

My House colleagues and I have passed 400 bills this Congress—400. Unfortunately, more than 300 are stuck on MCCONNELL's desk, including 275 bipartisan bills.

These bills include things like raising the minimum wage, protecting retirees, protecting consumers when they sign contracts, and support for our veterans. These are not partisan issues. These are American issues.

Every day, we are trying to do the will of the American people; every day, we fight to make their lives better; yet, every day, our public opinion drops because the people do not see any results.

The time to act is now. The betterment of every American depends on it.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDGE DAVID TAUNTON

(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 honor the life of Judge David Taunton, who passed away peacefully at the age of 80 on November 8.

As the longest serving judge in Gulf County, Florida, Judge Taunton will be remembered by many for his unending dedication to children and providing them with a second chance.

Judge Taunton and his wife, Abigail, dedicated their lives to opening a shelter for homeless children. In 1978, the Taunton Family Children's Home welcomed its first child, and since then, over 400 children have called the Taunton Family Children's Home their own. Abigail and the judge made sure that each child was raised as if they were their own child.

Judge Taunton has impacted so many lives through his optimism, unconditional love, and mentorship. In addition to serving as a judge for 20 years, David Taunton served as a logger, a school principal, a church pastor, and an editor of his newspaper.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the legacy and life of Judge David Taunton. He will be missed by many.

ELECTING A CERTAIN MEMBER TO A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. JEFFRIES. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 725

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND REFORM:
Mrs. Carolyn B. Maloney of New York, Chair.

Mr. JEFFRIES (during the reading). Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous con-

sent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

TOGETHER WE FIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE

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

Mrs. MCBATH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on H.R. 5041, the Family Violence Prevention and Services Improvement Act.

Too many Americans have been injured and too many families have been torn apart by domestic violence. One in four women and one in nine men will experience some form of domestic violence in their lifetime. Victims and survivors span all races, backgrounds, genders, and income levels.

Domestic violence is not just a women's issue. That is why I am proud to have introduced FVPSA, with Representatives GWEN MOORE, TOM COLE, and JOHN KATKO.

Though there are centers around the country doing incredible work, too many people still are turned away each day due to lack of resources. Our bill will provide adequate resources for prevention and treatment services.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this vital bill. Together, we fight for the people, help survivors of domestic violence, and prevent such tragedies in the future.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF FLOYD "BUTCH" VANDIVER

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

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of a dear friend and local leader in my district, former Bailey County Commissioner Floyd "Butch" Vandiver, who is currently battling cancer back home in Muleshoe, Texas.

Butch is the epitome of a servant leader, and he personifies the spirit of west Texas through his honesty, humility, and hard work.

Having operated the family farm for more than 35 years, Butch understands the trials of tilling the soil, the blessings of a bountiful harvest, and the faith and freedom it requires.

During his two decades as a Bailey County commissioner, Butch served with excellence, always putting the interests of the people he served over himself.

I first met Butch on a flight back to Lubbock. He was returning home from treatment at MD Anderson. Clearly fa-

tigued from his fight against cancer, he never once complained. Instead, he encouraged me.

Butch, you inspire me with your authenticity, your humility, and your unwavering faith. I want you to know we love you, we are praying for you and your family, and we know you are in God's loving and capable hands.

God bless, and go west Texas.

LATINA EQUAL PAY DAY

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, yesterday, we observed Latina Equal Pay Day. Latinas across the country made our voices heard, demanding an end to the gender pay gap that affects Latinas the most.

We Latinas are "luchadoras"—fighters. Yet, on average, Latinas make 53 cents to the dollar earned by White, non-Hispanic men. We are talking about our "madres, our abuelitas, our hijas, y tias"—mothers, grandmothers, daughters, and aunts.

Hardworking Latinas deserve better. We should not have to work 23 months to make what White, non-Hispanic men make in 12 months.

We must level the playing field. It is not only the right thing to do, but America works best when women are empowered and treated equally.

I won't stop fighting until Latinas and all women receive equal pay for equal work.

CELEBRATING GEORGE HYAK'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. CLOUD. Madam Speaker, I rise to today to wish Mr. George Hyak of Victoria, Texas, a heartfelt happy 100th birthday and to thank him for his service to our country.

George is an example of a life well lived. He and his precious bride, Sarah, have been married for 71 years, and their family has flourished.

George served our Nation heroically during World War II, storming the beaches of Normandy on D-day, fighting in the Battle of the Bulge, and liberating a Nazi concentration camp.

After the war, he returned home and continued operating the Dick's Food Stores in Victoria, which he cofounded. The longevity of the store earned it the Texas Treasure Business Award.

As we look to celebrate Thanksgiving, we as a nation do have a lot to be thankful for, including veterans like George. May Mr. Hyak's life serve as a reminder of the price that he and others like him paid for our freedom.

OUR FEDERAL FISCAL HOUSE IS OUT OF ORDER

(Mr. CASE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1