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Editorial

"The State of Our Union is Strong"

Following Speaker Pelosi's childish attempt to deny the President of the United States his constitutionally mandated directive to give the nation an account of the state of our national affairs, a week later than originally scheduled, President Donald Trump did just that.

And it was certainly worth the wait.

The president's address to the joint session of Congress, members of his Cabinet, Supreme Court Justices, and honored guests, was filled with the accomplishments of the past year and some since the outset of his administration now entering its third year. The SOU, his second, at 82 minutes in length, was the longest since Bill Clinton's 89 minutes in 2000, and the third longest ever.

And it was all Speaker Pelosi (on camera the entire time the President was on camera) could do to keep from screaming. To watch her was painful. She kept mouthing words as the president was speaking, moving her jaw constantly as if to adjust something in her mouth, and sending signals to the women in white and others of her party, when they had to reluctantly stand and applaud.

But President Trump never looked or sounded more presidential, or more in control.

He cited the State of the Union as being strong, with over 5.3 million new jobs in America, 600,000 of those in manufacturing. Just last month over 304,000 new jobs were reported.

He stated that our middle class is "bigger and more prosperous than ever before" to a thunderous standing ovation (absent even one Democrat). Five million Americans have been "lifted off foods stamps" and African, Hispanic, and Asian Americans are at the lowest unemployment rates in recorded history. And all this as 157 million Americans are at work. the most in our history.

The President mentioned that with the tax cuts taking affect and the child tax credit being doubled, families are keeping more of what they earn.

For the first time in American history the U.S. is now the number one producer of oil and natural gas of any nation in the world! And for the first time in 65 years we are a net exporter of energy.

"The State of Our Union is Strong". Another standing ovation, minus the democrats.

President Trump then lowered the hammer for the first time. He said the only things that can stop us are "foolish wars, politics or ridiculous partisan investigations". The Dems sheepishly murmured their disapproval. But the president went on 'We must be united at home if we're to defeat our enemies abroad".

He called upon the members of the Senate to quit holding up the more than 300 nominees awaiting confirmation.

He went on to implore the congress to act now and confront the "National Crisis" on our southern border. Citing the evidence provided by the U.S. Border Patrol of more than 266,000 arrests at the border over the last two years, including illegals guilty of 100,000 assaults, 30,000 sex crimes, and over 4,000 murders. The Dems didn't like it, but they have nowhere to hide. President Trump reminded them that "most of the people in this room voted for the wall" in the past. "Walls work and walls save lives" he said and "I will get it built".

He addressed the rebuilding of our military and the \$100 billion that our NATO allies are now paying for their own defense But he added that we have spent over \$7 trillion on wars in the Middle East and warned that "great nations do not fight endless wars." "It is time to give our brave warriors in Syria a warm welcome home." And he stated that they are close to a solution to end the Afghanistan conflict.

One of the highlights was when he said he has asked congress to prohibit late term abortions, a response to the New York law touted by Democrats that allows abortion of healthy babies up to the hour of delivery. "Let us work together to build a culture that cherishes innocent life" adding "All children are made in the Holy image of God."

I did not bother to watch the democrat "rebuttal" to the president's powerful address to the nation. But one thing is certain, they cannot run from the facts; of a strong economy, record low unemployment, more take home pay for the middle class, less Americans on welfare, new industrial and manufacturing jobs, and a foreign policy that has not only all but ended ISIS attacks, but brought North Korea to the table.

The Dems have nothing to show, but attacks on the president and his supporters, useless witch hunts, and a new hunger for increased abortions. They are going to have a major struggle to come up with a reason for anyone to support them in 2020.

They have underestimated 45 and the legions that support him, especially with the mounting evidence that we were right in electing him.



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