. Mr. Speaker, from 1942 to 1949, the African American marines who trained at Montford Point Camp, North Carolina, fought intolerance and segregation, yet they continued to serve their Nation proudly.

I am honored to have one of these men, World War II veteran Corporal G. Robert Smith, amongst the ranks of constituents in Ohio's Second District.

I am personally grateful for Corporal Smith's service and dedication to our Nation, and I would like to offer my sincere congratulations for being recognized with the Congressional Gold Medal. Corporal Smith lives up to the high standards that characterize the United States Marine Corps. The statement "once a marine, always a marine" is a reminder that these standards carry on long after the uniform has been put away.

Corporal Smith, your fellow Americans take pride in your military service and your contributions to your community after that service.

The freedom and liberty that we enjoy today is due, in large part, to the sacrifices made by individuals like Corporal G. Robert Smith.

Corporal Smith, Semper Fi.

THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

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

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, this week marks the 71st anniversary of a dramatic sacrifice made by four U.S. Army chaplains during World War II on February 3, 1943. On that day, the USS

Dorchester was torpedoed by a German submarine, and it sunk. Out of that tragedy came the story of the four chaplains.

Four U.S. Army chaplains of different faiths—one rabbi, one Roman Catholic priest, one Methodist, and one Baptist minister, Clark Poling, who was born in Columbus, Ohio—came together on that day on the *Dorchester*. As the *Dorchester* began sinking, they began to calm the men and organized an orderly evacuation, but it quickly became clear that there weren't enough life jackets.

In a true display of heroism and bravery, the four chaplains removed their own life jackets and gave them to others. They helped as many men as they could on lifeboats, and then they linked arms, recited prayers, and sung hymns as the ship went down. These heroic actions must never be forgotten.

I would like to thank the Wilmington, Ohio, American Legion post and the many American Legion posts and VFW posts across the country that helped tell this story this week. We must never forget.

BUREAUCRACY STANDING IN THE WAY OF PROGRESS

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

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, Americans want us to work together to help our economy grow, to support job creation, and to create opportunity for every American to succeed, but far too often our own government gets in the way of American job opportunities—stifling innovation and hindering job creation.

The construction of the Keystone pipeline means thousands of jobs to Americans who are looking to get back to work—it means engineering, construction, energy, transportation, and manufacturing jobs—but our own government continues to stand in the way.

The Congressional Budget Office now says the administration's health care mandates will damage economic growth and will lead to as many as 2.3 million American workers losing their jobs because of what this government has decided to do to them. These are real consequences for real families.

Mr. Speaker, our economy isn't struggling because of the efforts of the American people. No. Our economy struggles because of bloated, expensive, and destructive bureaucracy that stands in the doorway of progress. As this government grows, opportunity shrinks. It is time that this Congress removes the weight of this government off the backs of the American people.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2954, PUBLIC ACCESS AND LANDS IMPROVEMENT ACT, AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3964, SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY EMERGENCY WATER DELIVERY ACT

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 472 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 472

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2954) to authorize Escambia County, Florida, to convey certain property that was formerly part of Santa Rosa Island National Monument and that was conveyed to Escambia County subject to restrictions on use and reconveyance. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113-35. That amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as original text. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. At any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3964) to address certain water-related concerns in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall