

The VICTOR Act considers the travel veterans have to take to go for transplants. Wouldn't it be better for them to be closer to home instead of traveling long distances so they and their families can get the care they need and have the access they need locally?

Lastly, I will mention the Veterans Crisis Line Study Act. When a veteran is in crisis, when a veteran is contemplating suicide, as happens so much these days—20, 22 veterans per day giving up—we need to have the Veterans Crisis Line Study Act in place to better modify the crisis line to be effective for them; so that there is someone there so they can have immediate help to get through that time.

These are some of the things we can do for veterans as we wish them a happy Veterans Day and thank them for their service. God bless them.

AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE A BETTER DEAL

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, they are at it again. Corporate lobbyists and billionaires are spending whatever it takes to get their way in this town and avoid paying their fair share in taxes. Meanwhile, working people who play by the rules are getting crushed by healthcare costs, childcare expenses, housing payments, and student loan debt.

What is the Republican solution for this problem?

A \$1.5 trillion tax cut for millionaires and billionaires, and a tax increase for tens of millions of hardworking families.

This bill is a scam. Republicans are throwing a wealthy five-star banquet for the wealthy and well connected, and saving a few crumbs that fall from the table for the hardworking middle class.

Democrats know that American people deserve a better deal. That is why we are fighting to build an economy that ensures better jobs, better wages, and a better future; create 10 million new full-time, good-paying jobs; invest in rebuilding our crumbling roads, bridges, and schools; lower costs for everything from prescription drugs to childcare; and break up corporate monopolies that are raising costs and reducing choices for working families.

Republicans might be fine with the status quo that benefits the wealthy and powerful special interests. We know the American people deserve better—better jobs, better wages—for a better future.

RECOGNIZING DONALD AND SHARON CAMPBELL

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

Mr. FASO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to thank Donald and Sharon Campbell,

who have actively volunteered for more than a dozen years at the Valatie Ecumenical Food Pantry, a ministry of the Ichabod Crane Clergy Association in Columbia County.

With Don serving as chairman from 2006 to 2017, the leadership of these two honorable individuals has enabled the food pantry to serve hundreds of families in northern Columbia County. Utilizing grants, community donations, local farms and markets, the Campbells have truly supported their less-fortunate neighbors, enabling those folks to better support their families and loved ones.

Don and Sharon's efforts extend beyond the food pantry, aiding many other charitable pursuits in our community. We thank them as well as the volunteers of the Valatie Ecumenical Food Pantry for their gracious service to our Columbia County community.

THANKING ALL VETERANS

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, all gave some, and some made the ultimate sacrifice. This Saturday is Veterans Day, a day we pause to honor the brave men and women from our communities who have served our country. Veterans represent the best in America. Veterans embody loyalty and honor by always putting their fellow soldiers and country before themselves.

Veterans prove this determination in getting the mission done. This country has made a promise to every person who puts on that uniform. You stand for us, and we will stand for you. Their mission was protecting us. Our mission in Congress is to protect them.

To all of our vets, thank you for your service. Thank you for serving our country.

DOJ FALSE CLAIMS ACT ISSUE

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call on the Department of Justice to impose a moratorium on its practice of using the False Claims Act to demand settlements from America's mortgage brokers for perceived violations in the loans these lenders made under the Federal Housing Authority's mortgage insurance program.

Simply put, intentional efforts to defraud the Federal Government should be prosecuted and pursued to the fullest extent of the law. However, as the FHA has worked to provide further clarification on the law, the Department of Justice has, unfortunately, focused their efforts on attacking honest mortgage brokers, lenders, and first-time home buyers for infractions as small as a clerical error or a small technical mistake.

The FHA, in conjunction with HUD, is close to finalizing a taxonomy that

would allow for a specific and transparent penalty to be imposed for a specific violation of the FHA application loan process. But as Brian Montgomery, the nominee to be Assistant Secretary for Housing, told the Senate Banking Committee last week, the Department of Justice has stepped in front of the FHA. We should correct this circumstance.

PEOPLE VOTED BASED ON PRINCIPLES

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I got buoyed in a little dance step in my walk, not because of partisan politics, but because people in America voted. They voted throughout the Nation and they made sizeable changes, not even on partisan politics, but what I love, about principles. Principles of rejecting divisiveness, the misinterpretation of the Constitution, and the wonderment of this Nation is what these voters stood for.

I also believe they recognize that they wanted direction that really worked for them. If we pass the tax bill, they didn't want it to be a tax scam where millions of middle class Americans would pay an increase in taxes or they couldn't deduct their medical expenses or student interest rates.

The vote yesterday was for a new direction, not for any of us to take it for granted, but for us to recognize that it is time now for the American people to lead. I am so grateful for the democracy of this Nation and for the values of the American people. They made a difference yesterday. Thank you for voting.

POLAND CELEBRATES 99TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, on November 11 in this year of 2017, the nation of Poland will celebrate its 99th anniversary of independence.

To commemorate this historic event as well as to recognize the values the United States and Poland have shared since the 1700s, I rise along with my fellow co-chairs of the House Poland Caucus to introduce this bipartisan resolution.

As early as 1791, Poland adopted the first constitution in Europe based on America's Democratic principle of liberty. Poland became the first nation in Europe to outlaw serfdom. As a result, Poland was tragically removed from the map of Europe for over a century-and-a-quarter, divided and split between three imperial powers: Russia, Prussia, and the Austro-Hungarian Empire.

Nevertheless, valiant Poles did not give up their values, but they kept