

ability to rise above partisanship and find solutions that benefit us all. There is no issue more universal to all Americans and all people than protecting our planet. We can't keep kicking this can down the road. This is the time to fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

In closing, my time was short with Congressman John Lewis, but I will forever be impacted and am eternally grateful for his leadership.

#### OPENING OUR SCHOOLS

(Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as August approaches, reopening schools is now at the forefront of the American agenda.

The American Academy of Pediatrics strongly advocates that we should start with a goal of having students back physically in the classroom. As an experienced physician of more than 30 years, I concur with the AAP, and I believe that the science and the data point toward reopening our schools in America.

This is why I introduced the Open Schools Responsibly Act yesterday, which provides liability protection to schools that adhere to CDC and State guidelines. As we want to open schools again, then educational administrators need to have the confidence that they will not face the brunt of frivolous lawsuits.

Obviously, schools that reopen without taking the proper precautions should be held accountable, and this legislation will still ensure that is the case. We want to protect everyone, from exceedingly low-risk students up to our higher-risk older teachers.

We simply cannot allow our children, especially our higher-at-risk children, to fall further behind in their education. So, it is Congress' duty to pass liability protection to let our kids get back to school and get back on track.

#### KEEPING KLAMATH RIVER RENEWABLE ENERGY

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for the decision the other day to not accept the proposal by an entity called the Klamath River Renewal Corporation, which seeks to remove four very important hydroelectric dams on the Klamath River in northern California and southern Oregon.

These dams produce enough renewable hydroelectric power to power 70,000 homes. The problem with renewing them, thinking it is going to help the fish population, is that it would unleash at least 20 million cubic yards of silt with who knows what all is in there—heavy metals, et cetera—that

will then be unleashed upon the rest of the river all the way out to the ocean.

It takes only 3 years to wipe out a salmon population, and it will take much longer for the silt to dissipate in the river.

So much more needs to be done to explore this situation. I advocate that we allow these dams to continue to operate and provide power to our grid that indeed is renewable and helps meet the renewable portfolio standard for California and not just tear them out at unknown costs exceeding \$450 million.

#### REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise with a heavy heart to honor the life of the distinguished Congressman from Georgia's Fifth District, John Lewis.

Few members of this body have had such a profound impact on the fabric of our Nation as John Lewis. He was a man of honor, a freedom fighter, and one of the truly great leaders of the civil rights movement.

From the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama, where he marched with the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to demand an end to segregation to the Halls of the Congress of the United States of America where he dutifully and faithfully served his constituents, Representative Lewis spent a lifetime showing Americans what it means to stand up for what is right, even at great personal cost.

He understood something that is all too often forgotten: that the work of creating a more perfect union and the pursuit of liberty and justice for all is never finished, but it is an ongoing and often frustrating process. Nevertheless, he demonstrated both to the Members of this body and to the American people the value of compassion, dedication, and civility.

The world is a better place because of John, and it was an honor to serve alongside him in Congress. May he rest in peace, and may we always honor his example.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

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

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of our colleague, Congressman John Lewis.

Growing up and learning about Mr. Lewis' contributions to our country, I never thought I would one day have the honor of serving alongside him in Congress or the honor of calling him my friend.

I will always remember the time I think several of us had the opportunity to watch the movie "Selma" with him.

It was amazing to watch everything I had learned about in history class with someone who had experienced it. After the movie, as we were all kind of feeling empty in our stomachs and just the feeling from seeing the movie, I walked up to Mr. Lewis, and I asked him: What is it like to have your life portrayed upon the screen such as that?

If you remember, the actor resembled him when he was younger. Mr. Lewis looked at me and he said: All I was thinking is that I had a lot of hair back then.

That was Mr. Lewis for you, a giant in our history, but unfailingly humble and kind. I am grateful I had the opportunity to know him, and I will miss him dearly.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

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

Mr. KATKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Congressman John Lewis.

Our Nation mourns his loss. An icon of the civil rights movement, John Lewis dedicated his life to fighting for equality. He was an American hero who never wavered in his pursuit to make our country a more fair and just place.

During my first term in Congress, I met John Lewis when we sat near each other at the President's State of the Union Address my first time. We became friends after that and often spoke on the House floor and in his office. While we served on different sides of the aisle, he was always willing to hear and consider the perspectives of others.

It was an absolute honor to serve alongside him in Congress. John will forever be remembered for his strong leadership, his commitment to peaceful action, and the tremendous sacrifices he made to enact change.

I wish the family, loved ones, and all who knew and admired him peace during this difficult time.

#### CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL OR- GANIZATIONS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 116-137)

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BUTTERFIELD) laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days before the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in