

I urge my colleagues to come together behind a bipartisan relief bill to protect our small businesses and local economies.

ONE MORE THING TO BE THANKFUL FOR

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

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, bells should be ringing today, and I just don't mean on Wall Street. Across the entire Nation, bells should be ringing.

Today, as I have been promising since early summer, not one but two vaccines will ask the FDA for emergency use authorization.

Congratulations to President Trump. Congratulations to Vice President PENCE and his Warp Speed team. Congratulations to Pfizer and BioNTech. You did it. American innovation has persevered again.

We have three million doses right now, enough to vaccinate every nursing home patient in America. We will have 50 million doses by December being distributed, as well.

Thanks to almighty God who inspired the scientists who led to the discovery.

Indeed, bells will be ringing across America this Thanksgiving. We have one more thing to be thankful for.

IN HONOR OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEM- BRANCE

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, just this year alone, 37 beautiful transgender or gender nonconforming people in this country have been murdered.

This abhorrent, unacceptable violence must end.

On this International Transgender Day of Remembrance I would like to take this moment to read the names and to honor their memories: Dustin Parker, Neulisa Luciano Ruiz, Yampi Mendez Arocho, Scottlyn DeVore, Monika Diamond, Lexi, Johanna Metzger, Serena Angelique Velazquez Ramos, Layla Pelaez Sanchez, Penelope Diaz Ramirez, Nina Pop, Helle Jae O'Regan, Tony McDade, Dominique "Rem'mie" Fells, Riah Milton, Jayne Thompson, Selena Reyes-Hernandez, Brian "Egypt" Powers, Brayla Stone, Merci Mack, Shaki Peters, Bree Black, Summer Taylor, Marilyn Cazares, Dior H Ova, Queasha Hardy, Aja Raquell Rhone-Spears, Lea Rayshon Daye, Kee Sam, Aerion Burnett, Mia Green, Michelle Michellyn Ramos Vargas, Felycya Harris, Brooklyn Deshuna, Sara Blackwood, Angel Unique, Yuni Carey.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY 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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a founder of the Service Organization Caucus to celebrate National Philanthropy Day, an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the many acts of kindness and service that individuals and organizations across this Nation do each day.

Serving others has always been a passion of mine. From being a volunteer firefighter to being involved in scouting, I have always believed it is my duty to give back.

Service plays a key role in supporting and uplifting our communities. The amazing service and philanthropic organizations across the Nation that give countless hours serving others and doing their part deserve a big thank you.

I am honored to co-chair the Service Organization Caucus with my colleague and friend, Congressman PANETTA of California.

I encourage everyone to do their part in honor of National Philanthropy Day. To my colleagues, I invite you to join me on this service caucus where we can work together from both sides of the aisle to promote and to support our local volunteer service organizations.

AMERICANS NEED RELIEF

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

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues and leadership in Congress to reach a compromise and pass much-needed relief as our country continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The dramatic rise in cases and deaths are alarming and require a strong and urgent response from the Federal Government to continue supporting our local response across this country.

We must extend critical unemployment assistance to the thousands of Granite Staters who have lost their jobs and will see their benefits expire the day after Christmas.

We must provide relief for our State and local governments that have spent millions of dollars responding to this pandemic and are facing devastating budget shortfalls when the legislature reconvenes in January.

Small businesses, especially restaurants, continue to face the negative economic consequences of this pandemic, and Congress must renew critical portions of the bipartisan CARES Act that served as a lifeline for our business community.

The House has already passed two comprehensive pieces of legislation, and I was proud to support these bills. We need to see real action and leader-

ship from the Senate and the outgoing Trump administration to get the job done.

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RECOGNIZING THE DAHL BROTHERS

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize two senior airmen, brothers from south Jersey whose commitment to this country and their family embody all that makes America so amazing.

Thomas "Jeff" Dahl, Jr., and Charles Dahl are the sons of Lieutenant Colonel Tom and Jennifer Dahl.

Jeff joined the New Jersey Air Force National Guard in January 2018 as a fuel systems apprentice and currently attends Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Charles Dahl joined the National Guard in May 2019 as a munitions assistant apprentice.

Both men are avid and well-known outdoorsmen, and they are committed to their community and south Jersey.

These young men are in the pool to deploy with the 177th Fighter Wing in 2021. This carries on a family legacy of combat deployments going back to their grandfather, who deployed to Korea, and their father, who deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Men, you inspire all of us with your lives and the future that I know will be an inspiration for many others. I was happy to crash your party that day and get to know you just a little bit better.

God bless you, God bless what you do, God bless your bravery, and God bless the United States of America.

MILLIONS NEED OUR HELP

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

Ms. WEXTON. Mr. Speaker, COVID cases in my district are doubling, tripling, or worse. From the D.C. suburbs to the rural areas, no part is immune.

What is it going to take to burst the bubble our Senate colleagues are living in and wake them up to reality? Because in this reality, 12 million Americans are going to lose their unemployment benefits next month if we don't act. In this reality, tens of thousands of small businesses are on track to close their doors for good by the end of the winter.

If our Senate colleagues continue to sit on their hands and continue to do nothing, then on top of a public health crisis and an economic crisis, we are also going to have a homelessness crisis as eviction and foreclosure moratoriums expire.

Mr. Speaker, I am urging leaders of both parties in both Chambers of Congress to come together, and let's vote

on something we can agree on. Let's extend the deadline for CARES Act funds to be used by States and localities. Let's continue the eviction moratorium, student loan relief, and unemployment benefits that have been a lifeline for millions of workers.

Let's do the work our constituents sent us here to do and help the American families and small businesses who are hurting. We owe it to the millions of people who need our help.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR). Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on Thursday, November 19, 2020:

H.R. 1833, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Tulip Avenue in Floral Park, New York, as the "Lieutenant Michael R. Davidson Post Office Building";

H.R. 3207, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 114 Mill Street in Hookstown, Pennsylvania, as the "Staff Sergeant Dylan Elchin Post Office Building";

H.R. 3317, to permit the Scipio A. Jones Post Office in Little Rock, Arkansas, to accept and display a portrait of Scipio A. Jones, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3329, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5186 Benito Street in Montclair, California, as the "Paul Eaton Post Office Building";

H.R. 4734, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 171 South Maple Street in Dana, Indiana, as the "Ernest 'Ernie' T. Pyle Post Office";

H.R. 4794, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 8320 13th Avenue in Brooklyn, New York, as the "Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini Post Office Building";

H.R. 4981, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2505 Derita Avenue in Charlotte, North Carolina, as the "Julius L. Chambers Civil Rights Memorial Post Office";

H.R. 5037, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3703 North Main Street in Farmville, North Carolina, as the "Walter B. Jones, Jr. Post Office";

H.R. 5384, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 100 Crosby Street in Mansfield, Louisiana, as the "Dr. C.O. Simpkins, Sr., Post Office".

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP ACT OF 2020

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of the bill (H.R. 8294) to amend the National Apprenticeship Act and expand the national apprenticeship system to include apprentice-

ships, youth apprenticeships, and pre-apprenticeship registered under such Act, to promote the furtherance of labor standards necessary to safeguard the welfare of apprentices, and for other purposes, will now resume.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 9 OFFERED BY MR. LEVIN OF MICHIGAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 9 printed in part B of House Report 116-593.

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 123, line 14, insert "and partner with a labor or joint labor-management organization" after "partnership".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1224, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, first, let me thank Chairman SCOTT for his leadership and for bringing this exceptional reauthorization to the floor today.

Before I begin speaking about this amendment, I would like to acknowledge the important role that labor unions have played in building the national apprenticeship system.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a letter from the AFL-CIO in support of H.R. 8294.

AFL-CIO,

Washington, DC, November 19, 2020.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: The AFL-CIO urges you to support the National Apprenticeship Act of 2020 (H.R. 8294), scheduled for floor consideration later this week. H.R. 8294 recognizes that Registered Apprenticeship programs are the 'gold standard' in our nation's workforce development system, and we welcome this effort to modernize a law that has not been meaningfully updated since it was enacted 83 years ago.

Unions and our signatory employers have a long history of establishing joint labor-management partnerships to design and implement Registered Apprenticeship programs, so we have a deep interest in maintaining and strengthening our nation's Registered Apprenticeship system. These programs provide good jobs with good wages and benefits that increase as apprentices build their skills. They provide a valuable credential that can help secure future employment and advancement along a rewarding career path, and the opportunities they provide are particularly important for women, people of color and veterans.

H.R. 8294 authorizes significant new funding to expand registered apprenticeships, preapprenticeships, and youth apprenticeships in the United States. It would codify and streamline existing standards that are vital to support apprentices, and would, for the first time, include youth apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs. The House Education and Labor Committee estimates that H.R. 8294 will create over 1 million Registered Apprenticeship opportunities over the next 5 years.

H.R. 8294 would also codify the role of the Office of Apprenticeship at the Department

of Labor, and provide funding streams to ensure oversight and technical assistance. Importantly, it would expand Registered Apprenticeship opportunities into new sectors of the workforce. The bill also establishes standards for state apprenticeship agencies, including a requirement that they develop a state plan to support Registered Apprenticeships and provide technical assistance. Finally, the bill strengthens the National Advisory Committee on Apprenticeship, ensuring that experts from industry and labor have a role in improving the program.

Registered Apprenticeships are America's most successful federally authorized workforce development program, employing 94 percent of those who complete a program. H.R. 8294 will help ensure that these programs meet the highest possible quality standards and support family sustaining jobs.

We urge you to support H.R. 8294 including Representative Levin's amendment, which encourages partnerships with labor and labor-management organizations in Title II grant programs, not as a requirement, but to the extent practicable, and to oppose any amendments that would weaken the bill approved for consideration by the full House.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM SAMUEL,
Director, Government Affairs.

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I wish to emphasize the importance of apprenticeship standards that safeguard apprentices' welfare with unions who have helped negotiate and protect them for many, many years.

These standards are critically important to the success of the national apprenticeship system, which is why I introduced the Strengthening Training and Accessibility for New and Diverse Apprenticeships through Relevant and Dependable Standards Act, or the STANDARDS Act for short.

I am pleased that the National Apprenticeship Act of 2020 incorporates my bill, which protects the rights of workers who participate in apprenticeships.

The language of this amendment is perfectly clear. It says that grant applicants should partner with an industry or sector partnership and a labor or joint labor-management organization to the extent practicable.

Yet, interests hostile to unions are once again using scare tactics to claim, falsely, that my amendment will prevent industry organizations from securing apprenticeship grants under the legislation unless in all cases they partner with unions, even when there are no unions in the geographic area or part of an industry partnership.

This is not what the amendment says.

Opponents of this amendment are bending the truth for ideological reasons. They know, and a plain reading of the text makes crystal clear, that this amendment does not mandate that every applicant partner with a union to access grant funding, full stop. It is asking them to make reasonable efforts to include unions in the sectors and areas where they are carrying out an apprenticeship program, again, to the extent practicable.

The National Apprenticeship Act of 2020 includes the PARTNERS Act, led