

this pandemic, and it is clear that we need more parks and trails where folks can get outside with social distancing. That is what LWCF does for communities.

Our region relies on tourism and outdoor recreation, sectors that are taking a major hit these days. That is why I am standing with the businesses that make up the Outdoor Recreation Roundtable in calling on Congress to pass the bipartisan Great American Outdoors Act to fully fund LWCF and restore our parks.

Whether it is our seafood, our beaches, the opportunities to hunt and fish, access to nature is one reason the Lowcountry is so special. Let's keep it that way by investing in conservation that supports our health and our economy.

□ 1045

COVID-19

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, we are in the backdrop of commemorating Memorial Day just 2 days ago, when the Nation bowed their heads to honor the fallen. We did that without question, without equivocation. But we also acknowledge, and I stand here today acknowledging, the sacrifice of those heroes, acknowledging that 1,000 veterans, as well, have lost their lives from COVID-19.

I stand here today to say to America, almost 100,000 of our fellow Americans, our fellow residents, our mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents, loved ones, and neighbors, dear friends, classmates, and all around us have been the victims of COVID-19.

So I speak for the overwhelming number of Americans who say yes to the HEROES Act.

Mr. Speaker, I ask those in the other body and in the administration: Have you ever seen a headline that said, when a city tried to do its best, \$15 million in rental assistance runs out in 90 minutes—in my hometown of Houston.

Mr. Speaker, I say thank you to the mayor, thank you to the county judge. They are trying.

Have you ever seen someone who's never had to beg for food or ask for food sit in the hot Sun in their car for 7 hours—I have—to be able to get groceries for their children?

Have you ever seen folks line up to be tested, because they should have been tested in February, March, but there were no kits?

So working in a public-private partnership with UMMC, I opened seven testing sites. The first one opened before any governmental site was opened.

So I say today, that is why I am on the floor supporting \$75 billion in testing, \$1 trillion in making sure that brave municipal workers, firefighters, teachers, and all those who do our

work every day, police and others, are standing and supporting the community.

That is why I am supporting the direct payment, because Chairman Powell of the Fed said we have to go big.

There are going to ultimately maybe be 36 million people unemployed. That is why I am supporting rental assistance and mortgage assistance. That is why I am supporting food assistance.

Mr. Speaker, has anybody seen the faces of these people? Do we not understand the pain of what they are going through?

That is why I am here on the floor dealing with the support of the HEROES Act that must be signed by the President and passed by the other body, the U.S. Senate.

WE MUST DEMAND JUSTICE

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I want to pause for a moment and now come to something that has soaked my very DNA and my soul, and that is that a young man by the name of Ahmaud Arbery cannot jog in Georgia and be left to his constitutional rights. They were denied. He was gunned down for absolutely no reason whatsoever.

It must be addressed. There must be a trial, and there must be justice. Justice will render not his life back to his family, but it will render truth.

As a member of the Judiciary Committee, I have written letters, and I look forward to us organizing a response that I have asked for in terms of hearing from the victims and their various representatives.

Brianna Taylor was going to be a nurse; Mr. Arbery was going to be an electrician. She was going to be a nurse. She was doing what Americans do—sleeping, getting ready for work the next day—and lo and behold, she was bombarded; she was invaded. And she was the wrong house and the wrong person, and that person was in custody already.

We must demand justice.

When you have the color of law and when you have those whom you look to for sanctity and you can respect them when they are doing their work, you must also—and I ask my fellow lawmakers and, also, law upholders—stand together.

Now, brother George Floyd, I was up until 2 in the morning with the pain of the video. George Floyd, his family—he was raised in Houston in my district—went to Jack Yates High School. There are people mourning in Houston, Texas. He lived there for 40 years, a gentle giant, and he was taken away from us by a knee on his neck, crying for his mama.

There must be charges. They must be brought to justice, even if they wear a uniform, in order for law and order to be upheld. Everyone is watching that.

I have had fellow officers send me messages: Outrageous.

My heart is burning; my heart is hurting. I am crying when I heard him say, "Mama, Mama, Mama," and his brothers and sisters have the pain of hearing that over and over again.

People were asking, Good Samaritans, saying: Please take your knee off his neck, his trach. You are choking him. You are killing him.

How can this be?

I quietly say, Mr. Speaker, as I close, God is on our side. We are a nation of laws and the Constitution. All I ask for these families, all I ask, is fairness, simple justice, and mercy for these families.

May they rest in peace, those who have gone on, and others, at the hands of those who should not have brought them down.

God bless you.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 51 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1200

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: God, father of us of all, thank You for giving us another day.

As Members return to the Capitol, keep them safe from infection during this time of pandemic.

In the work that they do, and how they do it, give them wisdom and patience. The world is affected tremendously for the first time in many decades, and new ways of living and working are going through fits and starts. Please be with us during these unique times.

As the summer begins, may all Americans remain vigilant in honoring their neighbors with the respect of appropriate distance and attention to the danger of the coronavirus. Keep us safe, and continue to bless those engaged in addressing this disease directly.

May everything done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. CICILLINE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CICILLINE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

VOTE ON HEROES ACT IN THE SENATE

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, almost 100,000 Americans have died from COVID-19. Nearly 40 million unemployment claims have been filed. Our economy is in shambles.

Two weeks ago, the House took action. We passed the HEROES Act, \$3 trillion in new relief funds, to protect the lives and livelihoods of the American people. Two weeks later, the Senate is on vacation. They were in session last week, but all they did was move forward on approving right-wing judges.

This is outrageous. The Senate is sitting on a bill that provides \$1 trillion to pay first responders, healthcare workers, teachers who are in danger of losing their jobs; \$200 billion for hazard pay; \$75 billion for testing, contact tracing, and isolation; and cash for families, up to \$6,000 per household.

The American people deserve better. They deserve a Senate that is committed to protecting their health and safety. They deserve an up or down vote on the HEROES Act in the Senate, not next week, not the week after, but right now. The virus isn't taking a break, the United States Senate shouldn't take a break either.

RUDI SCHEIDT'S INCREDIBLE LEGACY WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN

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

Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible 95 years of life of Rudi Scheidt. Although born in Germany and raised in San Francisco, Rudi spent most of his life in Memphis.

Through Rudi and his wife, Honey's, active philanthropy and dedication to the arts, he touched almost every aspect of cultural life in the Memphis community.

Rudi and Honey helped expand the University of Memphis Music School, now known as the Rudi E. Scheidt School of Music. They aided the Memphis Wonders Series to both evolve and prosper.

Rudi was committed to the Jewish community, serving as President of Temple Israel. He remained a true leader for his synagogue.

Tony Bennett's lyrics were wrong on this occasion, for, you see, Rudi Scheidt didn't leave his heart in San Francisco. Rudi left his heart in Memphis.

I feel lucky to be able to call Rudi a friend. I know the city of Memphis and the Jewish community will feel his impact for years to come. Roberta and I will miss him.

My thoughts are with his wife, Honey, as well as their children: Susan; Helen; Rudi, Jr.; and Elkan during this difficult time.

UTAH BUSINESS OWNERS AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS

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

Mr. MCADAMS. Madam Speaker, I am in Washington to continue to fight for Utah's business owners and our working families affected by the coronavirus.

The Paycheck Protection Program was designed to help small businesses stay afloat and to keep employees on the payroll.

Utah financial lenders processed more than \$5.2 billion in loans to help our businesses, but we must make sure the program works for these businesses, and especially for their employees.

Some Utah small businesses affected by the COVID-19 shutdown, through no fault of their own, may not be open or fully functional within 8 weeks. That is the original deadline to spend the funds for loan forgiveness.

The bipartisan bill I support today extends the loan forgiveness period to include costs incurred over 24 weeks and provides additional flexibility to ensure PPP is the lifeline it was meant to be.

Utah small businesses are trying to do the right thing by their employees, their customers, and local communities. This legislation supports them in that effort and improves the likelihood of a stronger economic recovery.

THANK YOU TO SC HEALTH

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am grateful to SC Health and their President, Alex Szkaradek, and their general counsel, John Pincelli, for their generous donation of 10,000 protective masks to defeat the Wuhan virus. I had the opportunity to distribute them at the West Columbia City Hall, welcomed by Mayor Tem Miles and Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin. We were also joined by Lexington Sheriff Jay Koon, and representatives of Richland Sheriff

Leon Lott, Aiken Sheriff Mike Hunt, and Orangeburg Sheriff Leroy Ravenell.

Masks were provided to chambers of commerce for small businesses represented by Carl Blackstone of Columbia, Richard Skipper of West Columbia, Mike Taylor of Batesburg-Leesville, Rebecca Hines of Chapin, Miriam Atria of Lake Murray, Terra Carroll of North Augusta, and Phil Frye of Blythewood.

The private sector, not just government, is making a difference.

In conclusion, God Bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

FUNDING FRONTLINE WORKERS

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

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, it is a horrible time our Nation is going through right now. One hundred thousand souls perished in this worldwide pandemic.

And through it all, every day, frontline workers are going to work; frontline workers like truck drivers, garbage collectors, nurses, and EMTs, and everybody getting our groceries to us, slugging it out, doing their job day in and day out. And through it all they are not getting anything extra but their regular pay.

That is why I introduced the Coronavirus Frontline Workers Fair Pay Act, and I was thrilled to see that get incorporated in the HEROES Act.

I call upon MITCH MCCONNELL and the Senate, get off the schneid and get to work and pass this. The American economy needs this relief, and we need you to stop delaying and pass this economic stimulus in the HEROES Act.

RECOGNIZING TYSON PLANT EMPLOYEES

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

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, our Nation's frontline workers must be commended for their tireless work during this pandemic.

I am reminded of the 2,200 employees in my district who work at the Tyson Food plant in Wilkesboro. These men and women come to work every day to help put food on kitchen tables across the country.

This week, a Wilkesboro salon restricted access to Tyson employees out of caution for COVID-19. While the salon owner's intentions may be good, there are safety measures that can be enacted to protect all patrons and employees.

It is critical that we understand the challenges that these frontline workers are facing, and we must do everything we can to support them.

Exclusionary actions are not the solution. We are in this fight together, and we must take care of one another.