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President Donald Trump delivers his first State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress inside the House Chamber at the Capitol on Tuesday.

Trump touts economy in State of the Union

Sticks with demands for border security

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President Donald Trump appealed for common ground in the immigration debate at his first State of the Union address Tuesday night, while holding firm on his demands for border security and using the occasion to tout his economic accomplishments and declare a new American moment.

At a critical time when the political divide over immigration has held up essential government funding, the president called to put politics aside and "get the job done."

"Tonight, I am extending an open invitation to work with members of both parties — Democrats and Republicans — to protect our citizens of every background, color, religion, and ethnicity," he said.

It remains unclear whether Democrats are ready to deal on immigration, but the issue could hang over a looming Feb. 8 deadline to pass a new spending bill. With that in mind, Trump used his hour and 20-minute speech to signal a willingness to make bipartisan deals on second-

year-agenda priorities like immigration and infrastructure.

"Tonight, I call upon all of us to set aside our differences, to seek out common ground, and to summon the unity we need to deliver for the people we were elected to serve," the president said.

The president described his recent offer for an immigration deal as a "fair compromise" for both sides. The White House is pushing a plan to broaden eligibility for the DACA program — which gives a reprieve to illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as children, and which Mr. Trump is planning to end absent a legislative solution — in exchange for border wall funding and other big changes.

"We presented the Congress with a detailed proposal that should be supported by both parties as a fair compromise — one where nobody gets everything they want, but where our country gets the critical reforms it needs and must have," he said.

Even as he pushed for an immigration deal, the president didn't stray from messaging aimed at his base. He emphasized that his "highestloy-

alty, my greatest compassion, and my constant concern is for America's children, America's struggling workers, and America's forgotten communities."

The president also warned that North Korea's "reckless pursuit of nuclear missiles" could "very soon" threaten the United States.

"We are waging a campaign of maximum pressure to prevent that from happening," he said. "Past experience has taught us that complacency and concessions only invite aggression and provocation. I will not repeat the mistakes of past administrations that got us into this dangerous position."

During the speech, the president recognized the parents of Otto Warmbier, the University of Virginia student who died over the summer after being injured while imprisoned in North Korea, who attended Tuesday's address.

Vowing to fight terrorism, the president said he ordered Defense Secretary James Mattis to re-examine the military's detention policy toward terrorists and keep open

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Illegal debris disposal concerns Montecito officials



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Flood water and debris move along Olive Mill Road on Jan. 9.

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As residents get settled back into their homes after the devastating Jan. 9 mudslides, Montecito Sanitary District officials are stressing the importance of proper mud and debris disposal.

"We're beginning to see mud and debris make its way back into our system, and that poses a number of problems," said Diane Gabriel, general manager of the Montecito Sanitary District.

Montecito homes are equipped with a 4-inch lateral pipe that leads from the property to the sewer system. The pipe is meant for home wastewater only, but Ms. Gabriel said enterprising contractors and homeowners have been using it to drain pools, fountains, ponds and other outdoor water on the property.

"They think they're being really smart and that everything just disappears, but that is really an illegal way of disposal."

Ms. Gabriel said she hopes community awareness of the risks associated with illegal mud and debris disposal will help fix the problem without the need for legal penalties or fines.

"I don't think we're going to be arresting anyone over it," she said. "We're trying to let people know that it really can cause more problems than what they might imagine."

Disposing of any liquid or waste not coming from a fixture or drain located inside the home is illegal and in violation of Montecito Sanitary District Ordinance No. 12 and

the California Plumbing Code, according to a news release.

Discharging mud and debris into the sanitary sewer system can potentially back up wastewater into a home or cause an overflow from the district's pipeline system.

"It might not happen right away, but after a few days you could still see backup wastewater in your bathroom drains," said Ms. Gabriel.

To make matters worse, any debris that does make it back to the main sanitary system is toxic to the microorganisms that are essential to the water purification.

Ms. Gabriel said debris backup hasn't had much of an impact on the water system, but it's too soon to tell how many microorganisms may die off later.

According to a report from the Santa Barbara County Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division, homeowners are encouraged to dispose of mud, debris and other hazardous waste on their property through a licensed material hauler.

A list of recommended haulers is available at <http://www.countyofsb.org/january-storm-info.sbc>. Among the recommended companies are Mar-Borg Industries, Atlas Industries and Bedford Enterprises.

The county's South Coast Recycling & Transfer Station, at 4430 Calle Real in Santa Barbara, will accept debris at rates from \$25 for loads up to 500 pounds to \$95 for a one-ton load.

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Employee who mistook for missile attack fired

The false alarm which went phrase: "This is not a drill." It ended with the



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