

Thursday, it was announced that Ritedose has been selected as a subcontractor of ApiJect Systems America, led by CEO Franco Negron, to produce prefilled single-dose syringes for the vaccine.

In 4 months, Jody Chastain, the president and CEO of Ritedose, and his talented team have up-fitted a facility that will produce up to 45 million doses a month of the vaccine. That is American ingenuity at its best, and it is our capable workforce in South Carolina at their best.

The Ritedose success in Operation Warp Speed, led by Vice President MIKE PENCE, is a historic achievement and another Donald Trump victory, which the fake media will distort.

I am grateful that The Ritedose Corporation is integral in this effort for the health and safety of American families.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Mr. Speaker, we appreciate the courage of Claudia Tenney.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF ROBERT S. WASHOCK, JR.

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

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of a hero in my community who recently passed away from this devastating virus. Robert S. Washock, Jr., or Bob as he was known to everyone, was a devoted father, grandfather, husband, brother, and friend. He defended our Nation in the United States Navy and was a member of Dyle E. Bray VFW Post 739 in Bangor, Pennsylvania, serving as quartermaster and treasurer of the Home Association.

I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to know Bob, and the qualities that I can speak to are those that touched the lives of countless people across our community: kindness, humor, and compassion. The tributes that have poured in from people of every walk of life reflect the world of difference that he made.

At this extraordinarily difficult time for Bob's family and many friends, I extend my deepest condolences. On behalf of a grateful community, it is my honor to pay tribute to Bob for his lifelong service as an Active Duty servicemember and as a proud veteran to the country he loved. His spirit will endure.

PRIORITIZING NEEDS OF AMERICAN PEOPLE

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

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I would like to call attention to the only bill subject to a rule this week in the House of Representatives,

the Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act.

Mr. Speaker, millions of Americans are unemployed right now due to this unprecedented pandemic, wondering how they are going to make ends meet, and thousands are dying each day from the COVID virus. But instead of working to find a bipartisan solution to provide relief to Americans, our Democratic majority wants us to convene this august body to vote on pot legislation.

This is simply unbelievable. The Republican Senate has voted multiple times on targeted relief that Republicans and Democrats agree upon, but Senate Democrats have blocked each effort.

We all agree that more PPP funds need to be made available. We all agree that unemployment benefits should be extended. We all agree that our healthcare workers need additional funding.

Mr. Speaker, we need to prioritize the needs of the American people, not Cheech and Chong. This is wrong and needs to be called out.

GIVING CREDIT TO OPERATION WARP SPEED

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

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, since the outbreak of the coronavirus in the United States, the promise of the development of a vaccine has allowed Americans to remain optimistic in the midst of tragedy. Now, after months of sacrifice, the coronavirus vaccine has been found. This accomplishment would not have been possible without the hard work of scientists working around the world and the support by the tremendous feat of government innovation known as Operation Warp Speed.

Now, following the discovery of the vaccine, we must focus on the production and distribution of the vaccine to the American people and to those across the globe.

Public officials are optimistic that distribution of the vaccine could begin in a matter of weeks, a massive jump forward in the process to rid the world of this dangerous virus. This production of millions of dosages of vaccine will not happen overnight, but thanks to Operation Warp Speed and the Trump administration, the vaccine will reach vulnerable Americans faster than anticipated, saving thousands of lives in the process.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all who helped advance this extraordinary accomplishment.

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IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM E. “BILLIE” CLANTON

(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 remember and honor William E. “Billie” Clanton of Odum, Georgia, who passed away on November 27.

Billie was raised in Wayne County and grew up picking tobacco and harvesting turpentine on his family farm. He was born with a robust entrepreneurial spirit which caused him to go from managing a successful fruit stand, as well as many other businesses, all the way to owning and operating the Chrysler Dodge dealership in 1965.

Billie went on to serve as vice president of Southeastern Chrysler and Dodge Advertising board for 30 years. He was an avid supporter of Wayne County and was very active in his community.

Billie was a 12-year host of the Day for Wayne, an event at his farm, which is a great event held in support of Wayne County. It is truly enjoyed by many every year and something I always look forward to.

Because of his prominence in his community and his life devoted to serving others, the new Highway 169 Overpass will be dedicated in his name.

Mr. Speaker, my deepest thoughts and prayers go out to Billie's family, his wife, Nell; his five daughters; his 16 grandchildren; his seven great-grandchildren, and two more on the way; his friends; and the entire Wayne community during this most difficult time.

PROXY VOTING

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

Mr. McCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, for months, Democrats have used an unconstitutional scheme to allow Members to vote from home. They call it proxy voting. I call it exactly what it is: shadow voting.

Mr. Speaker, Democrats are turning away from their responsibility to their constituents by staying home and handing their voting card to NANCY PELOSI. They are handing over their voting card and not coming to work.

But why? What is so important that they can't show up? Do you know what we found? Because they wanted to attend a space launch that never took off, or they want to hang out on their boat. Who knows what else they have done.

Mr. Speaker, they don't have to show up to vote because, guess what. Someone else will do it for them. Maybe if we renamed Congress “The French Laundry,” they all might show up here.

This has been going on for months, and Democrats have worked overtime to hide it from the American people.

Mr. Speaker, to date, there have been 4,836 votes cast in this body by lawmakers who weren't even here.

Think about that: 4,836 votes cast in this body by Members who weren't even here.

Over a dozen lawmakers have given their vote to NANCY PELOSI on every single bill since this scheme was in place. Last night, the number was over 60 Democrats. Nearly one-third of the entire conference of the Democratic Party did not show up for work. I promise you, each and every one of them will get their paycheck.

Mr. Speaker, Americans are working hard to keep their businesses open, to keep food on the table and their kids in school. They deserve a Representative who will show up for the job, the job that they said they would do, the job they asked people to vote for them so they would come to Washington to give their voice to Congress, not to give it to NANCY PELOSI.

Mr. Speaker, this is embarrassing. This week is only about cats and cannabis when it should be about COVID. Think for one moment of what we are going to do in this body with the history of what has happened on this floor: the battle of civil rights; the question of whether to end World War I or World War II; the question of whether every man and woman is equal. Those are the things that we debate on this floor. And they were debated in the times of need.

But what is of need to the American public? We all know the challenges faced before us. We have been fighting it for months. But 40 times on this floor the Democrats have said no.

Mr. Speaker, our own Speaker of the House said we would not leave this body until we voted on COVID relief. They had 40 times to do it, and they said no.

Mr. Speaker, 4,836 times a Member didn't even show to cast a vote, and they still got paid. What about all those businesses that are shut down now permanently? There is more than \$130 billion sitting to go to the workers for small businesses.

Mr. Speaker, 23 Democrats on the other side signed a letter in September and said: If we do not get a COVID relief bill, we will sign that discharge petition.

And what does that do for the American public? It goes around the Speaker of the House so the voice could actually come to the floor and the bill could be here and voted upon. And they said they would sign it if nothing happened. I wonder if their word will be kept, because I looked at the book and it hasn't.

The Speaker of the House said we would not leave unless we had COVID relief. But they call us back, and what do they call us back for? The post office.

Well, Republicans put up COVID relief on the floor that day, but Democrats said no. They call us back this week when people are hurting, people are losing their jobs. Maybe that is why one-third of the Democrats don't show, because they don't want to show their face to the constituents, that the only thing they are going to do on the floor this week is vote about cats and cannabis.

Mr. Speaker, that is wrong, and you know it. Everybody in this body knows it. It is despicable.

If Democrats want to waste the American people's time with these ridiculous bills, they will need to show up to do it. Republicans won't be a party to this unconstitutional, undemocratic mess any longer.

PROXY VOTING

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

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I will tell you that I have sat here and listened to some of the 1 minutes from my friends across the aisle, and they are talking about the need for COVID relief.

Apparently, to get COVID relief, you have got to have cannabis. You have got to have pot. That is the Democrats' version of COVID relief this week.

But they don't feel like they all need to be here to deal with this issue, so they are going to mail it in. They are going to phone in their votes, and, quite frankly, in a most disturbing and unconstitutional manner.

Mr. Speaker, we can be here; they should be here. If this meant everything that they say it does, they would show up. They would show up and vote.

We could have had committee hearings, for Pete's sakes. We could have committee hearings where we could discuss and debate. We would have floor debates with open rules. And you know what? People would show up.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. BIGGS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 965, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 5, nays 220, not voting 205, as follows:

[Roll No. 229]
YEAS—5

Graves (MO)	Hice (GA)	Womack
Herrera Beutler	Rogers (KY)	

NAYS—220

Adams	Bonamici	Casten (IL)	Buck	Flores	Gosar
Aguilar	Boyle, Brendan	Castor (FL)	Bucshon	Fortenberry	Granger
Allred	F.	Chu, Judy	Budd	Foxx (NC)	Graves (LA)
Amash	Brindisi	Cicilline	Burchett	Fudge	Green (TN)
Axne	Brown (MD)	Clark (MA)	Burgess	Fulcher	Griffith
Barragán	Brownley (CA)	Clarke (NY)	Byrne	Gaetz	Grothman
Bass	Bustos	Clay	Calvert	Gallagher	Guest
Beatty	Butterfield	Cleaver	Carter (GA)	Garcia (CA)	Guthrie
Bera	Carbajal	Clyburn	Carter (TX)	Gianforte	Hagedorn
Beyer	Cárdenas	Cohen	Castro (TX)	Gibbs	Harris
Bishop (GA)	Carson (IN)	Connolly	Chabot	Gohmert	Hartzler
Blumenauer	Cartwright	Cooper	Cheney	Gonzalez (OH)	Hern, Kevin
Blunt Rochester	Case	Correa	Cisneros	Gooden	Higgins (LA)

Costa	Kennedy	Pingree
Courtney	Khanha	Pocan
Cox (CA)	Kildee	Porter
Craig	Kilmer	Pressley
Crist	Kim	Price (NC)
Crow	Kind	Quigley
Cuellar	Kirkpatrick	Raskin
Cunningham	Krishnamoorthi	Rice (NY)
Davids (KS)	Kuster (NH)	Rose (NY)
Davis (CA)	Lamb	Rouda
Davis, Danny K.	Langevin	Royal-Allard
Dean	Larsen (WA)	Ruiz
DeGette	Larson (CT)	Ruppersberger
DeLauro	Lawrence	Rush
DelBene	Lawson (FL)	Ryan
Delgado	Lee (NV)	Sánchez
Demings	Levin (CA)	Sarbanes
DeSaulnier	Levin (MI)	Scanlon
Deutch	Lieu, Ted	Schakowsky
Dingell	Loebssack	Schiff
Doggett	Lofgren	Schneider
Doyle, Michael F.	Lowenthal	Schrader
Engel	Lowey	Schrier
Escarbar	Lujan	Scott (VA)
Eshoo	Luria	Serrano
Espaillat	Lynch	Sewell (AL)
Evans	Malinowski	Shalala
Finkenauer	Maloney, Carolyn B.	Sherman
Fletcher	Maloney, Sean	Sherrill
Foster	Matsui	Sires
Frankel	McAdams	Slotkin
Gabbard	McBath	Soto
Gallego	McCullom	Spanberger
Garamendi	McBachin	Speier
García (IL)	McGovern	Stanton
García (TX)	McNerney	Stevens
Golden	Meeks	Suozzi
Gomez	Meng	Swalwell (CA)
Gonzalez (TX)	Mifume	Takano
Gottheimer	Moore	Thompson (CA)
Green, Al (TX)	Morelle	Thompson (MS)
Grijalva	Moulton	Titus
Haaland	Mucarsel-Powell	Tonko
Hall	Murphy (FL)	Torres (CA)
Harder (CA)	Nadler	Torres Small (NM)
Hastings	Napolitano	Trahan
Hayes	Neal	Trone
Himes	Neguse	Underwood
Horn, Kendra S.	Norcross	Vargas
Horsford	O'Halleran	Veasey
Houlihan	Ocasio-Cortez	Velázquez
Hoyer	Omar	Wasserman
Huffman	Pallone	Schultz
Jackson Lee	Panetta	Waters
Jayapal	Pappas	Watson Coleman
Jeffries	Pascrill	Welch
Johnson (GA)	Payne	Wexton
Johnson (TX)	Perlmutter	Wild
Kaptur	Peters	Wilson (FL)
Keating	Peterson	Yarmuth
Kelly (IL)	Phillips	

NOT VOTING—205

Abraham	Cline	Gosar
Aderholt	Cloud	Granger
Allen	Cole	Graves (LA)
Amodei	Collins (GA)	Green (TN)
Armstrong	Comer	Griffith
Arrington	Conaway	Grothman
Babin	Cook	Guest
Bacon	Crawford	Guthrie
Baird	Crenshaw	Hagedorn
Balderson	Curtis	Harris
Banks	Davidson (OH)	Hartzler
Barr	Davis, Rodney	Heck
Bergman	DeFazio	Hern, Kevin
Biggs	DesJarlais	Higgins (LA)
Bilirakis	Diaz-Balart	Higgins (NY)
Bishop (NC)	Duncan	Hill (AR)
Bishop (UT)	Dunn	Holding
Bost	Emmer	Hollingsworth
Brady	Estes	Hudson
Brooks (AL)	Ferguson	Huizenga
Brooks (IN)	Fitzpatrick	Hurd (TX)
Buchanan	Fleischmann	Jacobs
Buck	Flores	Johnson (LA)
Bucshon	Fortenberry	Johnson (OH)
Budd	Foxx (NC)	Johnson (SD)
Burchett	Fudge	Jordan
Burgess	Fulcher	Joyce (OH)
Byrne	Gaetz	Joyce (PA)
Calvert	Gallagher	Katko
Carter (GA)	Garcia (CA)	Keller
Carter (TX)	Gianforte	Kelly (MS)
Castro (TX)	Castro	Kelly (PA)
Chabot	Chabot	King (IA)
Cheney	Cheney	King (NY)
Cisneros	Cisneros	Kinzinger