

The third thing I would like to address tonight is dealing with possible medical advancements that can help us deal with the COVID pandemic.

I sometimes feel, as I address the COVID pandemic, that our government agencies are focused solely on a vaccine and are not thinking outside the box.

Today I talked to a couple of researchers from Israel who continue to be optimistic on using fenofibrate, which is a drug which has traditionally been used to fight cholesterol.

Well, they don't like to be nailed down because nobody knows how many lives would be saved if we gave people, in the beginning stages of the pandemic, fenofibrate. It is possible that we could reduce the number of fatalities by 30 or 40 percent.

Again, fenofibrate is an easily available, in generic form, drug used to treat cholesterol. There are, right now, over time, better drugs. It is not as used as it once was. But, nevertheless, their preliminary studies are very positive.

I wish our own CDC or NIH would get on the ball and help these researchers a little bit, because they feel they can have a definitive answer by winter. They feel that 3 months from now, we may have something that will be a cure for something like 30 to 40 percent—maybe 20 percent, maybe 30 percent—of the people who have this virus who now die.

Can you imagine if we could reduce the number of fatalities by 30 percent by a simple expedient, not of developing an expensive vaccine, but if we could save all these lives with an easily available generic drug used for cholesterol today?

Mr. Speaker, I again ask CDC and NIH to think outside the box and help these researchers and find out if their preliminary work is accurate, and then we can save so many lives even if a vaccine is not developed.

So there is the good news, kind of good news and bad news in that one. The good news is we are on the cusp of a cure; the bad news is we have got to get the American bureaucracy to think outside the box.

The final thing I am going to address is some unfortunate news.

The prior speaker talked about people being treated differently, depending on who they are.

It was brought to my attention 2 weeks ago of something I normally run on, or I ran on originally, by a woman who had two children who went to college.

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She and her husband were hardworking, middle-class Americans. And like most hardworking, middle-class Americans, when their children went to college, they had to take out loans and both of their children had loans in the \$30,000 to \$50,000 category.

Because she did a good job of raising her children, they were hardworking,

and working their way to paying off those loans, which is a good thing.

But she has talked to other people and she found out other people, who perhaps weren't married, weren't working as hard, that their children received grants from the government.

So in other words, if you get married and work hard, we treat your children different than people who don't get married. And, of course, there are wonderful parents in all sorts of families.

But just particularly, after we just got done with a speech pointing out that we should treat everybody the same, I would like to ask the Committee on Education and Labor to hold a hearing and find out if it is really true.

Are we penalizing children of married couples because of their parents' marital status? Are they stuck repaying \$30,000, \$40,000, \$50,000 worth of student loans just because their parents are married, and they wouldn't have had to take them out if their parents hadn't been married?

So I am going to ask my good friend, the chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, to look into this.

Recently, it has been in the paper that there are some powerful groups at work in the United States who are opposed to the nuclear family. So whether this is something that happened by accident, or whether it happened intentionally because of longstanding groups that are opposed to the old-fashioned, nuclear family, I would like to know.

And I think, given all of the hearings we have had around here on discrimination, it would be great if we could get to the bottom of this and find out whether my constituent is right and her children were both penalized \$30,000 to \$50,000 each just because their parents were married.

So I ask my good buddy from Virginia to hold that hearing, and I appreciate the time on the floor tonight.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that we adjourn, and I yield back the balance of my time.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 914. An act to reauthorize the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009, to clarify the authority of the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration with respect to post-storm assessments, and to require the establishment of a National Water Center, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources; in addition, to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology; and to the Committee on Financial Services for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution

967, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 6 o'clock and 46 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, September 25, 2020, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5381. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Control of Communicable Diseases; Foreign Quarantine: Suspension of the Right to Introduce and Prohibition of Introduction of Persons into United States from Designated Foreign Countries or Places for Public Health Purposes [Docket No.: CDC-2020-0033] (RIN: 0920-AA76) received September 22, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5382. A letter from the Officer, Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's FY 2019 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

5383. A letter from the Acting Director, Retirement Services, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule — Federal Employees' Retirement System; Present Value Conversion Factors for Spouses of Deceased Separated Employees (RIN: 3206-AN003) received September 22, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

5384. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Medicare Program; Specialty Care Models to Improve Quality of Care and Reduce Expenditures [CMS-5527-F] (RIN: 0938-AT89) received September 22, 2020, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

5385. A letter from the Inspector General, Office of Inspector General, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's Office of Inspector General FY 2022 budget request, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231(f); Aug. 29, 1935, ch. 812, Sec. 7(f) (as amended by Public Law 93-445, Sec. 416); (97 Stat. 436); jointly to the Committees on Appropriations, Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. GRIJALVA: Committee on Natural Resources. H.R. 5126. A bill to require individuals fishing for Gulf reef fish to use certain descending devices, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 116-531). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. PALLONE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 2075. A bill to amend the

Public Health Service Act to reauthorize school-based health centers, and for other purposes (Rept. 116-532). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. NADLER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 8225. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit certain types of fraud in the provision of immigration services, and for other purposes (Rept. 116-533). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. NADLER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 8124. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for transportation and subsistence for criminal justice defendants, and for other purposes (Rept. 116-534). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. NADLER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 6813. A bill to amend the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act to improve the prevention of elder abuse and exploitation of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (Rept. 116-535). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. NADLER: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 7718. A bill to address the health needs of incarcerated women related to pregnancy and childbirth, and for other purposes (Rept. 116-536). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. PALLONE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 8134. A bill to support the Consumer Product Safety Commission's capability to protect consumers from unsafe consumer products, and for other purposes (Rept. 116-537). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. DEAN:

H.R. 8366. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to increase the amount of the allowable homestead exemption; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CURTIS (for himself and Ms. SCANLON):

H.R. 8367. A bill to provide for a one-year extension of the Public-Private Partnership Advisory Council to End Human Trafficking, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BARR:

H.R. 8368. A bill to amend title VI of the Social Security Act to permit the use of amounts under the Coronavirus Relief Fund for rural broadband expansion and improvement; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself, Ms. BASS, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. TED LIEU of California, and Mr. CISNEROS):

H.R. 8369. A bill to designate the Battleship IOWA Museum, located in Los Angeles, California, as the National Museum of the Surface Navy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER (for himself and Mr. DEFazio):

H.R. 8370. A bill to provide disaster assistance to cannabis businesses; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mrs. BUSTOS:

H.R. 8371. A bill to promote low-carbon, high-octane fuels, to protect public health,

and to improve vehicle efficiency and performance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. CASTOR of Florida (for herself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, and Ms. WEXTON):

H.R. 8372. A bill to keep children safe and protect their interests on the internet, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. CONAWAY (for himself, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. EMMER, Mr. SOTO, and Mr. SCHWEIKERT):

H.R. 8373. A bill to provide for orderly and secure digital commodity exchange markets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. DELAURO (for herself, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. COHEN, Mr. SAN NICOLAS, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. CARSON of Indiana, Ms. NORTON, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. CÁRDENAS, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Ms. JACKSON LEE, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. SIREs, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. LAWSON of Florida, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. RICHMOND, Ms. FUDGE, and Ms. MOORE):

H.R. 8374. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for establishment of an Office of Minority and Women Inclusion within each covered agency of the Department of Health and Human Services, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. DELAURO:

H.R. 8375. A bill to provide a right to flexibility and to broaden and increase employee protections at work, to protect small businesses through shared responsibility for workers' rights, to provide public transparency on workers' rights violations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Reform, House Administration, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DELGADO:

H.R. 8376. A bill to improve the debt relief program under the CARES Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DESAULNIER:

H.R. 8377. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to adjust the rate of income tax of a publicly traded corporation based on the ratio of compensation of the corporation's highest paid employee to the median compensation of all the corporation's employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. EMMER (for himself, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. SOTO, and Mr. KHANNA):

H.R. 8378. A bill to amend the securities laws to exclude investment contract assets from the definition of a security; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. ESHOO (for herself and Mr. KATKO):

H.R. 8379. A bill to require the Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to establish cybersecurity guidance for small organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. FRANKEL (for herself, Ms. SPEIER, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. HAALAND, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY):

H.R. 8380. A bill to obtain and direct the placement in the United States Capitol or on the United States Capitol Grounds of a monument to honor Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States Ruth Bader Ginsburg; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. GARCIA of Texas (for herself, Ms. WILD, and Mrs. HAYES):

H.R. 8381. A bill to prohibit employers from asking the age or date of birth of an individual before the completion and submission of an application for employment by such individual; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio (for himself, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. STIVERS, Ms. FUDGE, Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. ALLRED, Mr. DUNCAN, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H.R. 8382. A bill to prohibit a covered athletic association and institution of higher education from prohibiting a student athlete from participating in intercollegiate athletics because such student athlete enters into an endorsement contract, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GUTHRIE (for himself, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, and Mr. COMER):

H.R. 8383. A bill to designate certain future interstates and high priority corridors in Kentucky, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire:

H.R. 8384. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow employers a credit against income tax as an incentive to partner with educational institutions to improve workforce development and job training for students and a credit against income tax for certain expenses of job training programs; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. LAHOOD:

H.R. 8385. A bill to establish the Taxpayer Protection Program to provide forgivable loans to State, territory, Tribal, and local governments, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. LAMB (for himself and Mr. WEBER of Texas):

H.R. 8386. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide for the eligibility of rural community response pilot programs for funding under the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MOORE (for herself, Mr. RYAN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. NORTON, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mrs. DEMINGS, Ms. TLAI, Mr. SABLON, Ms. LEE of California, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. NADLER, and Mr. RUSH):

H.R. 8387. A bill to amend the Social Security Act to provide for a Family Crisis Cash