

IT IS TIME FOR ACTION

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I said this earlier today. When I left my hometown, four people were gunned down during the July Fourth holiday, and over the time period we have all been working to find common ground on making sure that we have sensible, safe gun legislation.

But right now, outside the United States Capitol are throngs of individuals who have come because of the incidents of the last 48 hours, the loss of Mr. Sterling in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in an unfortunate and unspeakable and inexplicable shooting by law enforcement; and then, unfortunately, the tragic shooting of Mr. Castile, a cafeteria manager loved by children and a licensed gun owner.

We love our police. We call 911. But there have to be hearings, meetings with the Attorney General, and an understanding of how we can address the question of the shootings of African American men.

The numbers are high, the statistics documented, and we must find relief—not a moment of silence, but action.

The phone in my office is ringing constantly. People are in pain. Young people want to ask the question, “Do Black lives matter?” and we want to answer the question, “Yes.” We want to do it in a bipartisan, multicultural way.

America has to address these concerns and do it now.

SOMETHING IS WRONG IN THE UNITED STATES

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart, knowing what has transpired in the last 48 hours has been horrific. Two men—fathers, brothers, sons—gunned down by law enforcement.

We understand that our police have a job to do that can be difficult, but we need restraint from our law enforcement officers until they are able to determine whether there is a threat or not. You cannot be a threat just because you are an African American in a car.

No one should die being stopped for a taillight. And Mr. Castile, in Minnesota, was very compliant. He had told the officer he was reaching for his wallet and lost his life.

There is something wrong in the United States of America, and we need to address it soon.

AN AMERICAN PROBLEM

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I made a request in the Judiciary Committee to our chairperson to have hearings on this issue. We have a bill that would require each State to set up a system of independent prosecutors to look at law enforcement killings, shootings.

The fact is an Attorney General can't look at a law enforcement shooting without prejudicing their ability to do their jobs. They work hand in glove with law enforcement, and if they have to police law enforcement, they have a problem in effectively doing their jobs later on.

We have asked that each State set up a system of independent prosecutors so people know there is justice and fairness and oversight. That is reasonable, and we should have hearings.

What happened in Baton Rouge, what happened in Minnesota has happened in New York, has happened in North Charleston. It has happened in Cleveland, Ohio. It has happened in Memphis, Tennessee. And African American men are subject to being shot for reasons that others aren't.

Police need to be more careful, and we need to see that our country takes this, as President Obama has in his statement from Europe: this is an American problem.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. POE of Texas (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today after 6 p.m. and for the balance of the week on account of personal reasons.

Mr. TURNER (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for July 6 after 7:30 p.m. and for the balance of the week on account of his address to the Heads of State and Government in his role as President and Chairman of the U.S. Delegation to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Parliamentary Assembly at the 2016 Warsaw Summit of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3766. An act to direct the President to establish guidelines for covered United States foreign assistance programs, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 1252. An act to authorize a comprehensive strategic approach for United States foreign assistance to developing countries to reduce global poverty and hunger, achieve food and nutrition security, promote inclusive, sustainable, agricultural-led economic growth, improve nutritional outcomes, especially for women and children, build resil-

ience among vulnerable populations, and for other purposes.

S. 2845. An act to extend the termination of sanctions with respect to Venezuela under the Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act of 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, July 8, 2016, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5912. A letter from the Under Secretary, Rural Development, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's interim rule — Community Facility Loans (RIN: 0575-AD05) received July 5, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5913. A letter from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting the annual report for CY 2015, in accordance with Sec. 5.64 of the Farm Credit Act of 1971, as amended; to the Committee on Agriculture.

5914. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on the total dollar value of Department of Defense purchases from foreign entities during FY 2015, pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8305; Public Law 104-201, Sec. 827 (as amended by Public Law 111-350, Sec. 3); (124 Stat. 3833) and Public Law 113-235, Sec. 8028; (128 Stat. 2258); to the Committee on Armed Services.

5915. A letter from the Acting Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Michael S. Tucker, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 1370(c)(1); Public Law 96-513, Sec. 112 (as amended by Public Law 104-106, Sec. 502(b)); (110 Stat. 293); to the Committee on Armed Services.

5916. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense, transmitting a proposed Letter of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Israel, Transmittal No. 16-40, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b)(1); Public Law 90-629, Sec. 36(b) (as amended by Public Law 106-113, Sec. 1000(a)(7)); (113 Stat. 536); to the Committee on Armed Services.

5917. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's Major final rule — Disclosure of Payments by Resource Extraction Issuers [Release No.: 34-78167; File No.: S7-25-15] (RIN: 3235-AL53) received June 30, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5918. A letter from the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting a report entitled “Coming Into Focus: the Future of Juvenile Justice Reform, 2014 Annual Report”, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5617; Public Law 93-415, Sec. 207 (as added by Public Law 100-690, Sec. 7255); (102 Stat. 4437); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

5919. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and