

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask the people on this floor and the people watching on television a very simple question. Do you know if I am carrying the COVID virus?

In fact, do you know if the next person you meet is going to be carrying the COVID virus?

And the answer is, you don't know, because we cannot see this virus with our naked eyes. And you don't know how this virus is going to interact with your body if it comes in contact with you. Don't act like you do know.

Over 680,000 Americans have died. Millions more have been hospitalized, and many more are still suffering the effects of long COVID.

In Matthew 4:7, Jesus said: Do not put the Lord your God to the test.

God created the laws of chemistry and biology. God is not going to make an exception just for you for this biological virus.

So please be humble, not arrogant, and talk to your doctor about the best way to protect yourself against this virus.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF CORPORAL HUMBERTO SANCHEZ

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

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of my fellow Hoosier, Corporal Humberto Sanchez. Alongside 12 of his brothers and sisters in arms, Corporal Sanchez died in the line of duty while helping to evacuate Americans and allies from Afghanistan.

This young Hoosier knew the risks of the mission and yet, he stood in the face of danger to help vulnerable children evacuate Abbey Gate at the Kabul airport. Instead of running from danger, he stayed at his post and finished the job before him.

Corporal Sanchez exemplified the greatest of the American spirit, a selfless willingness to lay down one's life to serve and protect. His service is the starkest reminder today that freedom is not free.

The American people are indebted to Corporal Sanchez, to each of the fallen, and to their families. We will never forget these heroes.

#### RAISE THE DEBT CEILING

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

Mr. WELCH. Mr. Speaker, the question before this Congress will be whether we do our duty and raise the debt ceiling. The question of the debt ceiling is not about authorizing new spending. It is about paying our bills, and it is no different than if a family decided it was sick of paying the mortgage and stiffed the bank. Enormous collateral

damage occurs to our economy and to our reputation.

What is so dangerous about what is starting to happen in this Congress is that one side is embracing tactics, shutting down government, defaulting on our debt, that have the likelihood of collateral damage to our reputation, our economy, to our jobs and our prosperity. These tactics, shutting down government, defaulting on paying our bills, much of which have been run up by the Trump administration, must be renounced.

Raise the debt ceiling. Pay our bills. Do our duty.

#### SAY NO TO ABORTION ON DEMAND

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

Mr. HERN. Mr. Speaker, in what is, no doubt, a knee-jerk reaction to the recent legislative victory to protect unborn life in the State of Texas, Democrats have introduced the Women's Health Protection Act. However, we know what this piece of legislation really should be called, the abortion on demand act.

H.R. 3755 completely strips State legislatures of their autonomy to write the laws of their own State and will, in effect, make all 50 States late-term abortion States.

Not only is this a gross overreach of the Federal authority, a direct violation of States' rights to decide their own laws, it is just plain wrong.

Provisions in H.R. 3755 include the elimination of laws requiring parental involvement in a minor's decision to abort a baby, laws preventing abortions based on a baby's sex or diagnosis with a mental disability, as well as laws preventing dismemberment abortions.

It is clear that this bill has nothing to do with protecting women's health; rather, it is the result of Democrats bending the knee to the unethical abortion industry.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on the abortion on demand act.

#### REBUILD OUR NATION'S INFRASTRUCTURE

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, next week we can make bold investments in our Nation, helping families, workers, and communities across the country, by passing the bipartisan infrastructure bill.

Everyone, no matter where you live, deserves access to modern, dependable infrastructure and transportation, water, and so many other efforts that improve our quality of life.

We are living off the investments our parents and grandparents made a generation ago. As an example, in my dis-

trict, in California's San Joaquin Valley, residents in the rural community of Dos Palos were living with an aging water infrastructure system. Last summer, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, problems with this decades-old water treatment plant left them without clean drinking water for 3 days. Residents and businesses suffered. That is simply unacceptable wherever you live in America.

I was able to work with Assemblymember Adam Gray, and we were able to help secure State and Federal funding to construct a new treatment plant, but this piecemeal way of fixing our infrastructure is not the way to go.

We must pass transformative pieces of legislation to rebuild our Nation's infrastructure, for water, for transportation, broadband, and so many other investments that are deeply and sorely needed. Making life better for all Americans should be the priority of everyone who serves in Congress.

The health and development of our communities and the economy depends upon this vote. I urge your support.

#### CALIFORNIA'S DROUGHT

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

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, for the last six weeks, I was working in my district, meeting with constituents and local officials. The top issue of concern was overwhelmingly centered around California's drought. But this is not a concern to my community alone.

Our farmers cannot continue to grow food for the American families without water. The consequences of this drought and for our entire Nation cannot be understated. Even leaders outside of California are taking notice.

House Natural Resources Committee Ranking Member BRUCE WESTERMAN, as well as USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack, visited the Valley in August to witness the absolute disaster at hand. It is critical that the House majority follow the lead of those who have seen the suffering firsthand and act immediately by supporting legislation such as my bills, the RENEW WIIN Act and the NEED Water Now Act.

#### JUSTICE IN POLICING THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE

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

Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, there were over a dozen instances in the past 10 years in which members of the Louisiana State Police ignored or concealed evidence of beatings and interfered with efforts to root out misconduct. The videos show extremely distressing scenes where primarily Black Louisianans were subject to horrifying violence by troopers.

For years, Louisiana State Police has displayed blatant disregard for the accountability practices regarding excessive use of force. It is clear that the department will not clean up its own act.

That is why I am calling on the Department of Justice to conduct a full and expedited pattern-or-practices investigation on Louisiana State Police. Only with an in-depth investigation can we ensure transparency and accountability.

While the majority of officers work hard to protect and serve, we need Federal action to root out misconduct and to get those who are violators. Congress can and must help by passing the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act.

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#### WELCOMING PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the U.S.-India partnership is strong and mutually vital. It is strengthened with a vibrant Indian-American community assimilated with fantastic economic success.

We are grateful Prime Minister Narendra Modi is in America to attend the gathering of global world leaders.

Here are a few great examples of our partnership: bilateral trade reached \$150 billion; over 2,000 American companies have a presence in India; every U.S. State exports to India, creating over 260,000 jobs; Indian students enrolled in U.S. colleges contributed over \$8 billion to our economy.

An effective organization is AMCHAM India, with President Salil Gupte of Boeing, and William Blair, Ranjana Khanna, and Valerie Swope, who work with President KV Kumar of the Indian American International Chamber of Commerce, coordinating with Governor Henry McMaster of South Carolina and Consul General Swati Kulkarni in Atlanta.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism continues, moving from abroad to our neighborhoods.

#### SUPPORT FOR WOMEN'S HEALTH PROTECTION ACT

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I bet every single person on this floor today—every single person—knows someone who has had an abortion or exercised their constitutional right to reproductive healthcare.

But that lawful right is under attack in the State of Texas because Republicans in my home State have passed what is probably the most dangerous and draconian law that we have seen since *Roe v. Wade*.

It literally creates a vigilante bounty system that allows a private citizen to sue anyone who knowingly aids or abets a procedure.

In a State like Texas, where people are always professing about freedoms and different things like that, it is amazing to see conservative politicians wage this war against women's rights and against women's healthcare.

I think it is deplorable. This law is dangerous, and it is un-Texan.

Who it is really going to hurt is, disproportionately, low-income women, who are going to find it harder to be able to leave the State to seek these services.

The doctor who wrote the op-ed who said that he performed an abortion, I think that that doctor is a hero, and we ought to applaud him on this House floor today. That is why I am going to vote for the Women's Health Protection Act.

#### HONORING ROBERTO ESTRADA

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

Ms. HERRELL. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor Mr. Roberto Estrada.

Mr. Estrada was a beloved icon in the Las Cruces community and recently lost his life to pancreatic cancer at the age of 84.

Estrada learned how to press tortillas at the age of 15, and for decades, he shared his cooking talents with enthusiasm and made Whole Enchilada Fiesta a profound success. His famous tortillas and food products are popular across a wide variety of businesses in New Mexico.

From 2000 to 2010, Mr. Estrada held the Guinness World Record for the world's largest enchilada, which was the centerpiece at the annual Whole Enchilada Fiesta.

Apart from his cooking talents, Estrada was known for his humility, kindness, strong work ethic, and giving back to his community.

He donated much of his food and money to those who needed it the most. The Las Cruces community became a better place because of him.

As a testament to the impact Mr. Estrada made on his community, the Dona Ana County Commission declared Wednesday, September 1, as Roberto Estrada Day.

Estrada was a man of faith and family, a proud member of the Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce and the Las Cruces Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

The Las Cruces Police Department honored Estrada's legacy, saying: "The people who give you their food give you their heart."

Estrada lived his life selflessly and improved the lives and livelihoods of countless others.

We mourn the loss of Mr. Roberto Estrada, honor his commitment serving others, and know that his legacy will be preserved forever.

#### RECOGNIZING JONATHON CLARK

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Jonathon Clark, an outstanding resident and community advocate of Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

Jonathon Clark was known for his unwavering commitment to helping others in need and ministering to the spiritual needs of his neighbors.

Whether tending to his beautiful family he shared with his wife, Dawn Wilson-Clark; leading worship at City Covenant Church in Detroit; or lending his talents to several community works, he was an unbelievably beautiful human being.

In his work, he served as a mentor to so many of our young people, and he never shied away from offering them help and guiding them in the right direction.

He also founded an early children's literacy program, called Talking is Teaching, as a coordinator for City Covenant's summer camp.

In honor of his memory, please join me in recognizing his outstanding contributions to Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

#### HONORING LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALLEN LAMB

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

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor retired Lieutenant Colonel Allen Lamb of Lumberton, North Carolina, and to extend him best wishes for a very happy 90th birthday.

Lieutenant Colonel Lamb, a decorated fighter pilot, led the legendary Wild Weasels tasked with destroying North Vietnam's air defenses, which included Soviet-made surface-to-air missile installations. The Wild Weasels baited the enemy into targeting them with their radar, allowing their teammates to detect and destroy the anti-aircraft system.

On December 22, 1965, Lamb was the first Wild Weasel to destroy one of these missile sites, marking a key event in the war and saving countless American lives.

For his heroic service, Lieutenant Colonel Lamb received two Silver Stars and a Distinguished Flying Cross. I am honored to call him a constituent.

Happy birthday to Lieutenant Colonel Lamb.

#### HONORING THE CAREER OF VERN SQUIER

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