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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 9, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 7, 2020, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

AMERICANS NEED BILL OF RIGHTS BACK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. McCCLINTOCK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. McCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, every American needs to see Angela Marsden's tearful video as she pours out her frustrations as a small restaurant owner in Los Angeles.

Forced to drastically curtail her business during California's brutal shutdowns, she took out an \$80,000 loan to meet all the expensive requirements

to move her dining outside and salvage what was left of her life's work.

Instead, authorities arbitrarily changed the rules and shut her down again, a death sentence for her 10-year-old restaurant. Yet, the same authorities permitted a film production company to offer the very same outdoor dining across the very same parking lot the day she had to close her business.

"I am losing everything," she says through her tears. "Everything I own is being taken away from me."

In Staten Island, police hauled a restaurant owner away in handcuffs for desperately trying to reopen his establishment just across the tracks from other restaurants where dining was allowed under precisely the same conditions.

When asked to explain these capricious standards, California's Governor Gavin Newsom smarmed: Oh, I am deeply empathetic.

Well, that must be a load off of their minds.

The Fifth Amendment in our Bill of Rights specifically protects Americans from being deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. Where are those rights today?

Congress is now discussing how to provide relief for the thousands of small business owners, their employees, and the families that depend on them who have been crushed by these reckless edicts.

As usual, politicians measure their empathy by how much they are willing to spend of other people's money.

But the fine point of the matter is this: Government cannot support the economy for any significant period of time because government does not finance the economy. It is the economy that finances the government. When you shut down the economy, you shut down the revenues that go to the government.

The only genuine relief from the COVID lockdowns is to end the COVID

lockdowns. Why is it so hard for some people to understand that? By now, it ought to be obvious that the lockdowns have failed to contain this virus.

After 9 months of this unprecedented experiment in social engineering, the virus continues to spread. Common sense should tell us that the more infectious a virus and the deeper it has already penetrated into a population, the less effective mass isolation will be.

The plight of Angela Marsden and countless victims of these policies tell us clearly what we are very effectively accomplishing. We are destroying our society.

We have set in motion countless avoidable deaths by suicide, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic violence, deferred health treatments, deferred health screenings, and poverty that will stalk us for many years to come. We have robbed our youth of a year of their educations.

Nearly half of American retailers say they are now in imminent danger of permanently closing. Forbes magazine reports: "The number one worry on most small business owners' mind now is the threat of more government-mandated business closures."

Eleven million Americans who had jobs in February no longer have those jobs today.

Modern science and its many breakthroughs in immunology, epidemiology, and virology have given us advanced treatments and vaccines unparalleled in human history. But science is grotesquely incompetent to reorder human societies or to change the laws of human nature, nor does it give officials the omniscience to know what is best for every person in every circumstance, nor does it give them the right to wantonly destroy people's lives and livelihoods. After all, medicine's most ancient command is: First, do no harm.

We have arbitrarily and indiscriminately destroyed the life's work and

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life's dreams of millions of Americans like Angela Marsden. We have made the most sacred right of Americans to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness into a hollow and bitter mockery.

The American people don't need the Governor's empathy, and they don't need politicians' handouts. They need a government that protects their right to make a living and to lead their own lives according to their own best judgment.

They need their Bill of Rights back, and above all, they need their freedom back.

FAREWELL TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say good-bye to this body as my time serving the Fourth Congressional District of Massachusetts comes to a close.

This job has been an honor. We have come quite a long way since my first days in the Capitol when I had an AP reporter following me around for the day, and I got so lost trying to find the House floor that I ended up in the Longworth parking garage.

Luckily, things have mostly improved from there:

Seeing my name on that office door for the first time;

Keeping company with giants that I grew up idolizing, like John Lewis, Eliseo Medina, and Dolores Huerta;

Having the honor of responding to Donald Trump's first State of the Union from Diman Regional Voc-Tech in mighty Fall River, Massachusetts.

There are a few people who I would not be here without.

To my wife, Lauren: Thank you for serving alongside me, for the sacrifices that you made and the heart that you gave to this job, too. Tell Ellie and James that dad has breakfast, bath, and school drop-off duty for the next 15 years or so.

To the Massachusetts delegation: I loved serving with you. I loved learning from you. There is no team I would rather have been in the trenches with every day.

To my constituents back home: I am so grateful for the trust that you put in me. My proudest moments were when you allowed me to bring your voice to this Chamber, when I could carry what you felt in Taunton or Attleboro or Fall River or Milford to this floor. Thank you for the privilege that you afforded me. I will see you back home soon.

Finally, to the staff members who worked and thought and fought and talked and wrote and served alongside me over the course of the last 8 years; you all are the heroes behind my story. There will never be words for my gratitude for everything that you took on every single day—and so many nights—

to ensure that we did this job right. I will miss not seeing all of your faces quite so often.

Mr. Speaker, I leave this body proud and hopeful because here is what I know: that we are a complicated and messy country, that we violated our founding promises before the ink was dry. We boldly declared, "We the people," and promptly defined "we" as rich, White, Protestant men. We staked out moral high ground of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and paid for it with human bondage, abuse, and suffering that we carry to this day.

But embedded in that history is a slow and stubborn story that every generation shares, a journey to heal those wounds, an understanding fought and bled for over time that we are in this mess together whether we like it or not.

Our arc isn't clean, but it is clear that each generation expands that definition of "we." We suffer setbacks. We get pushed off track and sometimes can't feel that progress. We fight amongst ourselves. But still, generation after generation, we expand.

And that is the counterweight to the great lie of these times, that the American pie is finite; that for my family to survive, yours must suffer; that the richest Nation on Earth is somehow plagued by scarcity rather than greed.

Loosening that lie's grip on our country is the work of our generation—for people who feel unseen, unheard, and unrepresented; for the most in need of assistance and protection, justice and opportunity, who have been told by their government that there is no room or money or time or will.

And that injustice is a reality etched in stone rather than a deliberate choice by those in power about who is worthy and who is not.

I hope that in the months and years ahead, this body can help change that, that we will err on the side of expansion, of inclusion, acceptance, equity, and grace, because history makes clear that the only true error is when we do the absolute opposite.

Our future is big and bright, but it will take everything and everyone to reach it. I hope that a new generation of Americans will rise knowing that the people's House stands tall for them.

Mr. Speaker, it has been an honor. God bless and Godspeed.

DEMOCRATIC ELECTION THEFT EXPERT DESCRIBES HOW HE DOES IT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BROOKS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, this is my sixth speech in a series on voter fraud, election theft, and the Presidential election.

Today, I cite an August 29, 2020, New York Post article that quotes extensively from a New Jersey professional Democrat election theft expert's description of how he steals elections

using the en masse mailed ballot voting system.

The election theft expert states he puts a real ballot into "the copy machine, and it comes out the same way."

"But the return envelopes are 'more secure than the ballot. You could never re-create the envelope.'"

So envelopes had to be collected from real voters. The election theft expert adds: "He would have his operatives fan out, going house to house, convincing voters to let them mail completed ballots on their behalf as a public service. The fraudster and his minions would then take the sealed envelopes home and hold them over boiling water."

For those unaware, the process of collecting ballots from voters, it is called ballot harvesting and is legal in some States but illegal in others.

The election theft expert continues: "You have to steam it to loosen the glue."

"He then would remove the real ballot, place the counterfeit ballot inside the signed certificate, and reseal the envelope. 'Five minutes per ballot tops,'" is how long he says it takes to steal a vote.

The election theft expert adds that "sometimes postal employees are in on the scam. 'You have a postman who is a rabid anti-Trump guy, and he is working in Bedminster or some Republican stronghold. He can take those filled-out ballots, and knowing 95 percent are going to a Republican, he can just throw those in the garbage.'"

"In some cases, mail carriers were members of his 'work crew' and would sift ballots from the mail and hand them over to the operative."

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The election theft expert continues: "With mail-in ballots, partisans from both parties hash out and count ballots at the local board of elections—debating which ballots make the cut and which need to be thrown out because of irregularities.

"Any ballots offered up by him or his operation would come with a bent corner along the voter certificate—which contains the voter signature—so Democratic board of election counters would know the fix was in and not to object."

The New York Post describes his vote theft methods as "organizationally, his voter fraud schemes in the Garden State and elsewhere resembled Mafia organizations, with a boss—usually the campaign manager—handing off the day-to-day managing of the mob soldiers to underboss—him. The actual candidate was usually kept in the dark deliberately so they could maintain 'plausible deniability.'"

This Democrat election theft expert stunningly helps expose the sordid underbelly of voter fraud and election theft that riddles America's election system and too often makes official election results inaccurate and unreliable.

As my prior speeches have detailed, voting in American elections by illegal