

No family should have to choose between lifesaving care and going bankrupt. And we cannot forget how important this is for Latinos, there are many in my district, who already have the highest uninsured rate of any group in the United States.

Regardless of the language you speak, or the color of your skin, healthcare is a right, and we will defend it for everyone.

The well-being of our families and their health is the top priority of House Democrats, and I can assure you, Mr. Speaker, we will do everything in our power to make sure this administration does not strip away the access to healthcare for our loved ones.

Yes, we can, and we will.

100 DAYS OF DISARRAY

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

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. Speaker, Friday is the 100th day of Democrat control of the House; 100 days of disarray.

In the first 3 months, 97 bills have passed the House. In the first quarter of last session, 132 bills had passed.

There are 97 bills that have passed the House, which is far more than have cleared committees; that number is only 68. So much for regular order; so much for hearings; so much for amendments.

They have passed far fewer bipartisan bills, it is no surprise, yet they continue to take up and pass resolutions that are literally useless. We have spent 20 percent of our time on non-meaningful, nonbinding resolutions.

Instead of working on the items we promised the American people, like fixing our infrastructure, healthcare, and workforce issues, let me recap some of the things that have been accomplished here:

The House failed to speak out strongly against anti-Semitism.

Democrats have failed to produce a budget and said they won't. They can't even agree on budget caps.

They have ignored the humanitarian crisis at the border that continues to grow.

And they refuse to bring to the floor the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which has 198 supporters.

RESTORING NET NEUTRALITY

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

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1664, the Save the Internet Act, which just passed the House this morning. This important bill would restore net neutrality by reinstating FCC regulations that were repealed under the Trump administration.

Now, let me be clear. Net neutrality protects America's access to open, free,

and fair internet. It also prevents internet companies from blocking websites or slowing down their load time simply because they disagree with what the website says.

Your ZIP Code, income, or geography should not determine the quality of access to the internet that every American should have. That is why this legislation is so important. It empowers the FCC to stop abusive corporate practices online, promotes competition and innovation, and supports broadband access and adoption for low-income communities.

Mr. Speaker, we need net neutrality because consumers, not service providers, should control what you can access online. So it is time to give power back to the people once and for all.

I am pleased that the House passed H.R. 1644 today, and I hope that the Senate will take up this bill immediately.

RECOGNIZING AMERICANS WHO GIVE BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITIES

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, during National Volunteer Week, to acknowledge the many Americans who generously give their time and talents to help improve the lives of others.

Since the founding of the United States, Americans have always been committed to serving others and working for the common good. During National Volunteer Week, we celebrate that spirit and generosity that inspires Americans to make our communities safer, healthier, and stronger.

Mr. Speaker, right here in the House, I am proud to be working with Congressman JIM PANETTA creating a caucus to empower and promote the goals of national service organizations. Soon, we will launch the National Service Organization Caucus, which will support the many organizations that are dedicated to giving back to their communities. I encourage my colleagues to join this important caucus.

The gift of time is priceless. Every day Americans are helping students, caring for seniors, working to support our veterans, aiding those impacted by natural disasters, and so much more. There is always an opportunity to volunteer, and I am grateful that so many Americans make it a part of their daily lives.

CONGRESS IS TACKLING MANY OF AMERICA'S CENTRAL CHALLENGES

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

Ms. DEAN. Mr. Speaker, over the last 100 days, this Congress has tackled many of America's central challenges.

That starts, of course, with cleaning up our election system itself, and our vote on H.R. 1 is a giant step in the right direction.

We have also tackled America's gun violence epidemic by requiring universal background checks and closing the Charleston loophole.

We have passed H.R. 7, to ensure that equal work means equal pay; and we have passed the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act, expanding protections for young victims, survivors, those in shelters, and LGBTQ people as well. On all of these, we await the Senate's vote.

Now we are advancing more of the public's priorities: H.R. 4, to restore and protect America's voting rights; H.R. 5, to protect LGBTQ Americans' rights; and H.R. 6, to defend Dreamers and TPS recipients.

In addition, we are holding hearings on climate change, infrastructure, and lowering prescription drug costs.

Finally, we are fulfilling our obligation of oversight, defending our constitutional and democratic norms.

Since January, we have worked to stand up for our fellow citizens and build a more decent, humane, and caring society.

PROTECTING UNITED STATES BUSINESSES ABROAD

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

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Protecting United States Businesses Abroad Act. This legislation will provide critical protection against corruption by authorizing the President, through the advice of Congress or the State Department, to revoke the visas of those engaging in corruption targeting Americans doing business in emerging markets around the world. This includes, soliciting bribes, extorting payments or assets, manipulating law enforcement, and more.

Many businesses, and especially small businesses, do not have the resources to combat this type of corruption overseas. This bill will provide a critical tool for small businesses to invest safely, benefiting our economy and developing markets around the world.

I would like to give special thanks to Ranking Member McCAUL of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce, and Rendeavour, a company that has been directly impacted by this type of corruption overseas.

HONORING THOSE WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN THE RECENT AFGHANISTAN ATTACK

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I am reminded of the creation of the Homeland Security Committee and the Department of Homeland Security. It was in the aftermath of the heinous acts of 9/11, of which I was a Member of the United States Congress, and the description and actions are seared in my memory.

We organized the Homeland Security Department to be the front lines of security, to recognize, and to determine what would be the best way to function.

I will be introducing legislation about the security of the Homeland Security Department. The precipitous firings and resignations are putting this Nation in jeopardy and putting the men and women on the front lines for the work that they are doing, it is undermining that very important work.

So today I rise as a cofounder and co-chair of the Afghanistan Caucus, to ask my colleagues to salute those who just lost their lives in battle in Afghanistan, soldiers from across the Nation. Their families are mourning, and we owe them a recognition that they wear the uniform and they are able or willing to sacrifice for us.

I would ask my colleagues to take a moment of silence for those who died in the recent IED incident in Afghanistan. I ask now for a moment of silence for those soldiers who have fallen in battle.

HONORING THE PASSING OF THE LAST WORLD WAR II DOOLITTLE RAIDER

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, when I was reading the Cincinnati Enquirer online this morning, an article headline grabbed my attention: "Last WW II Doolittle Raider dies." Lieutenant Colonel Dick Cole was 103 when he passed away Tuesday in Texas.

There were 80 Raiders, and the fifth last to survive was Tom Griffin, from my Cincinnati, Ohio, district, who was 96 when he died a couple of years ago. I had the honor of getting to know Tom well over the years. He was a wonderful guy, and, yes, he was a hero.

That is a term that gets used quite frequently nowadays; but Tom Griffin, and Dick Cole, and the other 78 brave Americans who took off that night from the USS *Hornet* truly were heroes.

Only months after the devastating attack on Pearl Harbor, their daring feat gave America a much-needed shot in the arm that was a first and major step in winning that war.

Now these 80 courageous, gallant, patriotic Doolittle Raiders are all gone, but they will never be forgotten.

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NATIONAL DAY OF SILENCE

(Mr. PANETTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Day of Silence that is going to happen this Friday, April 12. That is a day when people around the country and in my community on the central coast of California take a vow of silence to raise awareness about the issues faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer students.

One of those students will be Oliver Cantrell, who lives in Santa Cruz and is transgender and bisexual. As president of the queer-straight alliance at Harbor High, Oliver works to build bridges between students and school staff through education and outreach.

When Oliver transferred to Harbor High, he was met with support. However, we know there are students at other schools who may not be so lucky. That is exactly why Oliver is taking a vow of silence to highlight the struggle for acceptance by LGBTQ youth.

Many students will take that vow of silence this Friday. That is why we as leaders should continue to speak up and step up every day to ensure that all Americans are respected and appreciated for who they are.

HONORING CARL LAMM

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

Mr. ROUZER. Mr. Speaker, after 72 years on the air, Carl Lamm, whom many know as the voice of Johnston County, retired as America's longest continuous radio broadcaster on Friday, March 29.

Mr. Carl, as many of us affectionately call him, has been co-owner and operator of WTSB-AM radio in Smithfield, North Carolina, since 1958. His daily programming was revered by millions throughout the State, Nation, and world who listened to him on the radio and online throughout the course of his career.

In more than seven decades on air, he brought some of the greatest musicians, top athletes, professionals of all stripes, and national political figures and commentators into the homes and businesses of his listeners to discuss current events and politics, to preach the Word of God, and much more.

He has witnessed the evolution of radio from the glory days of the Grand Ole Opry to the digital age of the 21st century.

Mr. Carl's many notable recognitions include North Carolina's highest civilian honor, The Order of the Long Leaf Pine, as well as membership in the North Carolina Broadcasters Hall of Fame. However, what I admire most is his loyal faith in our creator.

Suffice it to say, we will all miss listening to Mr. Carl on the air at WTSB radio. It is not often that you get to know a legend in their own time. Mr. Carl is just that and a very dear friend to many as well.

As he enters this new chapter of life known as retirement, may God always continue to bless his path.

HONORING MAYOR RAYMOND BAGSHAW

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

Mrs. DEMINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mayor Raymond Bagshaw, who passed away March 10.

Mayor Bagshaw's service to our community and to helping small businesses was unwavering. As the mayor of the city of Edgewood, he brought what was called boundless ingenuity to his city where he started numerous projects, including transforming a vacant, desolate lot into a beautiful park. Today, the park, which bears his name, hosts numerous events and family-filled activities.

A true public servant, Mayor Bagshaw was never afraid to roll up his sleeves and work in the trenches. During natural disasters, it was natural for him to pitch in to clean up debris or direct traffic around downed power lines.

Mr. Speaker, I join Mayor Bagshaw's family, the city council, and citizens of Edgewood in celebrating his life and legacy and thanking him for a job well done.

CONGRESS' SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

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

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the nation of Israel for holding its national elections yesterday.

As the sole democracy in the Middle East, it not only sets an example to its neighbors, but it is a key ally in spreading peace, democracy, and prosperity throughout the world.

I also want to recognize the thousands of people who traveled to Washington recently for this year's AIPAC conference.

It has been an honor to work with so many of my colleagues on legislation that will not only help secure Israel militarily but also allow it to thrive economically. Countries in the region should take note of what is possible when they work in good faith and, most importantly, seek peace.

As NATO's Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg said in this Chamber last week, it is good to have friends. I am honored to count Israel as one of our closest and greatest friends.

I look forward to working with a united Congress to support the Jewish state and to spread democracy wherever tyranny exists.

HONORING NIPSEY HUSSLE

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