

You look at Canada's House of Commons, they have their own deadline of when they rise, and, obviously, we want to be aware of our other partners that are included in this negotiation.

Is there talk of a timeline yet, if the leader could share where those conversations are going.

I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, as the gentleman may know, the Speaker invited Mr. Lighthizer to address members of the Democratic Caucus on where we stood.

As you know, that agreement has not been submitted. The Speaker said the other day that, in order to consider that in a positive way, the Mexicans, whom the President has been somewhat critical of through the years, take certain actions which make sure that our workers and their workers are treated fairly so we are competing on an even keel.

But we certainly are in discussions. There are a number of items of concern, which have historically been of concern, regarding the environment, regarding workers' rights, regarding the availability of prescription drugs for people, as well as enforcement, dispute resolution.

So those are being discussed. The conversations are ongoing, and I believe that the administration will make a determination when they believe it is timely to submit that document to us. As the gentleman knows, once they do so, there is a timeframe in which the House and Senate must act. The committees must act within, essentially, a 3-month period of time.

So we are in discussions. We are waiting on the administration's judgment as to when to submit. And I am sure they are discussing with us as to when we think that is timely as well, but there are still substantive matters that are being discussed.

I would presume some of those are on your side as well.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

I am encouraged by the conversations that both I have been in as well as the conversations that I am aware are going on on your side as well, because this is a bipartisan win for the country.

This agreement would help ensure that, as we all support free trade, we also want more fair trade, and this agreement, in many different categories and many different industries, would help create more American jobs and help American workers get treated even more fairly by our neighbors to the north and south.

Finally, if I may inquire of the gentleman, we have talked a number of times about the Born-Alive Act, the bill that we have made multiple unanimous consent requests to bring up the discharge petition moving through the process. There are other means to bring it up even quicker, and one would be if the gentleman would schedule the bill for the floor.

I would just inquire: Is there any plan to schedule the Born-Alive Act on the floor through a direct means versus some of these other tools that are being considered?

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Maryland.

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his question.

As the gentleman knows, Madam Speaker, the House voted on this bill during the last two Congresses. The most recent time it was brought to the floor, the gentleman and his party were in control of the House, the Senate, and the Presidency. That bill was not brought up in the Senate.

The gentleman mentioned, earlier, H.R. 1 and that Mr. MCCONNELL has said that wouldn't be brought up. In fact, when it passed this House, it went to the Senate, and it was not brought up by Senator MCCONNELL. So there are no plans at this point in time for us to bring this up.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman's candor.

We will continue to pursue other tools that we have available as the growing momentum around the country builds, as people saw what happened in New York with a law ushered in that allows babies to be murdered after they are born alive, the Virginia Governor gruesomely describing what he hopes to be a similar law in his State, other States taking those same kinds of actions. So there is a growing bipartisan interest that feels very strongly that we need a Federal law to protect babies who are born alive outside the womb.

So we will continue to pursue all of those tools that are available and look forward to the workweek ahead next week as we finish our work prior to the Easter recess.

Does the gentleman have anything else?

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I have nothing further to say. I thank the gentleman from Louisiana.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Maryland, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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ADJOURNMENT FROM THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019, TO MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next, when it shall convene at noon for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MCBATH). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLICAN LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following commu-

nication from the Honorable KEVIN MCCARTHY, Republican Leader:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 3, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to 36 U.S.C. §101, I am pleased to appoint the following Members to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission:

The Honorable George Holding of North Carolina

The Honorable Robert B. Aderholt of Alabama

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Republican Leader.

HONORING ABBY CURRAN HORRELL FOR HER SERVICE

(Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, I rise to congratulate and thank my chief of staff, Abby Curran Horrell.

Abby is an original member of Team Kuster, dating back to the 2012 campaign in the 113th Congress when I was first elected. She has been my tireless coach and confidant throughout my 6-plus years in Congress. Through it all, she has become a very dear friend.

I rise to thank Abby for her dedicated service to our team and for her service to everyone in New Hampshire's Second Congressional District.

Abby embodies our Team Kuster motto, "Radical Hospitality," cultivating a culture of respect and inclusion. Because of her leadership, our staff feel empowered to succeed and grow as they take on new challenges. Through her respect for each member of our staff, Abby has created a collaborative culture, connecting our Washington and New Hampshire offices into a cohesive Team Kuster family.

As Abby grew the Team Kuster family, we all enjoyed watching her grow her own, juggling two maternity leaves as she and Chad welcomed Daniel and Eliza, and all of this while balancing the fast-paced environment of Congress.

Abby, we are all amazed by you. We are proud to know you, and we know you will do amazing things for America. You will be missed.

VOTE ON DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

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

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to demand a vote on disaster supplemental funding.

Next Wednesday will be the 6-month anniversary of Hurricane Michael and 6

months with absolutely no supplemental disaster funding, no serious action on the part of Congress to help the victims of Florida, Georgia, Alabama, the Carolinas, and even the California wildfires.

Every time I am in Florida, I discover new destruction. That debris has become firewood and is leading to massive wildfires. One just took out 700 acres. That debris is also clogging our stormwater system, and flooding will be our next disaster.

One of the strongest hurricanes in the history of the United States ravaged Florida and left a path of destruction across the South, and yet, here we are with only 3 legislative days before Easter and no relief in sight.

The Senate again failed to pass a disaster bill this week, and the House appears to have given up. This is shameful. The lack of action is a disgrace to the American people.

Madam Speaker, American citizens are hurting. We must pass a disaster relief bill and do it now.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SHERIFF'S DEPUTY PETER JOHN HERRERA

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

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a father, son, and public servant, Sheriff's Deputy Peter John Herrera, who passed away at the age of 35 on Sunday, March 24, after being fatally shot at a traffic stop.

A lifelong El Pasoan, Sheriff's Deputy Herrera proudly served the El Paso County Sheriff's Office for 11 years. His leadership was exemplary. He was widely commended by his fellow officers for always wearing his badge with pride. He was the epitome of a public servant who loved his community and demonstrated it every day.

He was highly respected, supported, and loved by many as a devoted father, husband, brother, and friend. The community of El Paso mourns his untimely death, but we are endlessly thankful for his unwavering service and contributions to our community. It was a privilege to stand alongside so many El Pasoans last week as he was laid to rest.

Sheriff's Deputy Peter Herrera's memory will live on among us for dedicating his life to protecting and serving with integrity and purpose.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ED WESTCOTT

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

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor an east Tennessee icon, Ed Westcott.

Those who knew Ed would tell you that his ability to capture a story through images was evident at an early

age. At just 20 years old, Ed became the 29th individual hired by the Clinton Engineer Works to begin to capture images at Oak Ridge. Ed was the sole photographer of the Manhattan Project—the Manhattan Project, now well known, then a secret.

His images lifted the veil off the secret city and gave Americans a glimpse into the lives of those who helped our Nation win World War II.

From the alpha racetrack at Y-12 to the images of daily life, we had Ed to thank for over 15,000 photographs. His work is proudly displayed in east Tennessee and in Washington at the National Archives.

To honor his contributions, I joined with my colleagues in the Senate to nominate him for the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

On March 29, Ed Westcott passed away, but his legacy will live on through his images.

MOVING FORWARD TO PROTECT WOMEN

(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. Madam Speaker, today, we finished one stop of a journey, and that is the journey to pass the Violence Against Women Act.

I have had the privilege to see and shepherd this bill throughout my congressional tenure, having stood alongside senior Members many years ago in the first reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. This bill was started today in 2016. We began to work and reach across the aisle to do what is right for the victims of so many horrific crimes.

We wanted children to be protected, immigrant women to be protected. We wanted to make sure that Native American women were protected.

We wanted law enforcement and prosecutors to have the tools. We wanted to stop the backlog in rape kits that had not been processed.

We did that today with a collective group of Republican and Democratic Members on a bill that should be non-partisan.

We worked hard, and I was gratified that we wound up giving a bill to the Senate and that they must ask the question: Are they not going to support a bill that was bipartisan?

Madam Speaker, I thank Monalisa Dugue, Milagros Cisneros, Joe Graupensperger, Amy Rutkin, and Chairman NADLER. I thank KAREN BASS and all those women who worked together, including the outstanding work that was done on the MTR with DEBBIE DINGELL.

Madam Speaker, we are thanking them because we are moving forward to protect women in this country, including against sex trafficking, which was in the bill.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA WESTERN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

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

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable women's basketball team from the University of Montana Western in Dillon.

The Bulldogs recently captured the NAIA Division I national title to close out a stellar season. The team's convincing 75–59 victory over the nine-time national champion, Oklahoma City Stars, brought the national title to Dillon, Montana.

The school's first national title in women's basketball brought well-deserved recognition to senior Brianna King, a two-time All-American and NAIA National Player of the Year.

Ms. King, however, was not alone on the court. Fellow All-American Britt Cooper won the tournament's Hustle Award and Tori Anderson made All-Tournament First Team.

The Bulldogs' head coach, Lindsay Woolley, led the team to the national title and was named the 2019 NAIA Coach of the Year.

Congratulations to all the players and coaches. Your school and State are proud of you.

All Montana is Bulldog Nation.

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUNDING

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

Mrs. CRAIG. Madam Speaker, as mother of four, the wife of an educator, and the daughter of a teacher, I know that we should never underestimate the power of a high-quality education.

In the nearly 40 years since the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act was passed, the Federal Government has not fulfilled its funding promise to our special education students. Not once.

This failure leaves our schools with extreme budget cuts that impact every student and forces them to turn to our communities to bear the burden through local tax levies.

That is why I am so proud to work with Representative JARED HUFFMAN and Minnesota Congressman PETE STAUBER on a bipartisan basis for IDEA full funding, to make sure that every student, including those with special needs, receives a high-quality education in their neighborhood.

Providing a high-quality education to all of our students is something that we can all agree on, and we must work together to get this done on behalf of our communities.

TEXAS TECH HEADS TO FINAL FOUR

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