

REPUBLICANS ARE SUPPORTING THE INVESTOR CLASS WHILE DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR THE WORKING CLASS

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, while Senator MCCONNELL works fervently to confirm a Supreme Court Justice, he continues to block the relief that Americans need, holding a failed vote on a bill that refuses to crush the virus, abandons our heroes in State and local government, ignores families facing hunger and homelessness, and contains poison pills that Democrats cannot support.

As families suffer, Republicans continue to refuse to acknowledge the funding levels that experts, scientists, and the American people know is needed. They reject robust support for State, local, Tribal and territorial governments. They want to bully many schools into reopening before it is safe to do so, endangering children, educators, and creating new vectors for the virus to spread.

Republicans are ignoring the crisis of food insecurity, providing zero funds for nutrition assistance, and insufficient funds to our farmers.

Originally, our side, the Democrats, were willing to compromise and cut a trillion from the HEROES Act if the White House would add a trillion to the failed and anemic Senate bill. We wanted to negotiate and meet in the middle at \$2.2 trillion. Yet, Senate Republicans and the White House continue to reject a compromise, and instead, the Senate GOP continues to move further away from what is needed.

While Republicans fail to take the catastrophe facing families seriously, our health and economy are crumbling. Republicans are supporting the investor class while Democrats are fighting for the working class.

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LEADERS MUST CONDEMN VIOLENCE

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

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, those who are placed in positions of leadership, particularly those elected by the people, have a responsibility to put their short-term interests aside for the greater collective good.

We have a problem in America with violence in our streets, destruction of property, and hateful rhetoric toward police and innocent bystanders every day. As a result, people are fleeing our cities in droves, yet many so-called leaders have tacitly condoned the destruction with phrases like: "People will do what they do," and, "There needs to be unrest in the streets for as

long as there is unrest in our lives." "No justice, no peace." We have all heard it.

If such indirect encouragement is not bad enough, continued silence from certain leaders may be even worse.

The idea that, after an assassination attempt of two sheriffs in California, the former attorney general, the top cop, and current Senator of the State remaining silent on this issue is outrageous.

Just this week, as a response to the President's constitutional duty to nominate a Supreme Court Justice, the far left immediately stated: "Let this moment radicalize you." They later stated: "Nothing is off the table." Just now, it was stated: "Do so at your peril." That is a threat. This incites lawlessness and has nothing to do with national unity.

We can disagree on policy, but now, more than ever, we need new leaders who aspire to follow in the heroic footsteps of Martin Luther King and call out those who fail to do so.

CONGRESS NEEDS MORE COOPERATION

(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, the shock of the loss of Justice Ginsburg and the stunning hypocrisy of Republicans who denied Judge Garland even a hearing because a year was not enough time rush to jam through another Trump appointment.

The devastating national disasters of the Oregon and California fires and Trump's failure to respond to the COVID health and economic disasters are a stunning backdrop to the work we have before us.

We have a chance to take steps in this Congress that in normal times would be historic reforms working with you, Madam Speaker on legislation to reform our hopelessly outdated marijuana legislation.

We have a chance to pass legislation that would rescue 500,000 independent restaurants, who are at risk of going out of business if we don't take steps now. And these are bipartisan initiatives.

Congress ought to do what it can moving forward where it can cooperate. Who knows, it might become habit forming.

HONORING 200,000 LIVES LOST WITH ACTION

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

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solemn recognition of the grave milestone our Nation soon will be reaching: 200,000 lives lost to the COVID-19 pandemic—among them, 8,457 Illinoisans.

They were our nurses and doctors, our heroes on the front lines of the fight against this virus.

They were our grandparents who were forced to spend their final moments alone.

They were our essential workers, our vulnerable neighbors, our closest friends.

Their families have been devastated with grief, made worse by the painful reality that we cannot gather safely to mourn our losses together.

To every American who has lost someone to the coronavirus, I extend my deepest condolences, and I grieve with you.

I commit to you that I will continue to honor the lives lost with action through making investments in health and our economy to ensure that America recovers from COVID-19 stronger than ever.

HONORING THOSE WHO DON CROWNS OF ALL TYPES

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

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the CROWN Act, which will move us one step closer to ending the centuries of discrimination against Black hair, discrimination that has rejected the dignity and beauty of my people.

From personnel handbooks to school dress code policies, Afros, locs, and twists have been codified as proxies for our Black skin and manifestations of anti-Black racism.

Many, especially Black women, grow up hearing that our natural coils and kinks are distracting, ghetto, ugly, and unprofessional. From as early as grade school, Black girls are pushed out of school for wearing their hair naturally. As we grow up, we are taught to straighten our hair if we want to get a job or simply live our lives in peace.

When I first joined Congress, I proudly chose to wear my hair in Senegalese twists because I sought to intentionally create space for all of us to show up in the world as our authentic selves.

Today, I navigate the world a little differently. My beautiful twists were taken from me due to the autoimmune disease known as alopecia universalis.

But today, I stand in honor of those who don crowns of all types. May they continue to shine.

IN HONOR OF JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Madam Speaker, Saturday Libby and I joined many at the Supreme Court to honor Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a true defender of our most fundamental rights at a time when this President and his enablers increasingly threaten the very preservation of our democracy.

Having fought her entire professional life against double standards, it is essential that a double standard not apply to her replacement.

When Justice Scalia died 8 months before a Presidential election, Republicans blocked any consideration of President Obama's nomination to the Court. Only total hypocrisy would permit Republicans to name a replacement after voting for President has already begun in a number of States.

Why Trump's big rush? Because he wants this court packed with judges that will take away healthcare and protection for preexisting conditions for millions of Americans. And just in case, when he loses the popular vote once again, he needs some judges to help him cling to power. The best tribute to Justice Ginsburg is demanding consistency and then replacing a President who shares absolutely none of her values.

With everything at stake, we need to give it everything we have got. Let's protect the equality and justice she worked a lifetime to defend.

AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE BETTER

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

Mr. CICILLINE. America will soon pass 200,000 deaths from COVID-19. This pandemic is now the second leading cause of death in our country, only behind heart disease.

This year, it will kill more Americans than lung cancer, stroke, Alzheimer's, diabetes, and the flu, and it didn't have to be this way.

President Trump knew the dangers in January. His Deputy National Security Advisor told him to cut off travel from China, but he didn't do that.

The next month, the President told a reporter that COVID-19 was more deadly than even your most strenuous flus, but he didn't tell the American people. He did what he always does when he faces a crisis. He failed the American people.

Just yesterday, he told a crowd of his own supporters in Ohio that the disease "affects virtually nobody." Yet, 200,000 have died of this disease.

He is not up to his job. He never was. It is too big for him.

The American people deserve a President who will take this deadly virus seriously and has a plan to defeat it.

REPUBLICANS PUT THEMSELVES FIRST

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

Ms. FUDGE. Madam Speaker, on Friday, we lost an honorable and decent woman, Justice Ginsburg, a person who changed the world.

But for all her successes, those who are bent on choosing her successor have no decency. They have no honor.

They have no integrity. It is a shame that they did not learn the lessons of Justice Ginsburg, which were decency and honesty and integrity, one who fought for others.

All they want to do is fight for themselves. They want to take away our healthcare. They don't want to help people who are in trouble. They don't care about people who are unemployed. All they want to do is win.

But what do they win? What have they won for this Nation? They just want to benefit themselves.

We are not here for ourselves. We are here for the people who sent us here. We are here to represent the people.

When you lose sight of that, what a shame, what an absolute shame. They are a disgrace to this Nation.

CONGRESS MUST WORK TO SAVE LIVES, PROTECT LIVELIHOODS

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

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, this pandemic has taken over 200,000 lives, bankrupted State and local governments, and destroyed our economy, not to mention nearly 20 million people have lost their jobs as a result of this devastating public health and economic crisis. Communities of color have been hit the hardest.

My condolences go out to those who have lost loved ones.

Over 4 months ago, House Democrats passed the HEROES Act, which reflects the needs of the American people and allocates the resources to save lives and to boost the economy. It has been over 130 days since we passed the HEROES Act.

Since that time, the other body and the White House have done nothing to help the American people. Instead, this administration and Senate Republicans muzzled scientists and refused to compromise.

Let me be clear: The White House intentionally downplayed the severity of the virus, and now the COVID pandemic has taken lives that could have been saved.

Time is of the essence. I urge my colleagues across the aisle to work with Democrats to save lives and protect livelihoods now more than ever.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. LEE of California). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

EXTENSION OF THE CARIBBEAN BASIN ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass

the bill (H.R. 991) to extend certain provisions of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act until September 30, 2030, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 991

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Extension of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act".

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF THE CARIBBEAN BASIN ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACT.

Section 213 of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (19 U.S.C. 2703) is amended as follows:

(1) EXTENSION FOR CERTAIN KNIT APPAREL ARTICLES.—In clause (iii) of subsection (b)(2)(A)—

(A) in subclause (II)(cc), by striking "September 30, 2020" and inserting "September 30, 2030"; and

(B) in subclause (IV)(dd), by striking "September 30, 2020" and inserting "September 30, 2030".

(2) EXTENSION OF LIMITATION WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN OTHER APPAREL ARTICLES.—In clause (iv)(II) of such subsection, by striking "18" and inserting "28".

(3) EXTENSION OF TRANSITION PERIOD.—In subsection (b)(5)(D)(i), by striking "September 30, 2020" and inserting "September 30, 2030".

SEC. 3. CUSTOMS USER FEES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 13031(j)(3) of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (19 U.S.C. 58c(j)(3)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A), by striking "September 30, 2029" and inserting "October 21, 2029"; and

(2) in subparagraph (B)(i), by striking "September 30, 2029" and inserting "October 21, 2029".

(b) RATE FOR MERCHANDISE PROCESSING FEES.—Section 503 of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Public Law 112-41; 19 U.S.C. 3805 note) is amended by striking "September 30, 2029" and inserting "October 21, 2029".

SEC. 4. DETERMINATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

The budgetary effects of this Act, for the purpose of complying with the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, shall be determined by reference to the latest statement titled "Budgetary Effects of PAYGO Legislation" for this Act, submitted for printing in the Congressional Record by the Chairman of the House Budget Committee, provided that such statement has been submitted prior to the vote on passage.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER) and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. WENSTRUP) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oregon.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.