

commander of VFW Post 2423, captain of the Honor Guard, and District 13 commander for VFW North Carolina.

Jack was a patriot who valued service, the national anthem, and the American flag.

Citizens of Indian Trail have lost a pillar of the community.

May we all look to Mr. Campbell's example: a life well lived, dedicated to our country and everything for which it stands.

Jo and I send our thoughts and prayers to his family and loved ones.

UNITING TO FIGHT CORONAVIRUS

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

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Madam Speaker, this week, coronavirus impacted my north Jersey community in a heart-breaking way.

Our thoughts are with the loved ones of Bergen County resident John Brennan, New Jersey's first life lost from coronavirus. Mr. Brennan was a lifetime horse trainer, a fixture at Yonkers Raceway, and a remarkable individual.

As of this morning, New Jersey now has 22 other presumed positive cases, several in my district alone.

North Jersey's hospitals and front-line medical professionals are working to contain the outbreak and keep our residents safe. I commend our counties and hospitals in New Jersey's Fifth District—New Bridge, Valley, Atlantic, Hackensack Meridian, and Holy Name—for working so hard and working together and for holding daily calls to coordinate efforts to help combat the spread of the virus.

This week, I led members of our congressional delegation to ask the CDC when New Jersey should expect to receive confirmation of our pending presumed positive cases. We still have not received CDC confirmation of the tests that have been sent to the agency.

I know the CDC is working diligently to fight this crisis, but gaps in testing confirmation hinder our ability to mitigate the spread.

Now is the time for our country to come together—our great hospitals, the CDC, all levels of government—to ensure all Americans are safe.

There is nothing partisan about this moment. We must, as a country and as government, come together to fight the coronavirus and keep our families safe.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE BEST CHANCE TO MITIGATE CORONAVIRUS

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, from the Oval Office, the President's address to the Nation last night stressed how important decisive action is today and in the future to prevent the spread of the virus tomorrow.

I commend the President for his latest measures to keep the country safe and to provide for its continued prosperity.

The travel ban from China proved to be a lifesaving choice for Americans, and I expect the European travel ban will provide a similar result and ability to hold off even worse results.

Should the House vote on a coronavirus package today, I would like to remind my colleagues that our local governments are the best chance we have of attacking this virus head-on.

The President has worked diligently to provide local public health officials the resources they need to mitigate the virus, including the rapid release of the funds from the emergency supplemental we passed last week.

Our cities and towns know the risks that their citizens face the best, and Congress should be doing all it can to take proper action in aiding them and, most importantly, our American citizens.

EXTEND CENSUS DUE TO CORONAVIRUS

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

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, today, the Census begins to reach out to households across America.

All communities across the country must be counted, particularly those that are hard-to-count communities.

The Census is for everybody. However, due to the coronavirus pandemic, we now face difficult challenges for the Census.

The Census must be extended an additional 3 months so we can get an accurate count.

(English translation of the statement made in Spanish is as follows:)

Today we begin the census for families across the country. But due to the coronavirus pandemic we are going to face grand obstacles. The Census should be extended for 3 months to ensure a precise count.

Hoy comenzamos el conteo del censo para familias a través del país pero por la creciente epidemia del coronavirus vamos a tener grandes obstáculos. El censo debe de ser extendido por tres meses para tener un conteo preciso.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York will provide a translation of his remarks to the Clerk.

CONGRATULATING KENT FOUNTAIN

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Kent Fountain for being elected the National Cotton Council chairman for 2020.

Mr. Fountain is an excellent choice for this important role and knows the cotton industry inside and out.

He is the president and CEO of Southeastern Gin and Peanut and has won numerous awards, including Southeastern Ginner of the Year in 2001 and the Horace Hayden National Ginner of the Year in 2016.

Additionally, Mr. Fountain works as the director of Cotton Council International, which promotes American cotton abroad.

With cotton being so critical to Georgia's economy, I am proud that we have someone from our State with so much expertise leading the national cotton industry.

Kent, congratulations on your election. Keep up the good work.

HIGHLIGHTING NASA'S ARTEMIS PROGRAM

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight the NASA "be an astronaut" program.

For the first time in 4 years, NASA is accepting applications for a new class of astronauts.

Space exploration is a rich piece of modern American history, and thanks to the new Artemis program, it will remain a part of our future.

Artemis will send the first woman and another man to the South Pole of the Moon by 2024 and allow us to establish a permanent presence on the Moon by 2028.

Our Nation's astronauts help execute a bold vision for science and for exploration. Aspiring astronauts have the opportunity to join NASA for this new chapter in space exploration.

Applications are being accepted through March 31 at www.USAJOBS.com. U.S. citizens with a master's degree in a STEM field, 2 years of related experience, and a passing physical exam are eligible to apply.

Madam Speaker, I encourage all eligible space lovers and travelers to apply for this incredible opportunity.

BILL PUTS INTERESTS OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS BEFORE RIGHTS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

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

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in opposition to H.R. 5518, the Access to Counsel Act.

This bill would provide illegal immigrants the right to counsel immediately upon crossing our sovereign border, and American taxpayers, by the way, would be picking up the tab.

This legislation doesn't address the humanitarian crisis at the border. It doesn't help women and children being exploited by the drug cartels. It doesn't

fix our broken immigration system. It doesn't secure the border. It doesn't give resources to our law enforcement to keep them safe and successful in doing that job.

This bill puts the interests of illegal immigrants before the rights of American citizens.

Furthermore, it will overwhelm an already broken court system, charging hundreds of millions of dollars to U.S. taxpayers, and provide nothing to protect our citizens and the safety of our communities.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 13 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCGOVERN) at 9 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 12, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 12, 2020, at 10:28 a.m.:

That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the bill S. 1678.

That the Senate passed S. 227.

That the Senate passed S. 982.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 91.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

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DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on March 12, 2020, at 11:42 a.m., and said to contain a message from the President on the Continuation of the National Emergency With Respect to Iran.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk of the House.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO IRAN—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 116-107)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days before the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared on March 15, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2020.

The actions and policies of the Government of Iran continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States.

For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 12957 with respect to Iran and to maintain in force comprehensive sanctions against Iran to respond to this threat.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 12, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, March 13, 2020, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4144. A letter from the Assistant to the Board, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's final rule — Control and Divestiture Proceedings [Regulations Y and LL; Docket No.: R-1662] (RIN: 7100-AF49) received March 11, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

4145. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the 11th Annual Report on Delays in Approvals of Applications Related to Citizen Petitions and Petitions for Stay of Agency Action for Fiscal Year 2018, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 355(q)(3); (June 25, 1938, ch. 675, §505(q)(3) (as amended by Public Law 110-85, Sec. 914(a)); (121 Stat. 956); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4146. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Fiscal Year 2018 Performance Report to Congress for the Office of Combination Products; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4147. A letter from the Under Secretary, Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Review of Security Assistance Programs as Requested in the Conference Report (H.R. 115-952) Joint Explanatory Statement to Accompany the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2019 (Division A of Public Law 115-245); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4148. A letter from the Federal Co-Chair, Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting the Commission's Inspector General's Semiannual Report to Congress covering the period April 1, 2019 through September 30, 2019; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4149. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's 2020 Annual Performance Plan, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1115(b); Public Law 111-352, Sec. 3; (124 Stat. 3867); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4150. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's FY 2019 No FEAR Act Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

4151. A letter from the Vice President, Government Affairs and Corporate Communications, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK), transmitting the Corporation's General and Legislative Annual Report and Fiscal Year 2020 Grant Request, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 24320(a)(1); Public Law 114-94, Sec. 11203(a)(1); (129 Stat. 1630); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

4152. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — 2020 Cumulative List of Changes in Plan Qualification Requirements for Pre-Approved Defined Benefit Plans [Notice 2020-14] received March 11, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

4153. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Rulings and determination letters (Revenue Procedure 2020-3) received March