

proposes a \$5 billion cut in the crime trust fund over the next 6 years. The measure directs that the justice assistance grant programs would be consolidated into a single block grant program. This plan will only serve to weaken our crimefighting ability by taking money away from law enforcement officers.

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Certainly there is much more Congress can and must do to reduce crime and violence in this country. Crime continues to be the number one concern for millions of working families. That is why it is imperative that Congress not gut the crime bill as a means of playing partisan politics.

Therefore, I say to my friends on this side of the aisle, I say to the Republicans, stop playing politics with the crime bill. Respect the men and women in law enforcement. Instead of providing them with a few encouraging words during National Police Week, give law enforcement the financial assistance they need to keep them secure in their jobs and to keep us all secure in our neighborhoods.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. SMITH] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. SMITH of Michigan addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. LIPINSKI] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. LIPINSKI addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. HORN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. HORN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gen-

tleman from New York [Mr. OWENS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. OWENS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida [Mr. DIAZ-BALART] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. DIAZ-BALART addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon [Mr. DEFAZIO] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. MARTINI] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. MARTINI addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. BECERRA] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BECERRA addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia [Mr. NORWOOD] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. NORWOOD addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

MISSISSIPPI AIR NATIONAL
GUARD'S 186TH REFUELING
GROUP RECEIVES HIGHEST IN-
SPECTION RATING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Mississippi [Mr. MONTGOMERY] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, I want to share with my colleagues the news that the Air National Guard's 186th Air Refueling Group in Meridian, MS, received an "outstanding" rating after completing an operational readiness inspection conducted by the Air Mobility Command [AMC].

This is the first time in the history of the Air Mobility Command that any unit has been given an "outstanding" rating, which was announced on May 11 by Lt. Gen. Malcolm Armstrong, commander of AMC's 21st Air Force.

The unit was required to deploy more than half of its 900 members for the week-long inspection at Fort Hood, Texas, along with nine KC-135 tanker aircraft. They lived and worked in a wartime scenario during the inspection. While deployed, the unit was subject to simulated conventional and chemical attack, terror-

ist activity and hostile threats while continuing to perform its mission of air-to-air refueling of military aircraft. The AMC inspection team, composed of active duty members based at Air Mobility Command headquarters, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois, tested the unit's capability under the same criteria used for inspecting active Air Force units. The exercises ran 24 hours a day while the unit was deployed.

Col. Frederick Feinstein, air commander of the 186th, said, "This was undoubtedly the finest display of professionalism and dedication that I have seen from any unit in almost 40 years of military service. Every Member of the unit had a job to do in this effort and each of them performed flawlessly."

I agree with Colonel Feinstein. This rating means the 186th was exceptional in all areas of inspection. That is almost unprecedented for any unit, active duty, National Guard or Reserve. It is a credit to the men and women who make up this unit. Their training and teamwork came together to put the 186th at the top of the class.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BROWNBACK addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

WE MUST PASS OUR BUDGET TOMORROW, TO SAVE AMERICA FROM A MASSIVE DEBT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. BRYANT] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BRYANT of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I come here on this historic night of American history as someone who is concerned about a sound and stable future for this great country.

The massive overspending this Federal Government has done for the past few decades has finally caught up with us, and it's time we take action to stop this dangerous spending.

These deficits will cripple our future generations with a mountain of debt which they will be forced to pay if we do nothing to stop this out of control spending.

Now that Congress has finally realized this problem, it's time to commit ourselves to solving it.

We must eliminate these deficits and balance the budget in order to preserve a sound, financial future for ourselves, our children, and many generations to come.

The Kasich plan we will be voting on tomorrow to balance the budget is a realistic blueprint for a balanced budget.

If we care about the future of this country, we must begin to lay the foundation for a solid economy with this blueprint and use this map on the road to a balanced budget.

Recently, Mr. Speaker, I have heard many false and unfounded attacks coming from those who are apparently opposed to balancing the budget.

We heard these same attacks from the same people who fought H.R. 1215