

that time, there have been more than 50,000 new coronavirus deaths, bringing the total to more than 140,000 Americans and more than 2.5 million more cases. Yet the Senate has done nothing.

This important legislation provides much-needed relief to States and cities experiencing lost revenue, to support our heroes on the front lines.

It ensures our first responders and essential workers are entitled to hazard pay and guarantees up to \$200 billion for those who have risked their lives working during the pandemic.

It expands testing, tracing, and treatment to all Americans.

It puts money back in the pockets of struggling Americans with a second round of stimulus payments up to \$6,000 per household.

It preserves health coverage by protecting the more than 5.4 million Americans who have lost their employer-provided health insurance.

It extends the weekly \$600 Federal unemployment benefit through January, providing a vital safety net for a record number of Americans who are unemployed. Right now, that expires in just 9 days.

It helps worried families afford a safe place to live, assisting renters and homeowners with rent, mortgage, and utility payments and other housing-related costs.

I urge the Senate to pass this bill immediately.

#### IN SUPPORT OF THE GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOORS ACT

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

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Great American Outdoors Act.

My friend, Senator DAINES, deserves a lot of credit. He has successfully advanced this historic legislation, historic because of its long-term dedication to our public lands.

People from around the world come to tour our outstanding National Parks, including millions of visitors every year to Yellowstone and Glacier. Unfortunately, too many of our parks have fallen into disrepair. This bill begins to rebuild and repair our parks.

It is also a fitting complement to our successful efforts to permanently reauthorize the Land and Water Conservation Fund. It provides dedicated funding to increase public access to public lands across Montana.

I know how important LWCF is to Montana, and I will continue working to keep public lands in public hands and increase access.

I urge my colleagues to join me today in voting for the Great American Outdoors Act.

#### STUDENT LOAN DEBT CRISIS

(Ms. DEAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, our student loan debt crisis predates the pandemic. We encourage high school students to attend college, to claim their education, yet too many graduates are shackled with a mountain of debt that limits their future, impedes their financial freedom, and diminishes their purchasing power. The pandemic has only worsened this problem.

During this pandemic, we owe it to a generation of debt-laden young people, veterans, and transitioning adults to take bold action, to pass meaningful debt forgiveness. Freeing up the ability to claim an education without crushing debt will be a relief to so many Americans and our economy.

An educated public should enrich us all, not create unsustainable debt. So I call upon this body to pass bold and meaningful debt forgiveness for millions of bright young people so that their futures are determined not by the debt they incurred but by the knowledge they gained.

#### NATIONAL FRAGILE X AWARENESS DAY

(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 on National Fragile X Awareness Day to raise awareness of this genetic disorder.

Fragile X is caused by mutations in the gene known as FMR1. These mutations can result in behavioral, developmental, cognitive, and reproductive conditions, often leading to delayed development of speech and language. In the most severe cases, fragile X can cause potentially fatal neurodegenerative conditions.

Fragile X syndrome affects an estimated 100,000 Americans. But more than 1 million Americans have a variation of the fragile X mutation, meaning they either have or are at risk of developing one of the associated conditions.

This means each Member of this House, on average, represents 230 constituents living with fragile X syndrome, and countless more parents, grandparents, siblings, and caregivers love someone with fragile X.

Each person living with fragile X syndrome, and any other intellectual and developmental disability, makes our world a better place.

#### EXTENDING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

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

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today because supplemental Federal unemployment benefits expire next

week, and Republicans in the Senate refuse to extend these benefits for the American people.

Average daily expenses are weighing heavily on millions of families as our economy struggles and unemployment is at a record high, with over 17 million still unemployed.

Rent is due, bills are due, loan payments are due, but people are still out of work. Americans are fighting against financial hardships and the housing affordability crisis. Failure to extend unemployment benefits in the midst of this pandemic would be cruel and inhumane. It would cause financial ruin for millions who are already struggling.

Our communities need the additional \$600 weekly unemployment benefits. It could be the difference between getting evicted or making rent for another month.

I urge the Senate to pass the HEROES Act to extend Federal unemployment benefits. Millions of Americans are depending on it.

#### IN SUPPORT OF THE CITIZENS OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

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

Mr. WATKINS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of democracy around the world and, in particular, in Jammu and Kashmir.

The human rights violations there are already alarming. And now with COVID-19 plaguing the world, people there and everywhere must have access to the tools necessary to fight this disease.

As telecommunication blackouts, suppression of media reports, human rights abuses, and mass detentions continue in Jammu and Kashmir, COVID-19 concerns are amplified. There have already been disturbing reports that PPE and critical equipment are being blocked from entering the region.

Without adequate resources and internet access, hospitals and medical centers don't stand a chance. And lives being lost are lost to the world.

I urge the global community and actors in the region to work together to ensure that citizens of Jammu and Kashmir have access to the care, services, and resources needed to defeat this disease.

#### IN SUPPORT OF THE NO BAN ACT

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

Mr. CARSON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the NO BAN Act, which I was honored to coauthor. I urge my colleagues to swiftly pass this landmark legislation today.

More than 3 years ago, President Donald Trump's Muslim ban put into action the xenophobic and racist agenda that he promised during his campaign.

It immediately led to chaos at our airports, where I was honored to stand in solidarity with our incoming immigrants and those cruelly ripped apart from their families.

The Muslim ban became the cornerstone of President Trump's dangerous agenda. It has made America less respected around the world. And our country is not any safer.

This isn't the only time America has shamefully shut our doors based on race, ethnicity, or nationality. But we can make it the last time.

That is why we must pass the NO BAN Act and end the Muslim ban and make sure history does not repeat itself. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation today.

#### THE WORDS OF A BLACK POLICE OFFICER

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio. Madam Speaker, for those wondering what it is like to be a Black police officer amid the violent demonstrations that continue in cities across our country, consider what Portland Police Officer Jakhary Jackson said about the rioters in his own words.

“It’s been very eye-opening. It says something when you’re at a Black Lives Matter protest and you have more minorities on the police side than you have in a violent crowd, and you have White people screaming at Black officers.”

Let me repeat Officer Jackson’s words once more, because you will not hear any of this from our national media. Once again, here are the words of a Black police officer facing a violent mob of predominantly White anarchists.

“It’s been very eye-opening. It says something when you’re at a Black Lives Matter protest and you have more minorities on the police side than you have in a violent crowd, and you have White people screaming at Black officers.”

#### FEDERAL OFFICERS IN PORTLAND

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, it was sad to hear my colleague with his recent comments. Let me tell you what it is like on the ground in Portland.

This is a serious problem in Oregon where people are attempting to peacefully demonstrate their opposition to a whole range of racist practices by law enforcement. There are, to be sure, occasionally a few people who are doing things that they shouldn’t, and they should be arrested, tried, and convicted. But the vast majority of people are peaceful.

And it is no fault, frankly, of what has happened with the Trump administration, who have moved in with what can only be described as an occupying force, making the situation worse. They were unwanted, unwelcome, and unprepared. Nonetheless, they have moved in, been involved with episodes that people can watch on YouTube, where peaceful demonstrators were attacked.

One of my constituents, asking a simple question, was beaten with a baton, breaking his wrist, and pepper sprayed in the face. This is outrageous. This is a made-for-TV initiative by the Trump administration and should stop.

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#### PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO SMALL DEFENSE MANUFACTURERS

(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 that the House Armed Services Committee included my amendment, the Small Manufacturer Cybersecurity Enhancement Act, in the National Defense Authorization Act, which passed yesterday by bipartisan vote.

This crucial amendment will provide much-needed assistance to small defense manufacturers with cyber compliance, and it will enhance the cybersecurity through our defense supply chain by expanding DOD cyber initiatives with the manufacturing extension partnership centers. The MEP national network is ideally situated to assist the Department to help strengthen our national defense.

This bipartisan legislation was supported unanimously by all members of the House Armed Services Committee. It is especially important to the communities I represent adjacent to the Army Cyber Command at Fort Gordon. The potential to create jobs is encouraged.

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

#### RECOGNIZING ESCALATION OF VIOLENCE ALONG ARMENIAN-AZERBAIJANI BORDER

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

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to call attention to the escalating violence that is occurring in the Armenian-Azerbaijani border.

Beginning July 12, the Azeri soldiers approached the Armenian border, a place that has been one of contention, and opened fire on Armenian civilians in the Tavush Province.

Since then, the conflict, sadly, has escalated. The Azeri armed forces have

been indiscriminate in attacking Armenian schools and factories, factories producing personal protective equipment that is essential during this pandemic.

Azerbaijan must be held accountable. In the midst of this global pandemic, where supplies and resources are already stretched, it is critical now more than ever that we work toward peace with Artsakh.

We must reevaluate the U.S. security assistance to Azerbaijan immediately—they are not being appropriate in their actions—as well as increase aid to Armenia to counter Azeri aggression.

In the appropriations bill yesterday, a \$20 million augmentation was made to the country of Armenia. I urge my colleagues to support that and urge immediate action condemning Azerbaijan’s disgraceful actions.

#### RECOGNIZING RADIO STATION WHUB

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

Mr. ROSE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, on July 20, 1940, Judge Luke Medley started a small radio station in Cookeville, Tennessee, my hometown. And for the last 80 years, WHUB Newstalk 101.7 and 1400, the Hub, has stood the test of time and been a haven for community events and local news.

WHUB’s motto is: “Where community always comes first.” They have always implemented that motto for the citizens of the Upper Cumberland in Tennessee, and they always will. WHUB has been the winner of numerous awards in the last 80 years from the State of Tennessee and the National Association of Broadcasters.

Congratulations to owner Jerry Zimmer, program director Brent Carl Fleshman, news director Shawn Jacobs, and general manager John Monk for their constant hard work to keep WHUB the number one news talk radio station in the Upper Cumberland.

Happy 80th anniversary to WHUB. God bless Tennessee, and God bless America.

#### LAUNCHING JUSTICE IN POLICING WEBSITE

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

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, it has been nearly 4 weeks since the House passed the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act. Leader McCONNELL and the Republican-led Senate, however, refuse to call it up for consideration or a vote. Meanwhile, the problem of racial injustice is not going away on its own.

For millions of Americans, this issue is deeply personal, having experienced racial bias in our justice system first-hand. Most police officers, Madam Speaker, are trying hard to do their job