

very minute that we have an agreement, that we know we can pass something through the United States Senate. We can pass it here. We have passed it.

The people need the assistance we give them. The economy needs the assistance. And I would think my Republican friends who see the economy in absolute free fall would be demanding that we get to an agreement, not just demanding you do this and only this.

We are a democracy. The American people have elected us to be the leadership in this House. And they have elected a lot of Democrats in the Senate and the Republicans to be in charge of the Senate. They expect us to come to an agreement.

Do you know who said that, Mr. Speaker? Newt Gingrich, Newt Gingrich when he made a deal with Bill Clinton on the budget. The conservatives in his party said: No, we are not going to make any deal. And Newt Gingrich's reply was: Look, we are in a democracy, and we have to heed the views of both sides of the aisle.

Newt Gingrich said that, and he was savaged by his conservatives who simply wanted to say no.

The American people need a yes. The American people need help. Families need help. People who are not able to buy food need help, and hospitals that are stretched, and States and local governments.

I urge all of my Republican colleagues and Democratic colleagues to talk to your local mayor, your local county commissioner, your local city council person. They will tell you they are hemorrhaging revenues. Why? Because the economy has fallen so swiftly.

They are on the front lines. They hire teachers. They hire sanitation workers. They hire police. They hire fire protection. They hire emergency medical response teams. They are on the front lines, all of those levels of government.

We must come together, Mr. Speaker, and get to an agreement. If we do not, we will fail the American people.

On May 15, we passed a bill, and for 80 days, the Republican leadership did nothing. And now, they say: Take this or nothing.

We are going to be on the side of the people, and we are going to get a bill that is for the people. At that point in time, I will immediately give 24 hours' notice minimum so that people can get back here and do their duty.

Mr. Speaker, last week, I shared with the House that my office had launched a website where Americans could learn about the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, weigh in with their opinion on the bill, and list themselves as a "citizen cosponsor" if they support it. Thousands of Americans have become "citizen cosponsors."

Many have also shared their own stories and called for Senate action on this bill.

Sadly, Senate Republicans refuse to do anything to address the crisis of systemic racism and police brutality.

More than a month has passed, and they have taken no action on the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act.

That's an irresponsible abdication of its duty to address the challenges facing our country.

Today, I will begin submitting the names of the more than 7,000 "citizen cosponsors" of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

There are so many, that it may take several days to do so. And as more add their names at justiceinpolicing.us, we will continue to submit them into the RECORD.

Because the Senate needs to see how important this issue is to so many of our fellow Americans.

They need to see how many of our people are urging them to act.

So, Madam Speaker, include in the RECORD this list of "citizen cosponsors." And I ask that the Senate stop ignoring this issue and listen to the voices of thousands who have taken the time to add their names here and share their stories.

We must take action to make it clear that Black Lives Matter.

In addition, I want to share the sad news that former Clerk of the House Donald Anderson passed away yesterday.

He had a distinguished career serving this institution, which he loved.

It began as a teenager, when Donn served as a House page.

When I came to the House, he was the assistant manager of the Democratic cloakroom.

He then served as the Clerk for the 100th through 103rd Congresses.

Donn was also a U.S. Army reservist. His life was filled with service to his country.

I hope all of the members of this House will join me in expressing gratitude for his life and service and condolences to Donn's family.

I would like to take a moment to thank the members of this House for their hard work and perseverance as we engaged in one of the most productive periods in the modern history of the House.

The number of major bills we passed in June and July is staggering:

George Floyd Justice in Policing Act;
Defense authorization;
D.C. statehood;
Legislation to strengthen & expand the Affordable Care Act;

A bill to protect renters & homeowners from eviction;

No ban & access to counsel;
Great American Outdoors Act;
A major infrastructure package;
Water Resources Development Act;
A bill to remove Confederate statues and other reminders of slavery from the Capitol;
Child care bills; and

Ten appropriations bills, funding the vast majority of the government ahead of the fiscal year.

These came on the heels of May's HEROES Act, major relief to the American people during this present crisis.

Meanwhile, other than the Defense authorization bill that the House sent over, the Senate did not pass a single piece of major legislation during that same period.

So, I want to thank you all for bearing with the very busy schedule so that we could make sure the people's house continues to govern for the people.

EL PASO COMMUNITY HEALING GARDEN

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

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, Monday, August 3, will mark 1 year since El Paso, Texas, became the target of a killer who confessed to driving over 600 miles in order to stop what he called the "Hispanic invasion" with his AK-47.

In a horrific act of domestic terrorism, he killed 23 people, injured 22, and devastated all of us. This wasn't only another tragic outcome of America's gun violence epidemic, but also a result of America's hate epidemic fueled by racism and xenophobia as well as rhetoric coming from the most powerful leaders in the land.

One year later, we still don't have laws that make us safer from gun violence, and we still face a reckoning on hate.

My community continues to confront hate with love and to honor the victims and survivors. In that spirit, it is my privilege today to introduce legislation that honors the victims of the August 3, 2019, attack and designates the El Paso Community Healing Garden as a national memorial.

MARKING ANNIVERSARY OF STRENGTHENING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT

(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, 2 years ago, I had the pleasure of standing in the Oval Office with President Trump as he signed my bill, the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act into law.

I was proud to see this bill become law, but I was even more proud to see it pass with such overwhelming bipartisan support. Not a single Member of Congress in either Chamber voted against it.

The Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act is the first major overhaul to the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act since 2006.

COVID-19 has underscored just how much the Nation depends on a skilled and trained workforce. That is why I am pleased to cosponsor the Skills Renewal Act. This legislation will support individuals who have become unemployed as a result of the pandemic with a \$4,000 skills training credit and will support career and technical education opportunities such as apprenticeships and certificate programs.

Career and technical education invests in America's most valuable resource, our people, and provides the tools necessary to pursue high-skill, high-wage, family-sustaining careers.

PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AGGRESSION

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to condemn action taken by the People's Republic of China, or PRC, in the Ladakh region of India that led to deadly clashes between the two countries on June 15.

Since the truce in 1962, the PRC and India have been divided by a 2,100-mile-long Line of Actual Control. In the months leading up to this clash, the PRC military reportedly amassed about 5,000 soldiers along this boundary, and that clearly meant to redraw longstanding settled borders by force and aggression.

A skirmish, unsurprisingly, broke out on June 15 as a direct result of these troop movements, leaving at least 20 Indian soldiers and an unconfirmed number of Chinese soldiers dead.

This intentional encroachment and escalatory tactics used by the PRC are consistent with other provocative actions its forces have taken throughout South and Southeast Asia. To counter this aggression, I am glad that the House of Representatives passed an amendment that I cosponsored with Congressman KRISHNAMOORTHY that calls on China to cease its military aggression and urges immediate diplomatic action to prevent any further escalation of conflict.

I will continue to work with my colleagues here in Congress to find ways to help bolster our vital relationship with India.

THANKING 141ST AIR REFUELING WING

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

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Washington State's 141st Air Refueling Wing at Fairchild Air Force Base. In countless ways, the 141st Air Refueling Wing has answered the call of service.

Because of the COVID-19 crisis, they have also taken action to help families in need. For example, they have helped food banks distribute more than 4.5 million pounds of food. They have partnered with the Washington State Department of Health Incident Management Team on testing sites. At this very moment, airmen and -women are operating five mobile testing facilities in my State.

On top of all this, the 141st Air Refueling Wing is also fighting fires. As the summer wildfire season ends, Team Fairchild's RC-26 Metroliner has flown hundreds of hours, detecting 110 new fires and mapping more than 325 fires.

With this critical data, the 141st Air Refueling Wing has saved lives, property, and businesses.

Mr. Speaker, the 141st Air Refueling Wing and Washington State National Guard serve both at home and around the world. I thank them for their life-saving efforts and sacrifices.

SOLVING THE NEXT GENERATION'S PROBLEMS WITH CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY

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

Mr. SOTO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the appropriations package we just passed today.

Central Florida is space and technology country. We just launched the Perseverance rover yesterday, which we could see from my backyard. We are the busiest spaceport in the world at Cape Canaveral.

I was honored to help boost funds and recognize the important global competition and for America to be a leader in low-Earth orbit and commercial spaceflight operations.

We advanced Outer Planet and Ocean Worlds, including the Europa Clipper mission to advance humankind. We also fought for more funding for emerging technology like solar energy, artificial intelligence, to improve blockchain, and for quantum computing investments.

Why is this important? We use quantum computing to identify 12 separate antiviral drugs, one of which ended up being remdesivir, through quantum computing and artificial intelligence here in the Federal Government.

We can solve the next generation's problems with cutting-edge technology. We will continue to do that going forward.

CONGRATULATING DR. JOSE ARCE

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

Mr. YOHO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dr. Jose Arce. He is poised to make history for being the first person from Puerto Rico to be elected to the post of the American Veterinary Medical Association as president.

Dr. Arce was born and raised in Puerto Rico. He is a 1997 graduate of the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Arce returned to Puerto Rico and now is president and co-owner of Miramar Animal Hospital in San Juan, where he practices with his wife, Dr. Anik Puig, who also is a veterinarian.

Jose has been an active member in the field of veterinary medicine, holding many positions in its leadership, from adviser to the board of directors of the American Veterinary Medical Foundation.

The AVMA is fortunate to have such a passionate advocate representative of the profession. His election to the president of the AVMA will inspire people

from all backgrounds and heritage and show that if you are willing to dream and dream big, and you are willing to work, those dreams come true. That, and he, are the essence of the American Dream.

KLAMATH BASIN

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, lying in northern California and southern Oregon is the Klamath Lake as well as the Klamath Project, which has provided water for agriculture for almost 100 years.

The science involved that informs how much water the Klamath Project receives each year has been flawed for quite some time. For years, farmers and ranchers in the Klamath Basin have competed with salmon and suckerfish for the full water allocation that they need. This year's battle was the final straw.

Earlier this month, in July, Secretary Bernhardt and Commissioner Burman came to visit the Klamath Basin to meet with farmers, ranchers, locals, and other stakeholders at the invitation of myself and my colleague, GREG WALDEN. They got to see just how harmful the bad science has been to the irrigators in the basin.

This week, the Secretary and Commissioner announced that the Trump administration is making a commitment to update the science on the Klamath Project, and it will inevitably provide relief to the irrigators and the dwindling fish populations that have suffered nonsensical allocations.

In a time where it seems that our government can't seem to get much right or much production done, this administration has provided a potentially lifesaving solution to the Klamath Basin in just under a month.

Updating the science is critical and will help us make more informed decisions for decades to come.

MOVE QUICKLY TO VOTE ON STIMULUS PACKAGE

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, for 14 years, the Texas Department of Transportation has been attempting to build I-45, which would literally destroy large aspects of my community.

In this past appropriation, I am delighted to have had amendments that have indicated that you cannot use 106 funds without looking closely at the historic preservation impact.

I provided \$1 million extra to help impoverished communities fight against such construction that removes buildings like homes, businesses, and culturally significant structures. That is what is happening in Independence Heights, where