

So we are pushing these pieces of legislation really hard, working with the Speaker and others, to try to get some of them passed before the end of this July, before we go on the long August recess.

LORI TRAHAN, another member of the CHC, from Massachusetts, has got a bill.

One of the problems, and you spoke to it, is that DHS and HHS will often try to deny Members of Congress access to the facilities. People might say: Okay, well, you are Members of Congress and they are a different agency. Why should you be able to go in when-ever you want; right?

Well, remember, the legislative branch has oversight over these executive agencies, and you can't do your job of oversight if they don't let you in. Or, if you have got to give 7 days' notice, they have a chance to just clean everything up. In fact, if you read that Facebook page by the Border Patrol agents, they are talking about the fact the facilities are cleaned up before Members of Congress actually have a chance to visit. So that is a problem.

Lori has got a bill that says that, with 24 hours' notice, we could, as Members of Congress, go in there and inspect these facilities.

So these are some of the pieces of legislation, practical solutions, that we are working on to overhaul the system and improve this situation.

And, real quick, I mentioned that trip last week to Clint and to El Paso Border Patrol station number one. It was a very intense visit and very tense, also, a lot of people on that trip. It was about half and half, half CHC members, half not CHC members, but there were many people who stepped up, and particularly the women who were on that trip.

I got some video that I released. But there are other portions of that, in that room, other times in that room, where MADELEINE DEAN, AYANNA PRESSLEY, and, of course, ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ were pressing the CBP officers and a doctor there to explain why these folks were being neglected.

In fact, to give a lot of credit to ALEXANDRIA, we would not have been able to go into that room and I would not have been able to document what had happened except for the fact that she basically insisted and barged into that room to go see and talk to those women.

NANETTE BARRAGÁN was great.

JOE KENNEDY, he and I went over to another cell, and we spoke to a woman who was in the early stages of pregnancy. She was there with another family that included a young boy. They had a seat that was working, actually. But what I noticed was, in their cell, they were reusing the same, like, seven or eight or nine paper cups over and over.

Paper cups are cups you throw away or you recycle and you get another one. They were making these people use the same paper cups day after day. For what?

Mr. GOMEZ. And we know, because of that, you have a situation where people are getting sick in these facilities, and then putting the kids and the people whose immune systems are compromised into more vulnerable positions.

We definitely have a lot of work to do, but in order to do that, we need to make sure that the American people know what is going on, to tell the story and to not let people forget about the kids who have passed away: Wilmer, Carlos, Juan, Jakelin, Felipe, and Mariee. Because if we forget, we turn away, only more kids will perish and more people will die at the border.

It is our moral obligation. It doesn't matter if they are not U.S. citizens. It is our moral obligation to ensure that doesn't happen.

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. That is absolutely right.

These folks may not be citizens, they are not legal residents when they present themselves, but they are human beings. This is the most powerful, prosperous, and, we believe, humane country on the face of this Earth. We should be treating them a lot better than we are treating them. I firmly believe that the overwhelming majority of Americans believe that, regardless of their politics.

Madam Speaker, Mr. GOMEZ read the names of the six children who have died over the last several months. Over the last few years, there have been about 24 adults who have died. I have only been able to find 16 of their names, but I want to read their names also to remember them:

Yimi Alexis Balderramos-Torres;
Johana Medina Leon;
Simratpal Singh;
Abel Reyes-Clemente;
Guerman Volkov;
Mergensana Amar;
Wilfredo Padron;
Augustina Ramirez-Arreola;
Efrain De La Rosa;
Huy Chi Tran;
Zeresenay Ermas Testfatsion;
Roxana Hernandez;
Ronald Cruz;
Gourgen Mirimanian;
Luis Ramirez-Marcano, and
Yulio Castro-Garrido.

May all of them rest in peace. May the children who also died rest in peace. They were doing what people throughout the generations have tried to do from all over the world who were fleeing oppression, violence, and desperation. They were trying to make it to the United States of America. They were trying to live in the United States of America, and they died.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 39 minutes

p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, July 11, 2019, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1546. A letter from the Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau's Fair Lending Report for 2018, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 5493(c)(2)(D); Public Law 111-203, Sec. 1013(c)(2)(D); (124 Stat. 1970); to the Committee on Financial Services.

1547. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final Definitions and Requirements — Alaska Native Education (ANE) Program [Docket ID: ED-2018-OESE-0122; CFDA Number: 84.356A] received July 3, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

1548. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final regulations — Outdated Regulations—Expanding Opportunity Through Quality Charter Schools Program (CSP)—Grants for Credit Enhancement for Charter School Facilities (RIN: 1810-AB56) received July 3, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

1549. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Review of the Dust-Lead Hazard Standards and the Definition of Lead-Based Paint [EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0166; FRL-9995-49] (RIN: 2070-AJ82) received June 28, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1550. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Nonattainment New Source Review Requirements for 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard [EPA-R03-OAR-2018-0754; FRL-9995-97-Region 3] received June 28, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1551. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Idaho: Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions [EPA-R10-RCRA-2018-0298; FRL-9995-77-Region 10] received June 28, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1552. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Valifenalate; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2017-0417; FRL-9994-93] received June 28, 2019, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1553. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Removal of Allegheny County Requirements Applicable to Gasoline Volatility