

Climate change is an ever-present danger to our constituents and communities. Just yesterday, a tropical storm made landfall in my district with intense winds of at least 47 miles per hour in southern New England. With communities at risk of flooding, property damage, and loss of life with increasingly harsh and dangerous storms, Congress must act.

Massachusetts is a leader in mitigating and combating climate change, but the Commonwealth cannot do it alone. I urge my colleagues to vote to pass both the Build Back Better Act and the bipartisan infrastructure bill to take the necessary steps to end climate change.

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION FAILING AT KEEPING AMERICA SAFE

(Mrs. MILLER of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, America is less safe today than when President Biden was sworn in 7 months ago.

Last week, as the Taliban seized control of Afghanistan, they released 5,000 al-Qaida and Taliban terrorists who are armed with \$85 billion of U.S. taxpayer-funded weapons as a result of the Biden administration's incompetent withdrawal. Our allies have lost respect for America, and our enemies do not fear us.

At the same time, Vice President Kamala Harris has left our southern border completely exposed and vulnerable for anyone to cross, and over 200,000 people are crossing each month. This is a national security disaster with dreadful future consequences.

But we shouldn't be surprised that Democrats are not concerned with public safety. They have been promoting defund the police and supporting soft-on-crime policies that have caused crime to skyrocket this past year.

The key role of government is to keep our families safe, and the Biden administration has failed miserably.

FIGHTING AGAINST GOP-LED VOTER DISCRIMINATION

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

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, as I stand here today, Republicans in the Texas State Legislature are rapidly advancing some of the most restrictive voting laws that we have seen in our Republic since the Voting Rights Act was passed in the 1960s.

That is why it is so important that we pass H.R. 4, the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, because H.R. 4 will help us fight against this dangerous GOP-led anti-voter discrimination that we are seeing, discrimination against the very voters who have fueled growth in our State and who are allowing Texas to pick up two new seats after reapportionment.

It will help restore full protections of the landmark Voting Rights Act of 1965 and re-implement the critically needed VRA preclearance provision to focus on States with a recent history of discrimination, like the State that I live in. It is a State that has consistently pushed racially charged anti-voter legislation that will allow everything from empowering partisan poll watchers to intimidating Texas voters to imposing criminal penalties.

We have to do something about this. Let's pass H.R. 4.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. HONG

(Mrs. KIM of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. KIM of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Mike Myungki Hong, a giant in the Korean-American community who exemplified the American Dream. He was a personal friend, a mentor, a visionary, and a very generous philanthropist who touched the lives of so many people.

Despite his success as an engineer and founder of Dura Coat Products, he was a very humble man who loved his wife, Lorrie, and his children very, very dearly. He spent his life giving back to his community and supporting the next generation of young leaders.

Dr. Hong dedicated his life to carrying on the legacy of Dosan Ahn Chang Ho, a leader of the Korean independence movement, with honesty, humility, integrity, and passion.

The Korean-American community and I are indebted to Dr. Hong for his service and dedication. I pray that Dr. Hong's love of our country and community continues to live through us, and I pray for God's peace for his family.

PRESIDENT ACCOUNTABLE FOR AFGHANISTAN DEBACLE

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on the ongoing disaster in Afghanistan.

As a Vietnam-era veteran, I have seen the outcome of a poorly executed withdrawal, with tragic images of our allies hanging off of aircraft.

The scene that unfolded at Hamid Karzai Airport in Kabul last week is a betrayal to the American military, American citizens, our Afghan partners who aided American troops in the global war on terrorism, and the Afghan people.

The catastrophe that we have seen over the last few weeks was completely avoidable. We have watched as the Taliban quickly took control of the country, released terrorists from prison, and began implementing sharia law on those we left behind.

Just as important, we will have less safety of our homeland, and it will have lasting repercussions.

Madam Speaker, one of the most basic things you learn in the military is to never give your enemy the upper hand. We gave the Taliban the upper hand when we broadcast our withdrawal plans to the world but not to our allies and our coalition partners. The arbitrary and symbolic timeline the administration gave to get our troops out is during the peak of the fighting season.

The administration needs to take full responsibility for this debacle. They are making the decisions and need to be held accountable for those decisions. The President said that the buck stops with him, but he has continued to point fingers and blame others.

THANKING THE CAPITOL POLICE

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank the Capitol Police and all of those who really created a miracle in the midst of a potential bomb threat just about a week ago here in the United States Capitol again, and to thank them for their astuteness and to recognize that, in spite of all of our commentary from our friends on the other side about the border, that the most serious threat here in the United States is domestic terrorism, and there evidenced an individual, whatever his condition was, wanting to bomb the Capitol.

I thank them for their honest and serious work and again credit them for their leadership.

Finally, let me say that as we move toward the Voting Rights Act, H.R. 4, it is crucial because Texas Democratic representatives will be here over the next 2 days, the same people who had a civil arrest and were stalked in their own State because they refused to go to a session that was nothing but denying rights to vote to Texans—minorities, ethnic minorities, language minorities, denying them the right to vote. H.R. 4 is crucial.

I thank them for their bravery and their service.

Let's get on with passing H.R. 4.

PRESIDENT EMBOLDENED TALIBAN

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

Mr. CAWTHORN. Madam Speaker, the Taliban is emboldened today. They have found a new reason to cry "death to America." That reason is Joe Biden.

His foreign policy is not America first; it is Taliban first.

Mr. President, listen carefully, and I will say it slowly just for you: No man left behind. That is leadership.

Here is my pledge to the Taliban: You may chant "death to America" today, but mark my words, the levers of power will be in strong hands soon. If you harm an American, we will rain

down vengeance upon you with wrath and fury that will put the fires of hell to shame.

Psalm 91 promises us that God will be our refuge and our fortress. But you do not worship my God or heed His promises. So when we come for you, there will be no refuge, no cave, and no crevasse you can crawl into that will save you from our wrath.

To those who hate America and all we stand for, read my lips: I am young, and I have a long memory. When power in Washington inevitably shifts, we will not forget you because we are in the business of killing terrorists. And pretty soon, business will be booming.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. SEWELL). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President, and Members are also reminded to address their remarks to the Chair, not to a perceived viewing audience.

ADMINISTRATION BOTCHED AFGHANISTAN WITHDRAWAL

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

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, the situation in Afghanistan left behind by the President's hasty withdrawal has been horrific. It has been unconscionable and unacceptable.

We have thousands of American citizens unable to get to the airport in Kabul because this administration botched the withdrawal, sent mixed messages, and undercut our allied partners.

Let me be clear: We should not leave Afghanistan until every single American citizen has been safely evacuated, period.

For the last 20 years, our brave servicemen and -women have served in Afghanistan with honor, with valor, and with distinction. They have done everything that our country has asked of them and more. They deserve our gratitude and our respect.

It is time for this President and this administration to do right by them, to rescue every single American, and to demonstrate the leadership that our country needs. At this point, Madam Speaker, that leadership is severely lacking.

REMEMBERING BRENDA LANNOM

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

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember a great Tennessean. A devoted wife and mother, Bible school teacher, and a true Volunteer in every sense of the word, Brenda Lannom was a blessing to her family, her friends, her community, her church, and her country.

As I remember Mrs. Lannom, I recognize that she represents many great

women, past and present, across America who choose every day to put the needs of their family ahead of their own. Women like Mrs. Lannom never hesitate to lend a helping hand or a listening ear. They are always there when a child needs to be scooped up and held close, like only a mother can do. They are the best friend and trusted partner of their spouse, even through life's toughest challenges. And women like Mrs. Lannom spend a lifetime giving warm hugs and sharing sweet smiles that instantly provide assurance to those who need it most.

America thrives because of women such as this. My district, my State, and this Nation need women like Brenda Lannom. The loss of such a special person brings great sadness, but we can be comforted knowing that she has surely gone home to be with her Lord and Savior, and what a fitting reward for such a faithful and lovely soul.

HONORING BILL HABEL

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

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life and work of Bill Habel, of Naperville, who passed away suddenly just a few weeks ago at the age of 63.

Bill was a tireless champion for workers and their families, and he never missed an opportunity to help amplify their voices. He started his career as a union electrician in 1986 and was a dedicated member of IBEW Local 701.

Beyond his day-to-day work, Bill made it a priority to give back and to help others begin their careers. He spent 23 years as an instructor for the electrical workers' apprenticeship program, helping introduce others to good-paying career opportunities in the building trades.

He was a leading voice for the economic development of the Naperville community and never missed a chance to advocate for job creation and infrastructure development that attracted so many people to Naperville and to DuPage County.

Madam Speaker, Bill knew instinctively what many of us have learned, that when you prioritize workers and their families, the entire community benefits. Simply put, the Naperville community is a better place because of the work that he did and what he did to help build it up.

I am proud to call Bill a friend and even more proud of the work that he accomplished for his community. We will all miss him dearly.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 28 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. MCCOLLUM) at 6 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.

AMENDING ALYCE SPOTTED BEAR AND WALTER SOBOLEFF COM- MISSION ON NATIVE CHILDREN ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 325) to amend the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act to extend the deadline for a report by the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Mrs. DINGELL) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 418, nays 7, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 255]

YEAS—418

Adams	Cárdenas	Dingell
Aderholt	Carl	Doggett
Aguilar	Carson	Donalds
Allen	Carter (GA)	Doyle, Michael
Allred	Carter (LA)	F.
Amodei	Carter (TX)	Dunn
Armstrong	Cartwright	Ellzey
Arrington	Case	Emmer
Auchincloss	Casten	Escobar
Axne	Castor (FL)	Eshoo
Babin	Castro (TX)	Espallat
Bacon	Cawthorn	Estes
Baird	Chabot	Evans
Balderson	Chu	Fallon
Banks	Cicilline	Feenstra
Barr	Clark (MA)	Ferguson
Barragán	Clarke (NY)	Fischbach
Bass	Cleaver	Fitzgerald
Beatty	Cline	Fitzpatrick
Bentz	Cloud	Fleischmann
Bera	Clyburn	Fletcher
Bergman	Clyde	Fortenberry
Beyer	Cohen	Foster
Bice (OK)	Cole	Fox
Bilirakis	Comer	Frankel, Lois
Bishop (GA)	Connolly	Franklin, C.
Bishop (NC)	Cooper	Scott
Blumenauer	Correa	Fulcher
Blunt Rochester	Costa	Gaetz
Boebert	Courtney	Gallagher
Bonamici	Craig	Gallego
Bost	Crawford	Garamendi
Bourdeaux	Crenshaw	García (CA)
Bowman	Crist	García (IL)
Boyle, Brendan	Crow	García (TX)
F.	Cuellar	Gibbs
Brady	Curtis	Gimenez
Brooks	Dauids (KS)	Golden
Brown	Davidson	Gomez
Brownley	Davis, Danny K.	Gonzales, Tony
Buchanan	Davis, Rodney	Gonzalez (OH)
Buck	Dean	Gooden (TX)
Bucshon	DeFazio	Gosar
Budd	DeGette	Gottheimer
Burchett	DeLauro	Granger
Burgess	DelBene	Graves (LA)
Bush	Delgado	Graves (MO)
Bustos	Demings	Green (TN)
Butterfield	DeSaulnier	Green, Al (TX)
Calvert	DesJarlais	Greene (GA)
Cammack	Deutch	Griffith
Carbajal	Diaz-Balart	Grijalva