

rural areas of California, so ensuring our hospitals and doctors have the tools they need to continue offering primary care and emergency health services is very critical for our area.

I have no doubt this project—one that I was happy to help support—will have a positive impact on the community and the whole northeast region, generating jobs, and making sure the people of eastern Shasta County, as well as northeastern California, have the healthcare services and emergency services they need.

LET'S FOCUS MORE ON PRIORITIES OF HARD-WORKING AMERICAN FAMILIES

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, the House Republican leadership's continued dysfunction and inability to govern is starting to have real effects on people back home.

Like most Members, I spent the last month back home listening to the people that I work for, and I heard one message loud and clear. They want us to get to work and get things done and set aside the hyperpartisanship and focus on the priorities of the American people; yet we are 10 days away from another government shutdown.

We are no further ahead today than we were 6 months ago in getting a budget that represents the interests and the priorities of the American people, 10 days away from another government shutdown—instead of focusing on the priorities of the American people, like rebuilding our crumbling roads and bridges that would help us be more efficient and make our businesses more productive, nothing.

Instead of focusing on the priorities of the American people to grow our economy, we have seen nothing come to this floor of the House. We can't even get a budget bill.

On this side, Democrats, we stand willing to work, and we stand willing to compromise. We will work with you to put together a spending plan. We cannot continue to allow the priorities of the American people to be set aside.

IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL

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

Mr. GIBBS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose the nuclear deal that the President and Secretary of State Kerry negotiated with Iran. Since the announcement of the deal on July 14, the world has learned piece by piece just how bad it is.

Earlier this year, I spoke on the House floor on the elements that would be needed in order to consider an agreement with Iran.

One such element was the requirement of anytime, anywhere inspections, which would give inspectors 24-

hour access to any site inside Iran; yet, according to Hillel Fradkin, an expert at the Hudson Institute, Iran could get as many as 63 days—possibly more—before inspections. This gives Iran time to hide and destroy any potential evidence of nuclear weapons research.

Additionally, this deal lifts economic sanctions too quickly and gives Iran access to \$150 billion in sanctions relief. Iran is a top exporter and supporter of terrorism. We should not be making it easier for them to fund groups like Hezbollah and dictators like those in Syria, nor should we make it easier for Iran to procure conventional arms and missiles that have the capability of reaching American soil.

Despite our negotiators' assurances that the conventional arms embargo would not be lifted, this is precisely what will happen with the UN arms embargo ending in just 5 years. The President is rewarding Iran with money, access to weaponry, and a 10-year pause on their nuclear weapons research—and that is if the Iranians don't cheat.

Empowering Iran to fund terrorists and bully its neighbors is not what I call a good agreement for the United States or allies Israel and Saudi Arabia. Congress must end this deal and impose stronger sanctions.

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LAS VEGAS NIGHT

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

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to invite all of my colleagues to join me tonight in the Cannon Caucus Room to celebrate Las Vegas Night.

We will have food and drinks and music and casino games, and it just promises to be a good time. This is what is happening only in District One. It is my pleasure to welcome and thank the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce for hosting this event. It is going to be just a great evening, and I hope you will all join us.

Las Vegas is back. Our economy was hard hit by the recession, but now we are doing so much better. We had 315,000 tourists just over Labor Day weekend. We will welcome over 42 million tourists and business travelers this year, and that includes 8 million foreign visitors. That supports 366,000 jobs. I tip my hat to those workers in the tourism industry who have helped us make it through.

Please join me tonight, and remember that what happens on Vegas Night stays on Vegas Night.

PATIENTS DESERVE BETTER THAN NEW PROSTHETIC RULE

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

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, every day, cutting-edge medical innovation is making it possible for patients to live healthy, active lives. One of the best examples of this is lower limb prosthetics.

Losing a limb is a traumatic and life-altering experience, but the continued advancement and development of prosthetics has made it possible for many of these patients to continue to have significant amounts of functionality, along with ensuring they won't be confined to wheelchairs.

However, proposed changes to Medicare rules threaten access to important medical innovation and medical technology. Recently, a number of patients and advocacy groups came to Washington to share what the proposed rule changes would mean to them. One patient from Minnesota noted that the proposed rule would turn back the clock and force her to use a prosthetic that she claimed would be the car equivalent of a 1970s Vega.

Mr. Speaker, I share the apprehension that these patients have, and I encourage CMS, the agency in charge of administering Medicare, to chart a different course when it comes to administering lower limb prosthetics.

GOP ATTACKS AGAINST A NUCLEAR DEAL

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, Republican self-styled experts like Sarah Palin, Glenn Beck, and Donald Trump condemning an agreement to decrease the nuclear threat is hardly new.

One Republican Presidential candidate blasted a "nuclear Munich."

The National Review denounced a "suicide pact."

The Conservative Caucus founder derided our President as a "useful idiot" and a "weak man."

Old George Will lamented the "cult of arms control."

Sharp words for a President who is negotiating a nuclear agreement with an untrustworthy, terrorist-promoting regime that is bent on destroying America.

Yet these shrill Republican attacks were not against President Obama, rather they were against President Ronald Reagan for agreeing with the Soviets to limit nuclear missiles. What the bomb-first, rejectionist crowd lacks in understanding and creativity they make up for here today in fatal consistency. Those who think the only good deal with Iran is a dead deal over nuclear weapons are only endangering our families.

This week, I believe that reason will prevail and the President will be sustained, and our families will be all the safer for it.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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