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Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, 7 weeks—52 days. I rise today to express my disappointment with our Republican colleagues for shutting down the Congress for the summer.

After the tragedies in Orlando and Dallas, are you telling me that we can't get together, that we cannot find a compromise on gun violence and gun control? The American people believe we can. They want it done.

Mr. Speaker, is there no action with respect to Flint, Michigan? So much of our infrastructure needs to be redone in so many cities. This is just the beginning of what we will see.

We have to address these national crises because working families all over the country will go to work tomorrow, and they will go to work on Saturday, and they will go to work on Sunday, and they will go to work for the next 7 weeks. They expect us to find solutions.

Mr. Speaker, let's get to work.

CONDOLENCES TO THE TURKISH PEOPLE

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to express my condolences to the people of Turkey following the horrific suicide attack at Ataturk International Airport on June 28. At least 44 innocent people were killed and more than 200 were wounded in the attack, including an American citizen.

Turkish police and first responders reacted swiftly and heroically and ought to be commended for their actions that prevented further loss of life.

Evidence has led officials to believe that the attack was carried out by ISIS militants, and the loss of innocent lives in Istanbul strengthens our shared resolve to defeat this terrorist organization and its affiliates.

I extend my sincere condolences to the Turkish people and to the vibrant Turkish American community as well as the families of those killed and those who suffered injury in the attack.

GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, Tuesday night, I joined my fellow Rhode Islander, Representative CICILLINE, at a vigil for the Pulse nightclub victims. On that night, we marked the 1-month anniversary of that tragic shooting with candles and with speeches.

But what we did not do, Mr. Speaker, is mark it with action. For that, I am profoundly sorry.

I am sorry that, despite our efforts, fear continues to rule this body. Re-

publican leaders' fear of the gun lobby is so powerful that they won't even allow a debate or a vote on proposals supported by over 80 percent of the American people for expanded background checks to keep guns out of the wrong hands or ensure that someone on a terrorist no-fly list can't buy a weapon.

Republicans won't allow a vote because they are afraid our commonsense proposals would pass and that they would be blamed for allowing a majority of the House to work its will, the will of the American people.

Mr. Speaker, it is time that we stop legislating from fear. It is time that we stop the silence in response to tragedy and uphold the commitments that we made to represent our constituents and to keep them safe.

While the majority may hope that, by retreating to their districts, they will be able to dodge this issue, rest assured, we will not let them do so.

We are not going away on this issue, Mr. Speaker. We are going to keep fighting for expanded background checks to keep guns out of the wrong hands, and we are going to keep fighting to ensure that someone on a terrorist no-fly list cannot buy a weapon.

MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY

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

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Michigan International Speedway, one of the Nation's premier racing facilities, located in my district in the heart of the Irish Hills.

Over the course of its 48-year history, Michigan International Speedway has become a staple of southeastern Michigan and a destination for tourists across the country. Having hosted NASCAR races, music festivals, charity events, and statewide fairs, MIS is a true year-round entertainment venue.

Through its charitable contributions and community efforts, MIS Cares has twice been named the NASCAR Foundation's track of the year.

The economic impact of the speedway on the region is strong, producing over 5,000 jobs and generating more than \$414 million in annual total economic activity.

As an innovative and diverse venue, I commend Michigan International Speedway for its many contributions to the community and for continuing to create lasting memories for every person every time.

CONGRESS DOES NOTHING

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

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, we saw children, 6-year-olds, murdered in their classroom. We saw young people who were dancing murdered. We saw

police officers murdered. What did we do? Nothing. We went home.

We saw children who were going to be infected with the Zika virus, and pregnant young women's babies were going to be born with deformities. What did we do? Nothing.

We saw people being poisoned in Michigan. What did we do? Nothing.

Don't tell me to wait for a moment of silence, and don't tell me to pray. Because, before I pray, I make sure, before I ask God for anything, that I have done everything humanly possible that I can do, and then I ask and I pray to Him for His help.

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT MICHAEL SMITH

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

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, today we lay to rest a hero of the 24th Congressional District of Texas, Sergeant Michael Smith of the Dallas Police Department.

Sergeant Smith, along with four of his police brothers, died in the tragic Dallas ambush last week. When shots rang out in downtown Dallas, Sergeant Smith unfortunately was in harm's way.

A resident of Carrollton, Texas, Sergeant Smith joined the force in 1989. But this was not his first call to service. Michael previously served in the Army, retiring as an Army Ranger.

Like so many who serve, Michael Smith's service was not limited to his uniform. He was an active volunteer in his church, the Watermark Community Church, and the YMCA.

His lasting legacy will be found in the hearts of the many people whom he touched. Michael Smith was among the very best of public servants and a credit to the uniform that he wore.

In the wake of this unspeakable tragedy, the people of Dallas have come together in a resilient spirit. It is a spirit that I hope, along with the memory of Sergeant Smith, will be enduring.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces a correction to an earlier vote tally. On rollcall vote No. 472, the "yeas" were 191 and the "nays" were 236.

CONGRESS' SEVEN-WEEK ADJOURNMENT

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

Mr. LOEBSACK. Mr. Speaker, after being in session for only 74 days so far this year, the Republican leadership has decided to send us home for 7½ weeks. That is thoroughly unacceptable to the American people. They expect us to do our job.

That is not what we are going to be doing for the next 7½ weeks. We have a laundry list of things that we have to get done. We need comprehensive gun safety reform. We need comprehensive legislation to deal with Zika and other serious bio-threats.

We have to deal with the Social Security COLA problem for our seniors, higher education reauthorization, comprehensive mental health reform—we passed some of that in the House, but we have to do more—comprehensive job package, postal reform, campaign finance reform. You name it, we have to do it. We haven't done it yet.

It is time for us to do our job. It is time for the Republicans to bring us back. After those conventions, we could come back in August, folks, and we could get the job done.

10TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS OLYMPIANS

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

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize six talented young women from the Illinois 10th Congressional District, who have been selected to represent our country in the rhythmic gymnastics group competition at the upcoming 2016 Summer Olympic Games.

Monica Rokhman, Jennifer Rokhman, Natalie McGiffert, Kiana Eide, Alisa Kano, and Kristen Shaldybin will be departing for Rio de Janeiro this August to compete for Team USA.

Our community is very proud of their hard work as members of the North Shore Rhythmic Gymnastics Center, and I commend them on all of their recent achievements.

Mr. Speaker, I am excited to watch this dedicated group of young women compete and look forward to celebrating all of their success.

ABANDONED ISSUES

(Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Mr. Speaker and Members, if you take a look at this House, that side of the aisle is empty. They left. They are gone.

Take a look on this side, and you see Democrats. Democrats are raising the question: Why did you decide to leave and to take a break without dealing with the serious issues that confront us today?

Let me just remind them: Columbine; Newtown; Aurora, Colorado; Fort Hood Army Base, Texas; Tucson, Arizona, Representative Gabby Giffords; Oak Creek, Wisconsin; Washington, D.C., Navy Yard; Reynolds High School; Emanuel AME Church; San Bernardino; Pulse nightclub, Orlando, Florida. In all of these, there were children.

What do we say about the children? We have had a moment of silence, and we have forgotten that children are dying. In Flint, Michigan, children still don't have clean water. The water has lead in it. We have not done anything.

Well, whether we are talking about Flint or the Zika virus or the children who have been killed because of gun violence, Republicans, where are you? Shame on you for abandoning the issues that need to be dealt with.

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IRAN DEAL IS BAD FOR AMERICA

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, July 14, 2015, the day our President went against Congress and the wishes of the American people and signed a nuclear agreement with Iran.

The Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, more commonly known as the Iran deal, provided Iran sanctions relief in exchange for Iran to dismantle their nuclear program.

One year later, America has upheld its part of the bargain, but Iran continues to violate the terms of the agreement with little to no consequence. That is why today, on the 1-year anniversary of the Iran deal, the House passed legislation to reinstate sanctions on Iran.

History has proven Iran cannot be trusted. I thought it was a bad deal for America and Israel from the beginning, and I still do.

Mr. Speaker, no one can predict the future, but it is foolish to turn a blind eye to history. I voted to stop the Iran deal because I could not support any agreement that puts the security of Americans and our allies at risk and emboldens the Iran regime. A year later, I feel the same way.

DON'T TURN OFF THE LIGHTS

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow there will be a bright and shiny Sun, but in this Chamber it will be nothing but darkness—nothing but darkness, with no sound, no response from my friends on the other side of the aisle.

From 2005 to 2015, 300,000 people have died from senseless gun violence. The people of Flint are crying out for relief from poisoned lead water.

And then there is the Zika virus impacting the Gulf region. As of July 6, 1,132 travel-associated cases of the Zika virus; 2,534 cases in U.S. territories; and, of course, the Gulf region is a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

Pregnant women with laboratory evidence of Zika, now some 320, including the United States and the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories is

279. And, yes, a baby has now been born with microcephaly in Harris County in Texas. And our Gulf region Zika task force has said thousands more may come.

Give us the Senate bill, \$1.9 billion. Our people are suffering. Don't turn off the lights. Let's work. They are crying out for relief.

REMOVAL OF NAMES OF MEMBERS AS COSPONSORS OF H.R. 2446

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE) and the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. LAWRENCE) be removed as cosponsors of H.R. 2446.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kentucky?

There was no objection.

WE NEED TO GET BACK TO WORK

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

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, guns, gun safety; Zika; Flint, Michigan—just three of the critical issues House Republicans are leaving town without addressing.

Despite overwhelming public support, House Republicans have refused to bring any commonsense gun safety legislation to the floor. As they fail to act, many Americans unnecessarily die every day. On average, 91 Americans die from gun violence every day, and that means that we can expect more than 4,700 Americans to be killed over the 7-week recess.

Seven babies have now been born in the United States with Zika-related birth defects, including one yesterday in Texas. Not only is there insufficient funding, but Republicans have used the Zika legislation to continue their attack on women's access to reproductive health services.

Republicans have continued to ignore Flint, Michigan, where the children are still drinking poisoned water and people are fleeing the city.

We have too much to do. We need to get back to work.

EPA OVERREACH IMPACTS AGRICULTURE

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, the Clean Water Act, as created, was intended to protect our national waterways from industrial pollution. For the past 40 years, the State and Federal partnership under that law has helped improve our lakes and rivers.

However, in recent years, under this administration, we have seen the Army Corps of Engineers and EPA continuously overstep their authority to an