

Mr. Speaker, you said JOHN LEWIS and the Democrats' activity on the floor was a stunt. It wasn't a stunt. It was in keeping with the great tradition of people like Elie Wiesel and JOHN LEWIS who know that at sometimes, when society and the government are so far out of line, there need to be extraordinary steps to bring attention to issues and make a change. The bill you are bringing to the floor is a stunt. JOHN LEWIS does not engage in stunts.

REJECT THE GUN LOBBY BILL

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is sad that it took a 26-hour sit-in of 177 Members just to get a vote on one gun violence prevention bill this Congress. It is even sadder that Speaker RYAN still doesn't get it.

This week, we are voting on a big gun lobby bill that already failed in the Senate. It would give the Attorney General only 72 hours to determine if someone on the no-fly list should be able to purchase a gun. House rules require 3 days between a bill's introduction and a vote. Why does Speaker RYAN think that the House deserves 3 days to read a bill, but the FBI, Attorney General, and our courts should fully investigate a suspected terrorist in the same amount of time?

This isn't an attempt to address gun violence. It is a shameful attempt to claim that a vote was held, without hurting the majority's precious score-card rating with the big gun lobby.

This isn't a game. With each passing hour, another family mourns the loss of a loved one.

I urge my colleagues to reject the gun lobby bill. I call on you, Speaker RYAN, to have the courage to call up H.R. 1217, the bipartisan King-Thompson background check bill, a real gun violence prevention measure.

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ASSAULT WEAPONS

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

Mr. GALLEGRO. Mr. Speaker, in the Iraq war, my unit fought door-to-door in some of the areas now controlled by ISIL, and we did it armed with an assault rifle called the M16A4.

Why did the Marine Corps send us into battle with this weapon?

At the risk of making anyone feel uncomfortable, the simple answer is this: Because the M16 is a machine designed to kill and maim people. It is not for target shooting, or hunting deer. The M16 was refined for the sole purpose of taking enemy lives in combat.

That is why it defies explanation that Republicans believe assault rifles like the M16 or the SIG SAUER MCX used in Orlando should be carried in our communities. Weapons that Ma-

rines use to kill enemy combatants in Iraq don't belong on the streets of Phoenix.

Mr. Speaker, it is even harder to understand why Republicans apparently think known terrorists should be allowed to purchase these firearms. They plan to bring a sham bill to the floor later this week that law enforcement leaders tell us will do nothing to prevent individuals on the terrorist watch list from obtaining these deadly weapons. That is unacceptable.

Mr. Speaker, here is the bottom line. If you are too dangerous to fly on a plane, then you are too dangerous to buy the kind of weapon I carried in Iraq.

GUN VIOLENCE

(Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in the wake of the endless gun violence happening across the country, the American people are calling desperately on Congress to act.

Under pressure from House and Senate Democrats during the historic sit-in, Republican leadership has finally agreed to allow a vote on legislation to prevent gun sales to suspected terrorists placed on the no-fly list. While it is my view that this legislation does not go far enough to prevent violence in our neighborhoods, it serves as an important step in order to continue an open dialogue on this issue.

My grandson, who is a responsible district manager in a very large corporation in this Nation, is an NRA member. He hunts and he plays golf. He asked me: "Granny, why must anybody have an AK-47? Why must these kind of weapons be sold to people? They must have background checks." Now, this is a member of the NRA.

Mr. Speaker, as Congress works to reduce gun violence and gun-related deaths throughout our country, I encourage my colleagues to immediately bring forward meaningful and comprehensive reforms.

THIS IS THE TIME TO ACT

(Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we celebrated Fourth of July, the 240th birthday of our Nation's independence, and the celebrations were quite vivid in my district, which includes parts of Philadelphia, the birthplace of our Nation.

One refrain I got often when walking in parades in my district yesterday, and I was really struck by it, was people calling out: "Thank you, thank you for the sit-in. I watched the sit-in. That's great."

I was really struck because, frankly, I have not had that experience of people so finely tuned to what is being broadcast on C-SPAN. It speaks to the

desire for people that we address this issue and the frustration that is out there that we just have moments of silence, and then total silence.

This is the time to act. No more Orlandos, no more Sandy Hooks, no more Auroras. Let's call up today the two bills that are supported by 90 percent of the American people.

IT IS TIME TO DO THE RIGHT THING

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

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I am here today simply because it is time. It is time to save lives. It is time to close the gun show and Internet loophole. It is time to make sure if you are on the no-fly list, you can't buy a gun in America.

It is time for the American people to know where their representatives stand. It is time to find out who will prevail, the people of the United States, or the NRA. It is time to end moments of silence and move into legislative action to save lives.

Mr. Speaker, don't you think it is time to give the people a vote?

Mr. Speaker, it is time for you to do the right thing for all American people and help save lives throughout the United States of America. It is time to do the right thing.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS FAILED US

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

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I believe it is time and I think it is time for the Congress and the House of Representatives to not look at diversionary issues, but to look at how the Federal Government has failed us. The Federal Government failed us in Orlando, it failed us in San Bernardino, it failed us in Boston.

The United States is under attack by extremist organizations, radicals. They have used a pressure cooker in Boston. They used pipe bombs and mechanisms they bought from plumbing stores in San Bernardino. They used weaponry that they acquired when the Federal Government failed in Orlando.

It is time that we get our watch list corrected so that we don't put people on, take them off, don't know who is on the list, who is off the list. It is time that the Federal agencies for law enforcement and protecting us connect the dots and not miss the opportunities to stop the Orlandos, the San Bernardinos and the Bostons.

THE TIME IS NOW

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

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, the American people have