

mixed signals, changing rules, going backward, forward. In States like California, they are saying you can operate as a liquor store or as a strip club but not as a church. Even the Supreme Court stepped in and said that is ludicrous and that you can't keep doing it.

But you go to New York and so many of these States where they are saying for safety protocols you have to shut down and you can't go to a restaurant, and then you see the Governor of the State at a restaurant without a mask. But you can't go. You see mayors in communities telling businesses they can't stay open or it is not safe to have Thanksgiving with your family, and you find out they are flying to other States to have Thanksgiving with their family.

This blatant hypocrisy by some of these leaders who are telling you that you have to live your life one way and they are living their lives a different way, and hiding behind protocols that don't exist, that is driving people nuts. The businesses are dying because of it.

The trust in government gets depleted in those places because they are watching. And it is not isolated. I wish it was just once or twice. I wish it was never going on. But it is over and over again, yesterday and today another story comes out of a local leader or a governor telling you that you can't do something, and they are doing it. They didn't think they were going to get caught doing it. My God, that has to end. The hypocrisy has to end.

Let's get back to saying things that make sense, working with the protocols, working with the experts and the scientists. But don't use a scientist selectively and say something that is not really true and you, yourself, know it is not true because you are doing it. That is what some of those folks are doing. It is driving people nuts, and it is driving their businesses under. They will never come back.

Those families that are struggling and the kids that are going to have trouble eating are having that trouble because the businesses that their families work for are being bankrupted by crazy, radical policies that have to end. We can help them in the short term. We ought to help them in the short term.

Some of the stuff I mentioned that we are not in agreement on ought to get dropped out. But in the meantime, don't hold them hostage. Let's bring those things that we agree on to the floor and save the businesses that we can because every day we don't, more will never come back.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I just want to say, this business about illegals getting money, let me just give you an example. You have a husband and wife and three children living in an apartment. The husband does not have authorization to be here. What the bill provided for, that the gentleman talks about, is making sure we feed those

children even though somebody who is illegal is living in the household.

What they want to have done is nobody in that household got help. It is just a difference of perspective. And I get it.

But let me tell you something. What you can't get away from is, Mr. Speaker, they have not passed a bill through the United States Senate. Why? Because it would require compromise. Because you don't have the votes, Mr. Speaker, in the Republican Party to pass a bill without compromise. So they have sent us no bill.

Now, Mr. MCCONNELL can say all he wants: Well, we need 60 votes, and they won't give us 60 votes.

He is right. And he won't compromise.

Your side, on a regular basis when you were in charge, couldn't pass a lot of pieces of legislation that had to be passed, and what did John Boehner do? Walked over here and said: Madam Leader, Mr. Whip, can you help us?

And we did. President Bush asked for TARP. He couldn't get the votes on your side. Where did he come? To our side. We passed it, which saved the country from a depression.

So when you are talking about all this stuff, we sent two bills. You didn't like them, fine. Pass something through the Senate. But it would have required compromise, and Mr. MCCONNELL offered no such compromise.

I think, frankly, we ought to move on because I don't think we can beat this horse anymore. We are not going to agree. But pass a bill. Have a comprehensive bill that helps those children, that helps those unemployed, that helps those renters who can't pay their rent and are going to be evicted.

Do you think that helps small businesses? Do you think it helps grocery stores? Do you think it helps barber shops? Do you think it helps gasoline stations? It does not because they are going belly up, and they don't have any resources.

We are in this together. What I keep telling him, Mr. Speaker, and what I keep telling my side, as well, we are in this together, and we need to help everyone who is in such distress, not just small businesses. We need to help small businesses.

The airlines continue to say they are going to stop flying. This doesn't help them.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, if we wanted to pass another CARES Act-type piece of legislation, as we have seen in both other CARES Act bills, you have a lot of willingness and interest on this side of the aisle, which was there on both of those votes. Clearly, there are things in Heroes that there is no bipartisan consensus on.

So, our party is willing and ready to go another round on those items we agree on, and not months from now, not months ago, as it should have been done. It should be done today. Hopefully, it will be done when we return. I would be happy to work with the gentleman on those items.

If the gentleman has nothing else, then I would be happy to yield back.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I have nothing else.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HARDER of California) laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 7, 2020.

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

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: I hereby submit my resignation, effective Monday, December 7, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. EST, as the United States Representative of the 8th District of California. Attached is the letter I submitted to the California Secretary of State.

Sincerely,

PAUL COOK.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 7, 2020.

Hon. ALEX PADILLA,
Secretary of State, California Department of
State, Sacramento, CA.

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Sincerely,

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MARKING A VICTORY FOR VIETNAM VETERANS

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

Mr. HARDER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a long-overdue victory for our Vietnam veterans.

For decades, tens of thousands of Vietnam vets haven't got the benefits that they deserve. Even though diseases like Parkinson's, hyperthyroidism, and bladder cancer are scientifically linked to Agent Orange, they still aren't covered by the VA.

But, today, I am thrilled to say that veterans exposed to Agent Orange can finally stop fighting their own government because my bill, the Fair Care for Veterans Act, is on track to become the law of the land.

I want to dedicate this effort to Joshua Melendez of Modesto, California, and Lyle Ducheneaux of Turlock, California, two local veterans who will personally be impacted by this change.

Most of all, I want to dedicate this effort to my grandfather, First Sergeant Albert Z. Simmons, whose life was cut tragically short by Agent Orange. I wish he could be with us today to see this.

These veterans fought for us. It has been my honor to fight for them. God

bless you, and thank you for your service.

THANKING STAFF MEMBERS

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, as ranking member on the Subcommittee of Environment and Climate Change, I want to thank Chief Counsel Mary Martin, Deputy Chief Counsel Jerry Couri, and senior professional staff member, Peter Spencer, for their tremendous support of me and common-sense, practical legislation that has protected human health and the environment and supports jobs and the economy.

If the public knew how hard that committee staff members work, they would have a better appreciation of our government. Mary, Jerry, Peter, you have my personal thanks.

I would also be remiss if I didn't thank the loyal opposition, Democrat Staff Director Rick Kessler and Democrat Senior Counsel Jackie Cohen. Although many times adversaries, both have become friends.

INVESTING IN JUSTICE REFORM

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

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the MORE Act, and I urge our colleagues in the Senate to do the same.

There is a serious need for justice reform in our country, a focus on restorative financial justice. Investment in research, along with descheduling, is something that we must lead on.

COVID innovation zones in our country might be a strategy for bringing bipartisan solutions that create jobs but also dealing with this terrible pandemic.

HONORING DR. MARK EUTSLER

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

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor Linden, Indiana, resident Dr. Mark Eutsler.

This year marks the 25th year that Dr. Eutsler has co-chaired the nationally televised IPL 500 Festival Parade. Using his experience as the former director of bands at McCutcheon High School, he has helped over 45,000 students from 425 Indiana schools participate in the nationally acclaimed IPL 500 Festival Parade.

Prior to his appointment as co-chair, Dr. Eutsler has served as an enthusiastic supporter of the Indianapolis 500 Festival for decades. Mark has attended the parade consistently since

1980 and has been a volunteer for the event for 29 years.

Dr. Eutsler's consecutive years of service stand out among the more than 3,000 volunteers who will fill roughly 7,000 positions for the month-long May event every year.

Dr. Mark Eutsler is a pillar of the community. I express my deepest thanks and appreciation for his passion and for the service he has devoted to a program that defines Hoosier heritage.

HONORING ZEENATH HUSSAIN

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

Mr. LEVIN of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my retiring director of constituent services, Zeenath Hussain. It may not be common to speak on the floor of this House about a staffer, but Zee is truly an extraordinary public servant and human being.

In 2004, Zee answered an ad for a staff assistant position in my dad's, Sandy Levin's, district office. Over the years, she built an incomparable network of relationships with officials in an astounding array of Federal agencies and an unmatched mastery of how to solve virtually any constituent problem.

Even after 16 years of service, in a pandemic causing untold suffering and chaos, Zee listened to each constituent attentively, leveled with people when necessary, and comforted and reassured every family member.

In addition to her tireless work for constituents, Zeenath took care of everyone around her, mentoring generations of congressional staff, dispensing advice about life, and cooking to-die-for Indian meals for the office and anyone who happened by.

Zee, I reluctantly admit you have richly earned the right to retire from your job, but I hasten to add that there is no retiring from friendship or from love.

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RECOGNIZING PLACER COUNTY SHERIFF ANDREW SCOTT

(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, I rise today to recognize Placer County, California, Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Andrew Scott and his 30 years of dignified service.

Since joining the sheriff's office in 1990, Lieutenant Scott has worked in nearly every capacity. I personally saw his outstanding leadership and dedication as a Placer County Deputy Sheriff's Association president.

Over the decade I have known him, I have witnessed his love and passion for the public safety of his community. He is a shining example of what a warrior, a man of God, embodies: a true friend,

defender of the weak, devoted to truth, dedicated to his loved ones, and strong in his faith and love of the Lord.

Andrew has gone above and beyond to provide support for his fellow law enforcement officers through the 10-35 organization. His dedication to never forget officers who have fallen in the line of duty should be an example to all of us to remember those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of all of our freedoms.

Andrew's service as Placer County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant has made our area a safe place to live, a better one, a better one to raise our kids.

I consider Andrew a true friend, and I wish him the best during his retirement.

WE HAVE A JOB TO DO

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because our country is in trouble. We are facing a devastating pandemic, an economic crisis, and things will continue to get worse if Congress fails to act.

I can't imagine there is a Member of this body who has not had the same conversations I have had with small business owners, healthcare professionals, local leaders, educators, and workers out of a job.

People are exasperated. They are hurting and they are tired. They feel like Washington isn't coming through for them, and they are right.

We have a job to do, not as Republicans or Democrats, but as Representatives who are here to serve the people in our districts and secure the future of this Nation.

This week, Members of the House and Senate announced a framework for COVID relief legislation. It is not everything everyone wants, no compromise is, but it will fundamentally save lives and keep our economy moving forward.

Heading home for the holidays without addressing this crisis will have disastrous consequences, so let's all commit ourselves to this process of finding a way forward and getting to "yes."

THE CORONAVIRUS IS EXPLODING

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

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, the coronavirus is exploding, our hospitals are bursting, and many parts of our economy are hurting. It is no wonder why Fed Chair Powell and so many other economists are warning about the long-term damage that could be done if we don't pass another stimulus package soon.

We passed the CARES Act earlier this year, and that did keep our economy afloat and our poverty rate flat,