

that House) at any time, in the same manner, and to the same extent as in the case of any other rule of that House.

#### SEC. 9. IMPLEMENTATION; PENALTIES.

(a) IMPLEMENTATION.—The President may exercise all authorities provided under sections 203 and 205 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1702 and 1704) to the extent necessary to carry out this Act.

(b) PENALTIES.—A person that violates, attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a violation of section 6 or 7 or any regulation, license, or order issued to carry out that section shall be subject to the penalties set forth in subsections (b) and (c) of section 206 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1705) to the same extent as a person that commits an unlawful act described in subsection (a) of that section.

#### SEC. 10. RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this Act shall be construed as an authorization of military force against China.

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. SHERMAN

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, I have an amendment at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

On page 35, line 16, strike “calendar” and insert “legislative”.

The amendment was agreed to.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### EXTENDING AUTHORITY FOR COMMITMENTS FOR THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

Ms. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the bill (S. 4116) to extend the authority for commitments for the paycheck protection program and separate amounts authorized for other loans under section 7(a) of the Small Business Act, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 4116

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. EXTENDING AUTHORITY FOR COMMITMENTS FOR THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM AND SEPARATE AMOUNTS AUTHORIZED FOR OTHER 7(A) LOANS.

Section 1102(b) of title I of division A of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136) is amended to read as follows:

“(b) COMMITMENTS FOR PPP AND OTHER 7(A) LOANS.—

“(1) PPP LOANS.—During the period beginning on February 15, 2020 and ending on August 8, 2020, the amount authorized for commitments under paragraph (36) of section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) shall be \$659,000,000,000.

“(2) OTHER 7(A) LOANS.—During fiscal year 2020, the amount authorized for commit-

ments for section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) under the heading ‘BUSINESS LOANS PROGRAM ACCOUNT’ under the heading ‘SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION’ under title V of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116- 93; 133 Stat. 2475) shall apply with respect to any commitments under such section 7(a) other than under paragraph (36) of such section 7(a).”.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST DECLASSIFICATION BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 703(c) of the Public Interest Declassification Act of 2000 (50 U.S.C. 3161 note), and the order of the House of January 3, 2019, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Public Interest Declassification Board for a term of 3 years:

John Tierney, Salem, Massachusetts

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, as America approaches her birthday, I want to wish the American people, in this most challenging time, a happy birthday.

I want to be reminded of those whose status in this country is not a status of equality, but I do want to acknowledge the importance of the birthday and the freedom and democracy in this Nation.

I want to thank the men and women of the United States military, and I want to acknowledge that any threat against those in the United States military is a serious threat. Any Commander in Chief that initially assesses a threat as a hoax should not be in that position.

The Russian threat of bounty on our soldiers in Afghanistan must be fully investigated by every jurisdictional committee in the United States Congress, but there must be a response to Russia, because those soldiers are precious and they are precious in the fight for freedom and to their families and to this Nation.

Again, as we wish a happy birthday, let us be reminded that those who have fallen in battle have fallen to continue to build on the democracy and the justice that we fought for and to make those who are yet equal, equal in the eyes of the law. We continue to fight. We must continue to defend our soldiers as they defend us.

Happy birthday, America.

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#### DEFENDING POLICE

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, just a year ago, south Mississippi mourned the senseless murder of Officer Robert McKeithen, and this month, Mississippi lost one of our sheriff's deputies, James Blair, in the line of duty.

Despite the dangers from criminals and lawlessness in our communities, some in America continue to call for defunding and dismantling police departments across the country. While we watched stores looted and cities burned by street thugs and anarchists, the men and women of law enforcement were labeled as the enemy.

Madam Speaker, police officers are not the enemy. They are the thin blue line standing between good and evil, civilization and chaos. I stand here today in 100 percent support of defending our police officers and not defunding them.

Madam Speaker, I ask all the good citizens of America to stand up and do the same. Defunding law enforcement is not the answer to the problems of this country. Removing criminals from our streets is.

May God bless the men and women in blue and their families.

#### ONE \$1,200 CHECK IS NOT ENOUGH

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

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to reemphasize the urgent need for the U.S. Senate to pass the HEROES Act.

Communities across the country have been and continue to be ravaged by the health and economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. One \$1,200 check is not enough to cover 3 months of expenses for millions of out-of-work Americans, and many families are still missing a check.

Millions of Americans are behind on rent and unable to pay their bills, worried they may be evicted from their homes. Frontline workers are risking their lives and the lives of their loved ones to ensure that our communities and our people can continue to thrive.

The coronavirus is resurging across the country, and this administration is shutting down Federal testing sites in impacted communities.

The HEROES Act will provide payments to families, create a national moratorium on evictions and foreclosures, provide hazard pay for frontline workers, and provide billions for testing and contact tracing.

While Americans suffer from this crisis, the leadership on the Senate side sits behind his desk, refusing to hold votes on a bill that will provide support and relief for millions of Americans in need.

Madam Speaker, it is time for Senator McCONNELL to lead with empathy and pass this legislation.

As a representative of one of the hardest hit communities by the

coronavirus, I know, now more than ever, we must pass this landmark bill into law, and do it now.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF COACH CHARLES RIPLEY

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

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of one of Arkansas' great coaching legends, Mr. Charles Ripley, who passed away this week at the age of 74.

In his 27-year tenure at the Little Rock School District, Coach Ripley led the Parkview Patriots to five boys State basketball titles and an overall record of 487–152.

In 1995, Coach Ripley was hired as the head basketball coach of Westark Community College in Fort Smith and then returned to Little Rock to serve as the athletic director and men's basketball coach at Arkansas Baptist College.

Coach Rip is a real hero to so many in our community and is in the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame.

The Arkansas Baptist College Foundation has established the Rip It Scholarship Fund to fund and honor his long-time efforts to fund and assist student-athletes at Arkansas Baptist College.

I join all Arkansans in honoring this remarkable life.

Madam Speaker, I also want to say that I congratulate the House on concurring with the Senate on extending the PPP program date until August 8. This will help small businesses all over our country.

#### CORONAVIRUS MAKES NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE VITAL

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

Mrs. FLETCHER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Enhancement Act.

At this unprecedented moment in our country's history, when the novel coronavirus has made plain the vital need for affordable and accessible healthcare for people across our country, I was proud to cast my vote in favor of this bill, which builds on the Affordable Care Act.

Ten years ago, the Affordable Care Act expanded access to healthcare for millions across Texas and across the country. Since that time, we have also learned of critical improvements needed to the ACA to ensure that care is both affordable and accessible.

This bill lowers the cost of prescription drugs, caps premiums, and protects people with preexisting conditions.

Vitality important for Texas, with the highest rate of uninsured people in the country, this bill encourages States that haven't expanded Medicaid to do

so. And I will work with leaders in Texas to make sure that we do.

These are priorities for people across my district, across my State, and across our country. As we battle this public health crisis, I am glad the legislation that is necessary and timely has passed the House, and I urge the Senate to do the same.

#### MOVING FORWARD ON PATH TO SUSTAINABILITY

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

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, today, the House of Representatives took a significant step forward for the American people by passing the Moving Forward Act, a \$1.5 trillion legislative package to invest in America's infrastructure and create jobs. I am proud to support this legislation.

Among other things, this package will help combat the climate crisis and grow clean energy jobs. It includes my Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act, which facilitates renewable energy development on public lands and sets a goal to develop 25 gigawatts of renewable energy generation on our public lands by 2025.

I also worked to ensure that the package includes local priorities like my Desalination Development Act, which will provide Federal funding for desalination projects like those in my district.

Finally, the Moving Forward Act includes my amendment to authorize nearly \$3.4 billion to construct, maintain, and renovate Department of Veterans Affairs capital infrastructure. The amendment also prioritizes service-disabled, veteran-owned small businesses to complete many of these projects.

Ultimately, the Moving Forward Act puts our country on the path to a more sustainable future, and I urge the Senate to take it up immediately.

#### RECOGNIZING CHRIST CORDON

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

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember an outstanding member of the Panama City community, Christ Cordon.

Christ passed away last week. He was a devoted husband, father, and friend to me as well as many others.

He owned a small business and quietly gave to organizations, individuals, and causes he believed in. He generously contributed to the Children's Advocacy Center, checking on and supporting them after Hurricane Michael.

The fact that Christ gave so much without seeking any recognition speaks volumes about his character. His death is a truly huge loss for our

community. He was exceptional. He leaves behind a loving wife and a young son.

I am grateful for the time that I had with Christ Cordon and for the privilege of calling him my friend. I encourage all of us to think about the impact we have made on our communities, and how we can continue to serve our communities in the future, just as Christ did.

#### ADDRESSING INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS IN OUR COUNTRY

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

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I am proud to have supported H.R. 2, the Moving Forward Act.

This comprehensive infrastructure package will make clean energy investments, create more affordable housing, and improve broadband across the United States.

I am proud that H.R. 2 included many of my bills, including the green bus tax credit, so that Monterey-Salinas Transit and Santa Cruz METRO, in my district, can get their fleets of zero-emission buses on the roads and also my Clean Energy Production Parity Act to support linear generators manufactured in California.

H.R. 2 also includes my amendments to increase the Reforestation Trust Fund for more job-creating environmental infrastructure and to give greater flexibility to communities using EDA funding so that we can better target Federal funding for economic recovery projects.

It is past time to address the infrastructure needs of our country. That is why I urge my colleagues in the Senate to, hopefully, take up and pass H.R. 2, so that we can continue to move our country forward to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

#### HONORING BRANDON CASERTA

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

Mr. MOULTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Brandon Caserta.

Brandon was a 21-year-old United States Navy petty officer. He couldn't get mental health help when he needed it, and as a result, he died from suicide on the flightline of his squadron in Norfolk, Virginia.

Last week, on the second anniversary of the day that Brandon's parents, Patrick and Teri, lost their son, I was proud to introduce the Brandon Act. I am also proud to have successfully added this bill to the NDAA today in the House Armed Services Committee in honor of Brandon.

With the Brandon Act, servicemembers can seek mental health help whenever they need it, even outside the chain of command, which is important