

Virginia Tech; and on and on and on. We have been fighting to do something about these massacres. The police should be with us. The police should not complicate our job by doing what is being done.

You have heard about the latest two killings in Baton Rouge and in Minnesota. They are absolutely heart-breaking. I listened last evening to this woman crying, screaming, and saying: "God, please don't let him die."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California. Well, you may stop me now because my time is up. But I will be back. I will not stop on these two issues: massacres and the killing of Black men in particular.

GUN VIOLENCE

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

Mr. MOULTON. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today as someone who supports the Constitution, including the Second Amendment. I stand here today as someone who believes in protecting our national security. In fact, I have risked my life to defend it. I stand here as someone who supports the will of the American people because that is my job.

In my previous job, I was an infantry officer in the United States Marine Corps. Over the course of four tours in Iraq, I used guns every single day to do my job. In fact, guns saved my life. I do not want to take away guns from me or any other law-abiding American citizen. But I do want to make sure that terrorists, criminals, domestic abusers, and the dangerously mentally ill do not get guns they shouldn't have.

All we need to do to accomplish that are two simple, commonsense things: background checks for all sales of guns with no loopholes that criminals and terrorists can exploit; and, second, if you are too dangerous to fly, you are too dangerous to buy.

These simple, commonsense gun safety measures are supported by nine out of 10 Americans. So if we are going to do our job here in Congress, if we are going to follow the will of the American people, if we are going to protect our national security, and if we are going to continue to uphold the Constitution, then we should do these things.

The reason that they are so important is because of the Americans who have been killed by senseless gun violence.

Mr. Speaker, the following is a list of mass shooting victims from just 2016 alone:

Antoine Bell, age 17.

Raymon Blount, age 29.

Ira Brown, age 20.

Joshua Steven Morrison, age 18.

Randy Peterson, age 64.

Sean Marquez, age 19.

Marvin Douglas Lancaster, III, age 21.

Jennifer Jacques, age 42.
Ernesto Ayber, age 29.
Carlos Bates, age 29.
Isaiah Major, III, age 43.
Dwight Hughes, Jr., age 21.
Trisha Nelson, age 28.

Armando Curiel, age 17.
Raul Lopez, age 19.
Angel Lopez, age 20.
Officer James Lee Tartt, age 44.
Manuel Ortiz, age 28.
Mary Lou Nye, age 62.
Dorothy Brown, age 74.
Barbara Hawthorne, age 68.
Rich Smith, age 53.
Tyler Smith, age 17.
Emma Wallace, age 37.

The Buckner family, including mother, Kimberly; father, Vic; 18-year-old daughter, Kaitlin; and 6-year-old daughter, Emma.

A deputy sheriff, Corporal Nate Carrigan, age 35.

Renee Benjamin, age 30.
Josh Higbee, age 31.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has the responsibility under clause 2 of rule I to preserve order and decorum. As the Chair ruled on June 12, 2003, an exhibition involving Members trafficking the well is a breach of decorum.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 15 minutes a.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 at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Every day work is done on this Hill that is building toward legislation meant to improve the lives of Americans and guarantee a future of hope for our children.

On this day, the eyes of our citizens are especially focused here. May the day be marked by openness, clarity, and goodwill, so that as these months lead up to an election that will give us the confidence to believe that You are with us throughout, and that for those who love You and place their trust in You, as we claim to do, all things work for good.

Bless the Members of the people's House with wisdom and patience this day.

And may all we do be done for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. JUDY CHU) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. JUDY CHU of California led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MITCH HERRICK ON HIS RETIREMENT

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate a dear friend and a patriot, Mitch Herrick, who will be retiring after 30 years of invaluable service to our great country, first as a U.S. marine, and then as an air traffic controller.

I have known Mitch for almost a decade, when he began working at the Miami air traffic control tower at Miami International Airport, located in my congressional district. During his time there, Mitch has also represented the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, or NATCA, as its local facility vice president and also as its local facility legislative representative.

Representing NATCA on Capitol Hill and in my south Florida district has been a labor of love for Mitch, almost as much as he loves his dogs and his old Mitsubishi Galant.

In 2013, NATCA was proud to present its highest legislative affairs honor, the Trish Gilbert Legislative Activism Award, to Mitch.

I thank Mitch for his exceptional service and his commitment to public safety. I wish Mitch and his wife of over 20 years, Michelle, all the best on this well-deserved retirement.

VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE

(Ms. FRANKEL of Florida asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, 90 people a day are killed by a firearm in the United States of America. That is more than 33,000 families devastated by gun violence last year. Those are statistics. I want to tell you and read the names of real people in my hometown whose families got that dreaded, unimaginable knock on the door:

Jacob Walsh, age 25;
Greg Bryant, Jr., age 21;
Zedward Jackson, age 52;
Gary Martin, age 52;
Ledarius Fitzgerald, age 18;
Herman Denis, age 18;
Jack Bellino, age 28;
Courtney McGriff, age 29;
James Cartigiano, age 16;
Anne Nau, age 21.

And the list goes on. Who will get the next knock on the door?

ISIS IS A REAL THREAT

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, less than a month ago, an American of Afghan descent shot and killed 49 people in Orlando. He did so while pledging allegiance to ISIS. In the words of the actual gunman, this was a terrorist attack.

What is worse is that many of my colleagues across the aisle have attempted to hijack facts and muddy the conversation. Why? Because this attack further disproves the President's narrative that ISIS is contained.

Don't even get me started on the fact that the President won't say the words "radical Islamic terrorist." The administration even attempted to remove mention of ISIS in the 9/11 transcription.

Folks, ISIS has declared war against our American way of life, and we need to work together to protect all Americans from future attacks, and our Commander in Chief finally needs to come up with a strategy to defeat ISIS.

THE TIME FOR BOLD ACTION IS NOW

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

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I understand the Republican majority has pulled a bill from the floor agenda that would have created a new loophole allowing terror suspects to get a gun. That is good news. The bill they pulled was the Cornyn-NRA gun lobby bill, and we are pleased that they pulled that bill. It is a terrible proposal that will only make matters worse in our country.

But now it is time to bring up the meaningful bipartisan bill, the no fly, no buy legislation, and the meaningful

background check legislation. And know this: until you do so, Mr. Speaker, we are not going away. We are not going anywhere because this issue is not going away.

Putting aside Orlando for a moment—the last gentleman's comments—since the House gaveled back in on Tuesday, nearly 200 people have been killed or injured due to gun violence. I don't know how many more people must fall victim to gun violence before this body, before House Republicans will get the message.

The time for bold action is now. I do know my Democratic colleagues and I are prepared to keep up this fight for as long as we have to to get meaningful gun legislation passed.

THE THREAT OF RADICAL ISLAMIC TERRORISM

(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 express grave concern over the threat of radical Islamic terrorism.

What we need is a comprehensive strategy to destroy terrorist organizations like ISIS. Instead, the administration is ramping up the release of Guantanamo Bay detainees.

Make no mistake, these detainees are the worst of the worst. One former detainee has become a leader of al Qaeda's affiliate in Yemen. Another, released last month, was Osama bin Laden's bodyguard. Just weeks before the Olympics, here we are again. Authorities in Brazil are on the hunt for a former detainee who went missing.

With another two dozen detainees cleared for this summer, I worked to include key safeguards in next year's National Defense Authorization Act, like requiring written agreements with foreign nations that accept these GTMO transfers. I introduced legislation with Senator STEVE DAINES to block all GTMO transfers until these safeguards are signed into law or until the end of the year.

The President wants to empty GTMO and bring the remaining terrorists to U.S. soil. Mr. Speaker, we cannot allow these terrorist detainees to put American lives at risk.

CLOSE THE CHARLESTON LOOPHOLE

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

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to once again call upon Members of Congress to enact some commonsense gun reform because I really believe that we are misusing the word "reform" every time we talk about this issue. Reform means a change for the better. It doesn't mean just to go through a process. It means a change for the better.

Mr. Speaker, we have seen that our gun laws need to change. I am very

emotional for nine souls in my congressional district who lost their lives because of an inadequate, nonsensical background check law that says that no matter what the situation might be, if you wait for 3 days, you can go get the gun. Irrespective of your mental condition, irrespective of your background, irrespective of your intentions, you can still buy the gun.

We need to close this Charleston loophole, and we need to enact a law that says, if you are not qualified to buy a plane ticket, you are not qualified to buy a gun.

A FAILURE OF OUR JUSTICE SYSTEM

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

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. Speaker, the revelations of the last few days have been, at best, an injustice and, at worst, government corruption of the highest degree.

Earlier this week, FBI Director James Comey acknowledged that former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton sent or received 110 emails that contained classified information through her unsecured server. He went as far as to say that Secretary Clinton's actions were "extremely careless." Despite the FBI Director's harsh criticism of Secretary Clinton's ability or inability to protect highly sensitive material, it appears she will walk away without punishment.

In an era where cybersecurity has become one of the most important pillars of U.S. national security, this carelessness is totally unacceptable. What is even more unacceptable is that the Nation's top prosecutor met with Secretary Clinton's husband, former President Bill Clinton, in private 1 week before the Justice Department decided not to press charges.

Mr. Speaker, it is possible Secretary Clinton threatened the security of this great country. There are those who have committed far lesser crimes who have faced far harsher consequences. The Attorney General's decision not to prosecute Secretary Clinton is a failure of our justice system.

In God we trust.

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT

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

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, last week on this floor, I told a story of a 911 call that I took where an 11-year-old girl was murdered at the hands of her uncle. Her name was Yajaira. Today I want to tell you about Ethan Esparza.

In 2006, when I was mayor of Pomona, Ethan was shot and killed while he was playing in his front yard during his birthday party. He would have turned 4 years old the next day.