

very minute that we have an agreement, that we know we can pass something through the United States Senate. We can pass it here. We have passed it.

The people need the assistance we give them. The economy needs the assistance. And I would think my Republican friends who see the economy in absolute free fall would be demanding that we get to an agreement, not just demanding you do this and only this.

We are a democracy. The American people have elected us to be the leadership in this House. And they have elected a lot of Democrats in the Senate and the Republicans to be in charge of the Senate. They expect us to come to an agreement.

Do you know who said that, Mr. Speaker? Newt Gingrich, Newt Gingrich when he made a deal with Bill Clinton on the budget. The conservatives in his party said: No, we are not going to make any deal. And Newt Gingrich's reply was: Look, we are in a democracy, and we have to heed the views of both sides of the aisle.

Newt Gingrich said that, and he was savaged by his conservatives who simply wanted to say no.

The American people need a yes. The American people need help. Families need help. People who are not able to buy food need help, and hospitals that are stretched, and States and local governments.

I urge all of my Republican colleagues and Democratic colleagues to talk to your local mayor, your local county commissioner, your local city council person. They will tell you they are hemorrhaging revenues. Why? Because the economy has fallen so swiftly.

They are on the front lines. They hire teachers. They hire sanitation workers. They hire police. They hire fire protection. They hire emergency medical response teams. They are on the front lines, all of those levels of government.

We must come together, Mr. Speaker, and get to an agreement. If we do not, we will fail the American people.

On May 15, we passed a bill, and for 80 days, the Republican leadership did nothing. And now, they say: Take this or nothing.

We are going to be on the side of the people, and we are going to get a bill that is for the people. At that point in time, I will immediately give 24 hours' notice minimum so that people can get back here and do their duty.

Mr. Speaker, last week, I shared with the House that my office had launched a website where Americans could learn about the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, weigh in with their opinion on the bill, and list themselves as a "citizen cosponsor" if they support it. Thousands of Americans have become "citizen cosponsors."

Many have also shared their own stories and called for Senate action on this bill.

Sadly, Senate Republicans refuse to do anything to address the crisis of systemic racism and police brutality.

More than a month has passed, and they have taken no action on the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act.

That's an irresponsible abdication of its duty to address the challenges facing our country.

Today, I will begin submitting the names of the more than 7,000 "citizen cosponsors" of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

There are so many, that it may take several days to do so. And as more add their names at justiceinpolicing.us, we will continue to submit them into the RECORD.

Because the Senate needs to see how important this issue is to so many of our fellow Americans.

They need to see how many of our people are urging them to act.

So, Madam Speaker, include in the RECORD this list of "citizen cosponsors." And I ask that the Senate stop ignoring this issue and listen to the voices of thousands who have taken the time to add their names here and share their stories.

We must take action to make it clear that Black Lives Matter.

In addition, I want to share the sad news that former Clerk of the House Donald Anderson passed away yesterday.

He had a distinguished career serving this institution, which he loved.

It began as a teenager, when Donn served as a House page.

When I came to the House, he was the assistant manager of the Democratic cloakroom.

He then served as the Clerk for the 100th through 103rd Congresses.

Donn was also a U.S. Army reservist. His life was filled with service to his country.

I hope all of the members of this House will join me in expressing gratitude for his life and service and condolences to Donn's family.

I would like to take a moment to thank the members of this House for their hard work and perseverance as we engaged in one of the most productive periods in the modern history of the House.

The number of major bills we passed in June and July is staggering:

George Floyd Justice in Policing Act;  
Defense authorization;  
D.C. statehood;  
Legislation to strengthen & expand the Affordable Care Act;

A bill to protect renters & homeowners from eviction;

No ban & access to counsel;  
Great American Outdoors Act;  
A major infrastructure package;  
Water Resources Development Act;  
A bill to remove Confederate statues and other reminders of slavery from the Capitol;  
Child care bills; and

Ten appropriations bills, funding the vast majority of the government ahead of the fiscal year.

These came on the heels of May's HEROES Act, major relief to the American people during this present crisis.

Meanwhile, other than the Defense authorization bill that the House sent over, the Senate did not pass a single piece of major legislation during that same period.

So, I want to thank you all for bearing with the very busy schedule so that we could make sure the people's house continues to govern for the people.

## EL PASO COMMUNITY HEALING GARDEN

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

Ms. ESCOBAR. Mr. Speaker, Monday, August 3, will mark 1 year since El Paso, Texas, became the target of a killer who confessed to driving over 600 miles in order to stop what he called the "Hispanic invasion" with his AK-47.

In a horrific act of domestic terrorism, he killed 23 people, injured 22, and devastated all of us. This wasn't only another tragic outcome of America's gun violence epidemic, but also a result of America's hate epidemic fueled by racism and xenophobia as well as rhetoric coming from the most powerful leaders in the land.

One year later, we still don't have laws that make us safer from gun violence, and we still face a reckoning on hate.

My community continues to confront hate with love and to honor the victims and survivors. In that spirit, it is my privilege today to introduce legislation that honors the victims of the August 3, 2019, attack and designates the El Paso Community Healing Garden as a national memorial.

## MARKING ANNIVERSARY OF STRENGTHENING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, 2 years ago, I had the pleasure of standing in the Oval Office with President Trump as he signed my bill, the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act into law.

I was proud to see this bill become law, but I was even more proud to see it pass with such overwhelming bipartisan support. Not a single Member of Congress in either Chamber voted against it.

The Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act is the first major overhaul to the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act since 2006.

COVID-19 has underscored just how much the Nation depends on a skilled and trained workforce. That is why I am pleased to cosponsor the Skills Renewal Act. This legislation will support individuals who have become unemployed as a result of the pandemic with a \$4,000 skills training credit and will support career and technical education opportunities such as apprenticeships and certificate programs.

Career and technical education invests in America's most valuable resource, our people, and provides the tools necessary to pursue high-skill, high-wage, family-sustaining careers.