

Mr. ABRAHAM. Madam Speaker, on Thursday, May 28, I was unavoidably detained on rollcall vote No. 115. Had I been present to vote, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall vote No. 115.

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Frankel (Kuster (NH))	Lipinski (Cooper)	Trahan (McGovern)
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(Cuellar)	Lowey (Meng)	Vela (Gallego)
Grijalva (Clay)	Maloney, Carolyn B. (Rose (NY))	Watson Coleman (Pallone)
Harder (CA)	McEachin (Wexton)	Welch (McGovern)
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	Moore (Beyer)	
	Mucarsel-Powell (Wasserman Schultz)	

On his 25th combat mission in Vietnam, he was shot down, severely injured, and spent the next 7 years as a prisoner of war in the prison known as the Hanoi Hilton.

Many Members have read his book "Captive Warriors," which describes the hellish conditions and the courage and fortitude of Sam and his fellow prisoners as they fought to survive.

After serving in the Texas State House, Sam was elected to Congress in 1990 and served until January 2019, including, for a time, as acting chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

He now goes to join his wonderful wife, Shirley, and his son, Bob.

Madam Speaker, I know of no one in the House who was more universally admired across the Chamber than Sam Johnson.

Sam sacrificed much in service of our Nation, but always with courage and good humor and a deep, deep love of country.

He inspired those of us who worked with him, and his memory will continue to be an inspiration to follow his example of service, sacrifice, and love of country.

Madam Speaker, I ask that the House observe a moment of silence in memory and in honor of this great American.

The SPEAKER. Will all Members please rise, and those who are in their offices and staff throughout the Capitol, for a moment of silence in honor of our dear Sam.

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LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, as we face the crisis that COVID-19 has confronted us with, the House must do its duty in full and do so in a way that contributes to the safety and welfare of our people, not in a way that harms it.

Members are advised there will be no votes expected in the House next week. Members are further advised that an updated 2020 legislative calendar will be released in the coming days.

I expect conversations to continue on additional legislation addressing COVID-19 and the legislation we passed honoring our heroes. In the event that an agreement is reached on a bipartisan or partisan bill—I don't know how an agreement can be reached on a partisan bill, but a bipartisan bill—then we will make sure that the House has 72 hours before they need to come back to vote on that legislation.

I am disappointed that Leader MCCONNELL said, when asked about the next phase of coronavirus relief, he said, I think that's a decision to be made a month from now.

As we know, we have a lot of people in crisis. We see food lines that are very, very long. We see unemployment rising steeply. There are many people

in this country that think waiting is not appropriate.

I am pleased the House has adopted a resolution to allow the committees to work remotely, Madam Speaker. I expect to use the coming weeks to get our committees back up and running so that they can begin having hearings and markups on critical legislation.

As my friend, Mr. SCALISE, knows, we have a number of must-pass bills that need to be addressed; the National Defense Authorization Act, the 12 appropriation bills, the surface transportation bill, and the WRDA bill as well. As committees begin consideration of these bills, I will be in touch with Members about when they will be scheduled this summer.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE), the minority whip.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend from Maryland for walking through those items.

I first want to start by sharing and associating myself with the comments made by my friend from Texas (Mr. THORNBERRY) about the loss of our dear friend, Sam Johnson.

Sam and I got to be close friends, and I can picture him sitting right over there by General Lafayette's painting, in his scooter, as he was voting and sharing stories with friends in his last few months when he served here with us with distinction for so long, and the conversations and just the understanding of a giant that we served with, someone who served our country, spent 7 years in the Hanoi Hilton, as we talked about.

They never broke him. They probably broke every bone in his body trying, but he and those other brave men in that prison never once faltered in their love and dedication to our country and to their family.

He missed his wife. We know now he is with her and in a special place, and we are all better for having served with Sam Johnson. He truly is missed and was a special friend.

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I want to echo the gentleman's comments. Although the Congressman, the patriot, the hero, did not always vote with me, nor I with him, we became good friends. And I shared with the gentleman and others in this body a deep respect for who he was as a person, a decent man, a patriotic man, a good man and, obviously, as the gentleman pointed out, a very courageous man as well.

He served many missions, was shot down, imprisoned, but they did not break Sam Johnson, nor did they break the love he had for his country, and we honor the service he gave.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I want to thank the Speaker as well for leading that tribute, and I am sure at some time in the future we will spend an appropriate amount of time here on the floor where colleagues can share

APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES ON
H.R. 6172, USA FREEDOM REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2020

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the Chair appoints the following conferees on H.R. 6172:

Messrs. NADLER, SCHIFF, Ms. LOFGREN, Messrs. JORDAN, and NUNES.

There was no objection.

MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING
REPRESENTATIVE SAM JOHNSON

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

Mr. THORNBERRY. Madam Speaker, yesterday, we lost a former colleague, a patriot, and a true American hero.

Calling the gentleman from Texas, Sam Johnson, a hero is not some sort of inflated rhetoric or hyperbole; it is the best description I know of Sam Johnson and his life.

Born in San Antonio, raised in Dallas, a graduate of SMU, Sam then served 29 years in the United States Air Force.

He was a fighter pilot, and some of those fighter pilot traits came through in everything he did, from how fast he drove across the highways of Texas to the way he approached legislation.

Sam was a veteran of the Korean conflict and, of course, the Vietnam war.

those stories about someone that everybody ought to know. We know we have some giants like JOHN LEWIS and Sam Johnson who we got to serve with. Sam left and now is no longer with us. John still is and, obviously, he is going through his own battle, and we pray for John as well.

But as we have our battles of the day politically, it is good to remember the special people that get to make up this body and become part of this great institution in which we have the honor to serve. So I appreciate the Speaker and the leader allowing us to have that moment.

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI).

Ms. PELOSI. I thank the gentleman for yielding. It is a sad day for us, but what a joy for all of us to have served with Sam Johnson, a bona fide American hero, to serve with him in the Congress.

I appreciate that the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE) mentioned him and JOHN LEWIS in the same sentence, because I had the privilege—JOHN LARSON set up a Heroes Night, a bipartisan Heroes Night, and I had the privilege of giving Sam the award that night as a true hero.

He always beamed when he talked about Shirley, and he loved the children, his son, Bob. Now he is with them, with Shirley and Bob.

This was a very special person. I was mentioning to the distinguished whip earlier that we were there when the room was named for him. We were there when his picture was hung. He always wanted us all around him to celebrate the recognition that he received so that he could boast of his bipartisanship and his patriotism, which we all admired.

I was mentioning to the distinguished whip and Mr. THORNBERRY and others that on one of those occasions he had a fellow prisoner of war there with him, and that bond is something so beyond anything we can imagine. Imagine the strength, the courage, the patriotism, just the faith in God that he had.

So I thank the gentleman for the opportunity to share some personal comments about a really great man; always friendly, always smiling, always teasing about political differences but, as always, just being a model of greatness to all of us.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, if anybody wants to have a good read, his book, "Captive Warriors," tells the story of those years in the Hanoi Hilton; not only the unbreakable bond of those heroes that he served in that prison with, but also the unbreakable love between he and Shirley. She never wavered from her love of him, 7 years removed, while some of that time she didn't even know if he was alive.

He loved her till the day she died and till the day he died because he mourned her death every day since, and it was something for all of us—again, as we

have our daily battles here—just to know the special kind of people that we get to serve with, and he was surely one.

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, as I said, what we are going to do over the next couple of weeks, we have adopted a rule that allows the committees to meet even if they can't be here for health reasons, depending upon what the status is in D.C. and the Capitol, where it is around the country, including transportation.

The rule that we adopted provides that committees must have, in order to conduct virtual or hybrid hearings, a practice session, then two hearings before they go to a markup.

So obviously, if we are going to work on this floor, we need product and, obviously, product comes from the committees. And so I am very hopeful that the committees will be getting up and running at top speed in many respects.

And, of course, the committees have been working so very hard, and the Members have been working so very hard, in my view, on both sides of the aisle, as they have been home and talking to their hospitals, talking to their governors and their county commissioners and their local folks, nursing home administrators, so many people that we have kept in touch with through these weeks to see what we could do to assist them with whatever they needed.

□ 1530

The committees will be getting up to speed, and they will be qualifying for having hearings. I expect work product to be coming later this month, and we will be giving notice in the near term on a longer term schedule. But the House will not be in session next week, and we will be looking at how the committees are proceeding from that point on.

We will give, as I said, as we have in the past, 72 hours' notice to Members when and if we have to come back.

I want to again say also that we are very hopeful that our Republican colleague will engage in the matters that were included in the HEROES bill because our States are struggling. I know my State is a relatively wealthy State, but its revenues are off 20, 25 percent. I don't know what Louisiana's position is, but I am sure they are struggling as well. Municipalities are struggling, cities are struggling, and counties are struggling from the revenue reduction that is a direct result of COVID-19. So, we are trying to help those States.

In addition, of course, we invested substantial sums in testing, isolating, tracing, and treating individuals who have COVID, and we need to follow up on whom they have contacted so that we can make sure that they isolate themselves because the only way we are going to get a handle on this is to make sure we reduce the transition from one to the other.

We are also hopeful that we will develop, and there is money in there to

develop, a therapeutic to mitigate the adverse effects of COVID-19 but also a vaccine to protect us from getting COVID-19.

Until that happens, we also need to give additional help to our small businesses and individuals who are really struggling as unemployment is at historic levels. Over 38 million Americans—maybe it is now closer to 40 million Americans—are without jobs. We have given them assistance, and we need to give them some more.

That is where we stand now, and we will operate with an intent in mind of getting the business of the House done, in addition to the extraordinary work that we have done on five responses now from the House on the effects that the coronavirus has caused in this country both to human beings' health and to the health of our economy.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana.

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

Madam Speaker, we have worked together to help try to address the problems within our country, both economically and the health side, small businesses, medium-sized businesses, large businesses, and State and local governments.

Trillions of dollars have already been spent. When you think just about the hundreds of billions of dollars that we sent to States through various means, whether it is direct aid, the \$150 billion package that we have sent to States, we see that each State got a large share of that money, billions of dollars in some cases for each State.

I don't know one State that has spent all of their allotment. Many are working to try to figure out if they are going to help local governments or not. It was surely our intention here that it wouldn't just be for States, that 45 percent of that money should be available for local governments as well. I would urge Governors to respect that intent of this body.

Rather than continuing to look to Washington, I think States need to start looking within and saying: How can we work to safely reopen our States, and how have other States done it successfully if other States are behind?

We have models out there. That is why we always say the States are the great incubators of democracy. We all have smart people in this country who are figuring this out. States that are reopening successfully that aren't seeing spikes in their hospitals have done things and used protocols working off of guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to successfully get their economies back open again.

No economy is back open at the level it needs to be, and that is why we need to encourage everybody to safely reopen so that the real answer to States that have budget problems is to start getting their economies going again; get people back to work again; get people out having their checkups with

their doctors again, their immunizations for the children who aren't getting immunized, the cancer treatments, the mammograms, and the colonoscopies that were being skipped for months. We are seeing studies that are coming out from very well-respected health experts who are talking about the real health danger of having shut-ins and people not getting out again.

We have to weigh all of this, and we have to keep encouraging the great progress we are seeing from some of these great drug companies here in America that are working on a cure, that are finding therapies that are effective for COVID-19 with the help, by the way, of some of those trillions of dollars that we have spent here in Washington to find, hopefully, a vaccine. Even Dr. Fauci is talking about the possibility of a vaccine being available soon. We need to make sure that we are working to help ramp up production when that is found so that we can make it available to anyone who wants to take it.

We need to be also focused on holding China accountable. We need to be focused on bringing production back to America of PPE, which was in short supply in those critical weeks after we found out China, while they were lying to the world about this disease, with the WHO joining in with them, was stopping and blocking the export of PPE, which they make the lion's share of, including American companies in China that weren't even allowed to sell PPE back to us when they had orders in place to do so.

So, we should be investigating that. I am sorry that that is not happening here.

We should be addressing how we can bring more of that manufacturing back to America to create new jobs for Americans making our own protective equipment for our frontline workers like doctors and nurses. Unfortunately, that focus hasn't been there.

But the real issue is: What should Congress' role be in this? Shouldn't Congress be leading the way in showing people how to safely reopen and do our work?

While we have had only a limited number of opportunities to come back here and vote directly on the House floor, it has been a smooth process. It has been a process that has been safe for Members, staggered votes where social distancing, which is still the standard that everybody should be practicing, is able to be exercised in a safe and effective way.

Clearly, we had a very big difference on the proxy voting, and I think we have already seen abuses of that process. But the real issue is: When are we going to get back to a functioning, regular schedule for the House of Representatives?

A major company here, Disney, announced yesterday they are going to start opening their parks again in a few weeks. You have the National Bas-

ketball Association talking about playing games again, whether or not there are fans in the stands. When you talk about a sport that can't exercise social distancing, they are working on protocols right now to test players and to allow games to go on. We all know the physical nature of a sport like basketball or even football. Hockey is talking about coming back. NASCAR is already racing again.

As all of these things are happening and these ideas and these great ways to safely get different parts of our economy open again, we don't even know what the schedule of the House is and when the House will actually be back voting again.

The Armed Services Committee could be in a large room in the Capitol that is sitting vacant right now, debating the National Defense Authorization Act, so we don't get caught bringing up legislation at the midnight hour. We can actually start working on that now. That work can be done here in Washington. It doesn't have to be done remotely.

These are the concerns that we would ask: Is there going to be a time when the majority leader would put out a new schedule that actually shows what our voting pattern will be?

We know, obviously, when you look at May, April, and even June, clearly, that has changed. But at some point, will it be mid-June? Will it be July?

Again, if NBA players can be playing basketball in July, can't we have a regular schedule by then that the House will be conducting business?

We have seen the Spanish flu, and people had to get here with horses and buggies, yet they figured out how to do it.

Can we lead the way again in showing people how to safely do our business with a consistent schedule that right now doesn't exist?

Mr. HOYER. The answer is yes. We are going to have out a fuller schedule in the near term. But we have to find out how our committees can operate.

I want to say, regarding the national defense authorization bill, Members on both sides of the aisle have been working very, very hard at a distance, on the phone, and in other ways. So, I expect them to be ready to come to the floor this summer, and we are going to pass that bill, we think, before the summer break. That is for certain.

Madam Speaker, I yield to my friend.

Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, if I could ask the gentleman on the voting and whether it is in committee, clearly, there are rooms here in the Capitol—we have seen the Rules Committee utilize the Ways and Means Committee where they are able to be spread out at distances well beyond the safe standards of social distancing, well beyond 6 feet where you can have in-person hearings where the back and forth of a debate and the votes that would go with it where a proxy vote doesn't really fit that situation can occur. I would hope that we do that.

This shouldn't have been a partisan exercise. I know early on we talked about trying to find a way to conduct our business where both parties would agree, and the minority leader and the Speaker were talking about doing that, and we thought that would be how it would end up. Of course, that wasn't what happened with the proxy voting. But even my friend just mentioned that if somebody proxy voted, then it would be for health reasons. Yet, yesterday, the first time where this new experiment that has never been done in over 230 years was conducted, there were Members who voted by proxy signing a document saying that they couldn't be here to physically attend proceedings, yet it turns out they were in other places. In some cases, it took them longer to get to a rocket launch than it would have taken them to get here to the United States Capitol, in clear violation of the intent of proxy voting. That literally was just on the first day.

I don't know if the gentleman is going to revisit proxy voting. But, clearly, we have seen most people can come here and do the work. Even some who chose not to could have been here.

What message does that send to the country when we should be the ones leading the way to safely reopen?

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I think the country is distancing itself as well. I don't know whether my friend drove to work today, but there are hardly any cars on the street. There are hardly any cars on the street in New York. The reason is because people are taking the advice of the government and practicing social distancing.

We think that makes sense. We think that is consistent with medical advice, and that is what we have been doing.

It is very nice to say, well, they could have been here, but there are a lot of West Coast Members who have to get on airplanes. Some of those airplanes now, because there are so few flights, are very crowded, and people are concerned because they are not practicing social distancing.

When I am speaking, I don't wear a mask. But if you see me in the Capitol and getting into my car, I have a mask on. I think we are setting an example. I think we are setting an example of how you distance here on this floor, which we are all practicing right now.

So, I think the House is setting a good example of understanding that it is not business as usual. When you walk down the street and people are wearing masks, you know it is not business as usual. You know it is not the America of 3 or 4 months ago, Madam Speaker.

In any event, I think we are going to proceed. We have provided to do the business of the American people. We did that just in the last 2 days. We passed a number of very important bills, important bills to small business in particular.

I was sorry that we didn't resolve the FISA question, but we did go to conference. We will see what happens on

that. We have passed, as the gentleman mentioned earlier, extraordinary legislation through this House over the last 2 months to ensure that the American people got the help they needed and that the economics of our country will undergird it to the extent we could. So, we have done a lot of work.

I want to say this: I think we do a disservice to our Members and to this institution if we go home and pretend that Members somehow aren't working because they are not physically in this room. I don't know, I presume my friend's Members—but I tell you, Madam Speaker, the Members on my side of the aisle are working around the clock and communicating around the clock.

That bill that we passed in a bipartisan way, we took a lot of time, days and days and days and days of hours-and hours- and hours-long conversations to get to a consensus on what ought to be in that bill, and we passed it in a bipartisan way.

So, my presumption is my friend did the same. I don't know; I was not on my friend's phone calls. But you do a disservice, I think—I don't mean you personally. But we do a disservice to allow the President or anybody else—nobody is on vacation. People are working harder now than if we didn't have this coronavirus is my observation.

I am hopeful that we will move on. I am hopeful that we will be back to business as usual and as soon as possible—"possible" is the operative word—with the advice of our Capitol physician, with the advice of the administration, and my own Governor.

My friend talked about States. I have a Republican Governor, Governor Hogan, whose father was one of my predecessors. I know he is still very cautious and urging caution for our citizens.

Madam Speaker, unless the gentleman has something further, I am prepared to yield back the balance of my time.

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Mr. SCALISE. Madam Speaker, I would just say that, clearly, we have a disagreement on how business should be conducted on the House floor, specifically as it relates to proxy voting and whether or not we can be here physically doing the job. And, clearly, when we are at home in our districts, we are finding other ways to get work done, to communicate with constituents, to communicate with people all around the Nation. Using technology, it has definitely helped the ability for us to do it, but it is not the same thing as when we are here.

The other side of that, because one piece of it is the ability to be here—and, clearly, we have the ability to be here. There are flights. If somebody is not comfortable flying, they used to take horse and buggy. They didn't have planes, and yet they found a way to get here in tougher times. But then you

look at the message that we are trying to send. And, yes, there are some places that you don't have traffic on the road because their officials have chosen not to open as aggressively as others, using safety protocols.

No one is talking about compromising safety, but there are many States that have shown how to safely reopen on a much wider scale where you can get people back out doing the things that they want to do again, and that is the real issue. You are watching aspects of the private sector, you are even watching other levels of government, large cities, large States that are reopening and doing it successfully, not overrunning their hospitals.

Most of our hospitals are telling us they want more patients. They want the people who normally would be getting their checkups and immunizations and even hip replacements and things that are part of their life cycle, their quality of life, and their ability to live with cancer treatments and things like that that aren't being done. There are people dying right now because they are not being tended to.

In my home parish, I actually talked to my coroner about this. He took a 6-week period—just 2 weeks ago, took a 6-week period and took that exact 6-week period a year ago, and there was a 42 percent increase in non-COVID-related deaths, just in my home parish. This year, more—Madam Speaker, 42 percent increase—because people aren't going out, aren't going to the doctor. If they had chest pains, they weren't going to a doctor because the doctor's office is closed, where they could catch it, and so they were dying in their house.

These are real numbers from the coroner. I mean, there is a problem that is created by not allowing people to go about their lives again in a safe way.

So we ought to be leading the way, leading the way to show people how to do it. And, again, we have had votes here on the House floor before proxy voting in the midst of this pandemic, and it went very smoothly. And if there are better ways we can find to do it, we will do it.

But we followed all the protocols of the Attending Physician. I didn't hear of any Members complaining about that process. Everybody went about it their own way, practicing the social distancing that we all encourage. Yet we are not doing that on a consistent basis, and that doesn't send the right message.

As the gentleman reworks the schedule, and I hope it is done soon, I hope it takes into account the fact that it is important for us to show the rest of the country that we can be here doing our job.

Yes, there are things that we are going to do remotely. There are things we always do remotely. If we are on a 3-week schedule in D.C. and 1 week back home in our districts, it is important that we go back home to stay in touch with the people who actually

elect us, the people who make this country work so that we can come back here and represent them better.

But we do have to come back here and do the work. You can't phone it in sometimes. You can't do that remotely. There are certain parts of our job where we actually have to be here.

In the rough-and-tumble of a legislative process, things change on the fly; and if you are back home or going to some other event somewhere else because you choose not to come here, it is kind of hard to say you gave your proxy to somebody and then things change 2 minutes before a vote. It is going to be hard for that person to know how to change their vote by proxy when they are not here.

So there are flaws in there that don't need to be there because we have proven we can be here. I just hope that that is taken into account when the new schedule is being worked out, and, again, hopefully released as soon as possible so that as other people and industries and groups are starting to show how they are going to come back safely, we can do the same thing—not last. Clearly, we are not going to be first now, but hopefully, as other people are making those decisions, we can be part of that, not at the tail end of it.

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

COVID-19, STRATEGIC TESTING FOR WORKERS

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, as of yesterday, the United States death toll from COVID-19 has reached over 100,000 precious lives.

Recent headlines tell the story of COVID-19 risks as workers report to work with no testing. The Toledo Blade reports: "Coronavirus Strikes Fermi 2 Nuclear Plant During Refueling." Reuters reports: "All Three Detroit Automakers Had Workers Test Positive for COVID-19 Since Plants Reopened." And Willamette Week reports: "The Reopening of Vancouver, Washington, Is On Hold as 65 Workers Test Positive for COVID-19 at a Fruit Processing Facility."

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the articles I mentioned.

[From the Blade, Apr. 8, 2020]

CORONAVIRUS STRIKES FERMI 2 NUCLEAR PLANT DURING REFUELING; UTILITY KEEPS WORKING

(By Tom Henry)

NEWPORT, MICH.—An undisclosed number of coronavirus cases have been documented inside Fermi 2 during the nuclear plant's latest refueling outage.

But owner-operator DTE Energy said it believes it has enough precautions in place now to complete the work and get the plant restarted in the coming weeks.

In a statement, DTE spokesman Stephen R. Tait said the company "can confirm that we have had employees test positive, but are