The Federal Government should provide all resources necessary to secure our border, not make it more vulnerable. Our agents need more boots on the ground, more advanced technology, and, ultimately, a barrier to keep those who may not want to do the right thing out.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to come back to the table, negotiate in good faith, reopen our government, and protect the sovereignty of the United States of America.

In God We Trust.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO OUR COAST GUARD

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, today I pay tribute to our Coast Guard.

One of my favorite sayings in life is, if you want to talk the talk, you have to walk the walk.

Politicians like to talk, we like to give speeches, yet we talk about our Coast Guard, how noble they are, how brave they are, how they stand up for us, these strong men and women, but, currently, our Coast Guard men and women are suffering and are without pay.

It is also true for our FAA and our Federal corrections officers.

I ask everyone to support my bills, H.R. 350 and H.R. 419, so that they can get paid.

Whether Democrat or Republican, our duty as Americans is to treat these men and women who serve our great Nation with decency and with honor and respect, and may God always bless them.

REMEMBERING MEL STOTTLEMYRE, SR.

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, Mel Stottlemyre is a household name for baseball fans across the country, but to us in central Washington, he is a hometown hero.

Hailing from the small town of Mabton in the Yakima Valley, Mel's career skyrocketed to the heights of becoming a star pitcher for the New York Yankees and one of the most impressive pitching coaches in all of baseball.

Mel shared his passion for baseball with all of those around him, from his sons, who followed in their father's footsteps to pitch in the major leagues, to the young players he coached at baseball camps in Yakima and in Ellensburg.

Throughout his career, he pitched for five All-Star teams. He went on to secure five World Series rings as a pitching coach before returning to his home State to coach for the Seattle Mariners.

Mel passed away on January 13 after a long battle with cancer, but his spirit, perseverance, and compassion will not be forgotten.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating Mel Stottlemyre and the legacy he leaves. My prayers go out for his wife, Jean, and his sons, Mel, Jr., and Todd, at this difficult time.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. LUJÁN. Madam Speaker, New Mexicans are working tirelessly to provide for their families. They do not have the luxury of ignoring their bills until the President figures out what it takes to run a government.

President Trump clearly does not understand the anxiety that comes from choosing between a mortgage payment and gas in the tank or not being able to pay your bills at the end of the month.

I have heard from many in my district who are hurting because of the Trump shutdown, constituents like Andrea. Her family became a one-income household after her 4-year-old son was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and epilepsy.

Her husband is a furloughed USDA employee. Because of her son's medical needs, their family has already been living paycheck to paycheck, and the shutdown immediately put them into survival mode.

The shutdown must end. Democrats have put multiple bipartisan plans on the table to open the government. Madam Speaker, I implore MITCH MCCONNELL to let the Senate vote to end this shutdown for the hundreds of thousands of families being hurt, families just like Andrea's.

MARCH FOR LIFE

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

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today because I believe there is a purpose and a God-given right to every life.

It has been nearly 46 years since the tragic Supreme Court decision of Roe v. Wade, a decision that has denied the inalienable right to life to over 61 million innocent children.

While we mourn the loss of millions of innocent lives, we reflect on the work left to be done. We gather together this week for the March for Life to celebrate the progress of the last 2 years. From the continuation of President Trump's expanded Mexico City policy to the landmark Protect Life Rule, the pro-life movement is making major strides promoting a culture of life in America.

Friday, I will march alongside hundreds of thousands of Americans from all corners of this country in honor of those who never had a chance to march for themselves, but leading the march will be students from Bishop Dwenger High School in my district in Fort Wayne, Indiana, who will be joining us there that day. I can't wait to join them tomorrow as they carry out this honor on The National Mall, and I ask my colleagues to join me as we reaffirm the sacred nature of all life.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

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

Ms. FRANKEL. Madam Speaker, I stand with millions of Americans who say it is time to end this irresponsible and cruel Trump shutdown.

In Florida, where our borders are surrounded by water, we rely on men and women like Coast Guard Petty Officer Seth to keep us safe. Now, like 800,000 other government workers, our Coast Guard is not getting paid, and that leaves Officer Seth and his wife, Beth, and their two sons at home worried about money for food, for diapers, for paying their mortgage, for getting their gas.

Now, lawmakers, we can debate about what is needed for a secure border, but innocent people who show up to work every day to serve the public should not be held hostage by the political whim of a President.

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

(Mrs. WAGNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, we were sent to Congress to lead, but this partial government shutdown is not leadership. It speaks to a bigger problem in Washington: the reluctance to reach across the aisle and serve in the best interests of our constituents.

Playing political games should not take precedence over securing our border and keeping Americans safe, but it seems to me that is exactly what is happening right now.

I call on my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to come to the table so we can find a solution to this partial government shutdown and make sure Federal workers get paid for the work they are doing and the work they have done.

This inability to come together on commonsense border security funding has gone on too long and affected too many Americans. We must put partisanship aside, secure our border, and reopen this government.

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REOPEN GOVERNMENT

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

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, today, on the 26th day of the Trump