

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoenas is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

ELIZABETH BELTRAN,
Staff Assistant.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SERGEANT AT ARMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 13, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 1(b)(2) of House Resolution 965, following consultation with the Office of Attending Physician, I write to provide you further notification that the public health emergency due to the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 remains in effect.

Sincerely,

PAUL D. IRVING,
Sergeant at Arms.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's further extension, pursuant to section 1(b)(2) of House Resolution 965, effective November 17, 2020, of the "covered period" designated on May 20, 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING PRESIDENT JERRY RAWLINGS OF GHANA

(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, I rise in sympathy with the people of Ghana at the passing of former President Jerry Rawlings. I offer my sincerest condolences and prayers to his family, friends, and loved ones.

Personally, I have known President Rawlings and his beautiful family since around 1994. I most recently visited President Rawlings and his family last year when Speaker PELOSI and Chairwoman BASS led a Congressional delegation to Ghana commemorating 400 years since the brutal institution of slavery began in America. It was such a wonderful meeting and visit. He reaffirmed his commitment to strengthen the ties between Ghanaians, the country of Ghana, African Americans, and the United States.

President Rawlings' leadership contributed to steady development, a tran-

sition to democracy and peaceful transfer of power.

Today, Ghana is one of the strongest democracies in Africa, a strong partner of the United States, and a respected actor on the world's stage.

My deepest sympathy and love goes out to Mrs. Rawlings, the entire Rawlings family, to the citizens of Ghana, and the entire continent of my motherland of Africa. We stand in solidarity as the people of Ghana continue building a stronger and more inclusive and prosperous country. May President Rawlings' soul rest in peace.

THE PROMISE OF AMERICAN INNOVATION

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to showcase the promise of American innovation. Just this morning, Moderna announced that its COVID-19 vaccine is nearly 95 percent effective. Last week, Pfizer reported that its coronavirus vaccine is more than 90 percent effective.

Today, less than a year after the coronavirus reached our shores, this is an incredible achievement. It is a testament to the excellence of American scientists and researchers.

Thanks to these heroes and to the historic private-public partnership spurred by Operation Warp Speed, our Nation is positioned to distribute a safe and effective vaccine more efficiently than any other country in the world.

Now more than ever, as cases of COVID-19 rise across our Nation, we must stand firm against this invisible enemy. And thanks to American innovation, there is hope on the horizon.

HONORING SCIENTISTS AND RESEARCHERS

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the frontline heroes, especially our healthcare workers who are working tirelessly under unbearable stresses to save lives.

I thank the researchers and scientists who are developing COVID vaccines. But I also want to plead with my fellow citizens to act responsibly to protect each other in this battle against a deadly virus.

Today, Moderna announced remarkable results for a second vaccine on the heels of Pfizer's recent announcement.

There is light at the end of the tunnel, but the tunnel is long, and the road back is still many months away. We can't afford to let our guard down or millions of Americans will get sick and thousands, tens of thousands of our fellow citizens, our neighbors, and our family members will needlessly die.

As I speak, America's hospitals, especially in rural and underserved commu-

nities, are at capacity. They are airlifting patients to bigger cities. We have reports of growing shortfalls of medical supplies and staff. Our frontline healthcare workers desperately need our help.

As we enter the holiday season, I am begging Americans to stay vigilant. Wear a mask, watch your distance, and wash your hands. If you must gather, do so outside, even though it is cold. I know that you want to see your families. I want to see mine. I know that the sacrifice will not be easy, but I also know that there is pain.

We can do this. We can beat back this virus, but only if we do it together. If we don't people will die, and God forbid you or your loved one is the last to die before a vaccine.

DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE REPUBLICAN WOMEN

(Ms. FOXX of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the mainstream media will never acknowledge that 2020 is the year of the Republican women.

They wrote us off on countless occasions, and yet, we proved them wrong time and time again.

Across the country, the American people made their voices heard in voting booths, and they chose numerous Republican women candidates to be their voice in Washington.

To conservative women who aspire for public office, people will work to discredit you, they will claim your priorities are misplaced, and they will do everything they can to undermine your hard work.

But what they won't acknowledge is that you represent the best of the values of the American people. That is what truly matters.

COMMEMORATING THE FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL

(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, I rise today as co-chair of the bipartisan German-American Caucus to commemorate the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Last week, November 9, marked 31 years since the Iron Curtain fell and the Cold War began to crumble.

For nearly three decades, the Berlin Wall stood as a growing reminder of the evils of communism and the ongoing threat of the Cold War.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan famously shouted, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall." Two years later, the wall finally came down. East and West Berliners celebrated together at Brandenburg Gate.

The following year, on October 3, 1990, East and West Germany reunited as one.

This historic moment was the beginning of the end for the Cold War, and today we are still celebrating this iconic moment in world history as an international symbol of freedom.

I join our German friends in celebrating this milestone and would like to remind all of us that freedom is always worth fighting for.

CONGRATULATING RAQUEL SALTER

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Raquel Salter for being selected for promotion from lieutenant commander to commander in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserves.

Commander Salter is a 29-year veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard and served about one-third of her time in Georgia's First Congressional District.

Throughout her service, she has always gone above and beyond to selflessly defend our Nation and advocate for the Coast Guard, especially service-women.

Over her 29 years of service, Commander Salter has been activated to Key West for the Cuban Raft Crisis, to Savannah to assist with the Olympic sailing security, to Charleston for Operation Iraqi Freedom, and to Savannah again for 9/11 and to help assist with the G8 summit security.

This year, Commander Salter was chosen as part of a select group to help with COVID-19 response in Miami. I can't thank her enough for her steadfast commitment to serving our country and countless Americans, and I wish her the best in her new position.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW

(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, many in the media or in opposition are calling for President Trump to concede, but just as many are supporting his pursuit of legitimate legal challenges.

A lack of transparency in the monitoring and vote counting process has raised flags for many Americans, and if left unchecked, will undermine the faith in our electoral process, an important integrity to all Americans.

The President's team has hundreds of sworn affidavits from election workers, postal employees, and election observers everywhere about questionable activities in key States.

These workers do not have built-in safety guarantees like members of the Washington swamp. They are regular Americans putting their livelihoods on the line to speak up and protect our elections.

After 4 years of scare tactics, of fake impeachment, fraudulent dossiers, and

Russia witch hunts, the American people have a right to know that every legal vote has been counted and all illegal votes removed. Americans must have all questions surrounding the outcome of this election answered before we can move forward so we do have election integrity that we can count on.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 4 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. KENNEDY) at 4 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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.

LUMBEE TRIBE OF NORTH CAROLINA RECOGNITION ACT

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1964) to provide for the recognition of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1964

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 "Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina Recognition Act".

SEC. 2. FEDERAL RECOGNITION.

The Act of June 7, 1956 (70 Stat. 254, chapter 375), is amended—

- (1) by striking section 2;
- (2) in the first sentence of the first section, by striking "That the Indians" and inserting the following:

"SEC. 3. DESIGNATION OF LUMBEE INDIANS.

"The Indians";

(3) in the preamble—

- (A) by inserting before the first undesignated clause the following:

"SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

"Congress finds that—";

- (B) by designating the undesignated clauses as paragraphs (1) through (4), respectively, and indenting appropriately;
- (C) by striking "Whereas" each place it appears;

- (D) by striking "and" after the semicolon at the end of each of paragraphs (1) and (2) (as so designated); and

(E) in paragraph (4) (as so designated), by striking "Now, therefore," and inserting a period;

(4) by moving the enacting clause so as to appear before section 1 (as so designated);

(5) by striking the last sentence of section 3 (as designated by paragraph (2));

(6) by inserting before section 3 (as designated by paragraph (2)) the following:

"SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

"In this Act:

"(1) SECRETARY.—The term 'Secretary' means the Secretary of the Interior.

"(2) TRIBE.—The term 'Tribe' means the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina or the Lumbee Indians of North Carolina."; and

(7) by adding at the end the following:

"SEC. 4. FEDERAL RECOGNITION.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Federal recognition is extended to the Tribe (as designated as petitioner number 65 by the Office of Federal Acknowledgment).

"(b) APPLICABILITY OF LAWS.—All laws and regulations of the United States of general application to Indians and Indian tribes shall apply to the Tribe and its members.

"(c) PETITION FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—Notwithstanding section 3, any group of Indians in Robeson and adjoining counties, North Carolina, whose members are not enrolled in the Tribe (as determined under section 5(d)) may petition under part 83 of title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations for acknowledgment of tribal existence.

"SEC. 5. ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL SERVICES.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Tribe and its members shall be eligible for all services and benefits provided by the Federal Government to federally recognized Indian tribes.

"(b) SERVICE AREA.—For the purpose of the delivery of Federal services and benefits described in subsection (a), those members of the Tribe residing in Robeson, Cumberland, Hoke, and Scotland counties in North Carolina shall be deemed to be residing on or near an Indian reservation.

"(c) DETERMINATION OF NEEDS.—On verification by the Secretary of a tribal roll under subsection (d), the Secretary and the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall—

"(1) develop, in consultation with the Tribe, a determination of needs to provide the services for which members of the Tribe are eligible; and

"(2) after the tribal roll is verified, each submit to Congress a written statement of those needs.

"(d) TRIBAL ROLL.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—For purpose of the delivery of Federal services and benefits described in subsection (a), the tribal roll in effect on the date of enactment of this section shall, subject to verification by the Secretary, define the service population of the Tribe.

"(2) VERIFICATION LIMITATION AND DEADLINE.—The verification by the Secretary under paragraph (1) shall—

"(A) be limited to confirming documentary proof of compliance with the membership criteria set out in the constitution of the Tribe adopted on November 16, 2001; and

"(B) be completed not later than 2 years after the submission of a digitized roll with supporting documentary proof by the Tribe to the Secretary.

"SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION TO TAKE LAND INTO TRUST.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary is hereby authorized to take land into trust for the benefit of the Tribe.

"(b) TREATMENT OF CERTAIN LAND.—An application to take into trust land located within Robeson County, North Carolina, under this section shall be treated by the Secretary as an 'on reservation' trust acquisition under part 151 of title 25, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor regulation).