

has led the world in research and design of products directly impacting the way we use energy. The lab has helped dramatically lower the cost of solar, wind, and biofuel technologies and pioneered energy efficient building technologies to reduce energy consumption.

Full funding for the Facilities and Infrastructure account will support NREL's cross-cutting research, maintenance upgrades, and support the growing staff at the lab. NREL's economic impact on our nation totaled \$1.4 billion in FY19 while the lab supported nearly 7,000 jobs nationwide. Supporting NREL not only supports Colorado, it supports our nation's continued scientific and economic competitiveness and supports high-quality, good-paying jobs nationwide.

I urge all my colleagues to support this amendment.

INDIA'S 75TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate India on its 75th Independence Day, which will be celebrated this year on August 15. On that date, its first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru proclaimed that his country, in casting off its British rule, had "made a tryst with destiny." He said that "[at] the stroke of the midnight hour, when the world sleeps, India will awake to life and freedom. A moment comes, which comes but rarely in history, when we step out from the old to the new, when an age ends, and when the soul of a nation, long suppressed, finds utterance . . ."

Of course, India's history stretches back thousands and thousands of years. Its civilization and its contributions to the world are countless—from literature to philosophy to mathematics. India today is continuing in that tradition by extending a hand to other nations in their fight against the pandemic as the country itself manages its own severe COVID-19 outbreak. In addition, Indian Americans are making countless contributions here in the United States as doctors, lawyers, scientists, business owners, artists, and even in the White House in the person of Vice President KAMALA HARRIS whose mother was Indian.

Of course, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the fact that India's own struggle for independence greatly influenced the United States' own civil rights movement. America's civil rights leaders, from Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King to my late colleague and friend Congressman John Lewis, were inspired by the revered leader of Indian independence Mahatma Gandhi. They followed in his footsteps by embracing Mahatma Gandhi's non-violent approach to achieving social and political justice.

In fact, when Dr. King left for India in February 1959, he was just beginning to make his mark as a leader of the national movement for civil rights. He had organized the successful boycott of Montgomery, Alabama's public transportation system in 1955, and founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference two years later. His burgeoning success had provided his non-violent movement with the

momentum and potential to become a truly powerful force in the pursuit of equal rights for all Americans. This momentum became entrenched during Dr. King's trip to India, where his immersion in the world of Mahatma Gandhi's own non-violent success led King to commit himself in his philosophical entirety to the principle of meeting hate and injustice with persistent non-violence.

Though Gandhi had passed away eleven years prior to Dr. King's journey, King was no less attentive to the followers of the great shanti sena—the "non-violent army" that Gandhi led in his successful effort to free his country from the grasp of colonialism. He encouraged those who had stood with Gandhi through the long, arduous struggle for India's sovereignty, and came to deeply understand the necessary commitment and purpose of which believers in non-violence must never lose sight. Dr. King came to believe that if India can assert its independence from the bonds of the British Empire without violence, then the United States of America can achieve racial equality with the same approach. He took the lessons of a people half a world away and applied them to the struggle of his own nation, illustrating that a righteous cause pursued by means which justify its ends holds universal promise. Perhaps it is best articulated by Dr. King himself: "As I delved deeper into the philosophy of Gandhi, my skepticism concerning the power of love gradually diminished, and I came to see for the first time its potency in the area of social reform."

India and the United States share many deep and historic ties. I want to congratulate India and its people on the 75th Anniversary of its independence. I wish it many more years of peace and prosperity.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, EDUCATION, AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT, FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT, INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, TRANSPORTATION, AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2022

SPEECH OF

HON. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Mr. SEAN PATRICK MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my amendment number 224, to En Bloc 5 of H.R. 4502.

This appropriations bill is a historic and groundbreaking effort to address the urgent need for serious investments in working families, people serving in our Armed Forces, urban and rural development, our healthcare, transportation systems and beyond.

My amendment seeks to build on the good work of this Committee by investing critical dollars to assist in the abatement and removal of environmental hazards from homes that are set to be renovated.

Beneficiaries include organizations like the local Habitat for Humanities in my district,

which has a 'sweat equity' component that requires new homeowners to assist in the desperately needed renovations for these homes.

In today's competitive housing market, low-income buyers are left with little options to reach the American dream of owning a home.

That is why these funds and this amendment are so important. They would provide critical assistance to organizations working to increase homeownership among low-income families and ensure that volunteer-based homeownership programs are able to make a lasting impact on their communities.

Most importantly, they would ensure that homes are safe to be renovated. My ask is simple: let's provide the necessary resources to outstanding organizations that already do great work in so many districts across the country.

I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this amendment.

RAISING CONCERNS WITH EVIDENCE SELECTION BY THE JANUARY 6TH SELECT COMMITTEE

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise to address matters concerning the House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol. Others have addressed how the Committee was formulated, and how the Democrats vetoed all the Republican nominees for the Committee, and instead chose two jack-Republicans. Allowing the Democrats to control who the Republicans can pick to serve on their side is like having the Milwaukee Bucks choose the starting lineup of the Phoenix Suns. That is not my concern today.

Today, I want to point out the travesty of evidence selection. If we want the American public to get to the truth of January 6th, you must be able to handle the truth, that means all the truth, including facts you don't like or facts that may reflect poorly on people you like.

In that regard, I object to the failure to release all the evidence regarding January 6th. The 14,000 hours of surveillance video has been suppressed. Thousands of hours of body camera footage has been suppressed. Video and still photographs from official and home security systems have been suppressed that would have, and did, record the Republican National Committee pipe bomber. The investigation and report of the officer who shot and killed Ashli Babbitt has been suppressed. All we have seen is one video, which clearly shows an unlawful killing by the officer. If there are other videos exonerating him, why haven't they been released? We know that Rep. MULLINS has stated publicly that the officer who unlawfully shot Ashli Babbitt felt remorse and guilt for his wrongful actions. But we do not have his own words of contrition. Moreover, many criminals show remorse and guilt after the event, yet we still prosecute them.

That brings me to the most well-funded per capita police force in the world, the United States Capitol Police. With 2,500 officers, protecting the Capitol should have been obtainable. What happened? Why were there so

many breaches so quickly? Well, we know that the rank-and-file officers want to tell us why, but they were not invited to testify. We need the truth, and these men and women need to be able to tell their stories, the story of how their own leadership, and the political leadership in Washington, D.C., failed them and led to the breaches. I include in the Record the press release dated July 28, 2021 from the Capitol Police Labor Committee whose voice, like so many, has been silenced by this Committee. They need to be heard and the truth needs to come out, even if the truth makes political leadership look inept.

Capitol Police Union to House Committee: "Hear All Our Voices"

United States Capitol Police Labor Committee

Washington, D.C.—Capitol Police Officers are suffering a whole-of-force effect from the January 6th attacks on the U.S. Capitol, says the union representing those officers.

The Capitol Police Officers' Union welcomed today's testimony from two Capitol police officers and two MPD officers to the House Committee investigating the Jan 6th insurrection.

Union Chairman Gus Papathanasiou said: "Their testimony is a crucial start to understanding the broad and far-reaching effects on all our officers from the violence that day."

"In support of all our officers, our Union stands ready to provide the Committee with the depth needed to fully grasp the enormity of the events that day and provide the context for how events went so terribly, and tragically, wrong."

"The police response to January 6th represents a disastrous collapse of leadership that was not simply an aberration confined to that one day. It was months and years in the making."

"To fully understand why our officers felt so abandoned, requires an understanding of how they came to be left uninformed and lacking in defenses when it mattered most—when an attack on the U.S. Capitol was being fully realized."

"Most importantly, we arrived at that position of vulnerability because the voices of the rank-and-file-officers had been ignored for years. There was no collaboration from Capitol Police leaders with the frontline officers, instead it was a top-down approach that left a void of information and planning. As an officer working that day, I can attest, there was NO plan, and certainly no contingency plans by the Chiefs."

"That lack of leadership had tragic consequences. The riots led to the deaths of officers, and injuries to an estimated 140 Capitol Police and MPD officers, some of whom will never return to service."

"As individual officers testified today, they did their best and succeeded in their mission to protect all members of Congress and their staff that day. The Committee needs all the facts to understand why the U.S. Capitol was so vulnerable, and why it will remain vulnerable if the broader rank-and-file officers are not heard."

"The most urgent challenge, is to keep the officers we have right now and that requires a renewed faith in their mission and a restored belief that Congress has their backs."

"Poor morale, inequitable pay and conditions, and a leadership that refuses to engage—these are contributing factors to the events of January 6th and they remain factors still, today."

"The Union asks that the Committee listen to the active-duty police officers who have been chosen by the rank and file to represent them."

IN RECOGNITION OF CORALIE ANNE BULL

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish Miss Coralie Anne Bull a happy first birthday.

Coralie was born on July 24, 2020 at 5:59 p.m. in Mullica Hill, New Jersey. She is the firstborn child of Tyler Dietrich Bull and Kristina Debra Bull of Philadelphia. She is the first grandchild of Nancy and Fred Bull, and Monica and Phil Fanfarillo.

On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, I wish Coralie Anne Bull a happy first birthday and wish her all the best in the years to come.

RECOGNIZING LEWIS H. WEBBER, A TRUE WORKING-CLASS CHAMPION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lewis Webber, the President of Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees (SOAR) Chapter 4-6, for a lifetime of fighting for the working class.

Lewis Webber was born days before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December of 1941 so he was always ready for a good fight. Advocating for the workers at Bethlehem Steel was in his blood, as many of his relatives, including his father, were employed there. Growing up in a union household, he and his brother heard all the stories from their father about the strikes at Bethlehem Steel, including the famous 53-day 1952 Steelworkers strike, ending with a victory for the hard-working Steelworkers.

It was not a surprise that Lewis Webber and his brother would also go on to work many years of their lives at Bethlehem Steel. Lewis started working at Bethlehem Steel in October of 1964. He was of a member in three separate unions: United Steelworkers, Truckdrivers Union Local, and the United Autoworkers. As a member of the United Steelworkers, he recalls fighting to make sure that the proper withholding was taken out of the employees checks. Later, in 1985, Mr. Webber officially won a grievance against Bethlehem Steel, providing 22 workers an additional \$238 a week for two years, and a pension for the rest of their lives.

When Bethlehem Steel shut its doors, the Western New York community was devastated; however, that didn't stop Lewis Webber from continuing to fight for those who had worked there. He joined the Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees (SOAR), Chapter 4-6 and put the skills he learned from earlier battles to work as he rose in the ranks of leadership becoming Trustee in 1997, Vice President in 2007, and President of the Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees in 2008. There are 430 members of SOAR who rely on his leadership today.

Lewis Webber always says that you can never fight these battles alone. His number

one supporter was his wife, Beverly who unfortunately passed away in 2011. She was also Secretary of the Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees, Chapter 4-6. His children Rosemary, LuAnn, and Kathleen, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are always by his side, fighting the good fight.

Mr. Webber joined our fight over a decade ago to help former Bethlehem Steel employees receive compensation under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (EEOICP) and he continues to work with my office to ensure eligible retirees receive the benefits they deserve. Over \$300 million has been paid out to workers and their families after they were exposed to radiation while working at Bethlehem Steel.

Lewis Webber offered many words of advice, including "I am not doing this to make people millionaires; I am doing this to get them what they need to get by in this world. I am not doing this to help just the Steelworkers; I am doing this to help all Americans," and, "Always fight using your brains, not your fists. At the end of the day your knowledge of the contract will be more likely to help you win the battle." His words demonstrate his commitment to his fellow workers and his lifetime of experience advocating for the interests of Steelworkers.

Many Bethlehem Steel retirees and their families who live in Western New York are better off because Lewis Webber has never stopped and will never stop fighting for them. Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the lifelong commitment that Lewis Webber has shown to the former employees of Bethlehem Steel, the greater Western New York community, and the United States as a whole.

HONORING DETECTIVE DAVID MITCHELL

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Detective David Mitchell, a Jamestown Police Department detective who was gravely injured in the line of duty on September 15, 1999, while serving the public and their safety. David should be celebrated and honored for his bravery and sacrifice.

Detective David Mitchell was shot on the evening of September 15, 1999 while meeting up with a drug informant. Since that time, David has recovered from his near-fatal injury, beating all odds, but still contends with hearing and memory loss. His injury could have proven fatal, but he pulled through and continues to be an active member of society.

David served the city not only as a detective, but also as an undercover narcotics officer, showing great dedication and courage. His service to Jamestown and the community is priceless, and it has been recognized by the residents, the police department, and others, including his current employer, Rand Machine, over the years. His service should not be forgotten, and we are honored to be able to recognize him in this way for his bravery and perseverance.

David's service to Jamestown and the surrounding communities during a time of great