

There is no shortage of waste, fraud, and abuse in the Federal Government. There is no shortage of opportunities to find a lack of transparency and accountability in the massive bureaucracies that have been created by this body in the Federal Government.

I am looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead. I couldn't ask for a better committee than what we have, a committee roster. We have people on our side and the Democrat side who are committed to the real purpose of oversight and reform. I am looking forward to that.

I, again, thank this body for the honor to serve in that capacity. I look forward to making a difference and getting the back of the forgotten Americans, the Americans who work hard, who go to work.

They never stopped going to work because of the coronavirus. They go to work. They pay their taxes. They abide by the law. They don't destroy property. They go to church on Sundays.

They do everything right, yet they are always forgotten in this body. Whether it is a government program, whether it is tax policy, whether it is the use of their hard-earned tax dollars, they are always forgotten. We are going to put them on the forefront, and we are going to get the backs of the taxpayers.

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

LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. STEVENS) for 30 minutes.

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the Speaker's staff for allocating some time at the conclusion of our legislative session.

Mr. Speaker, this has been a remarkable 2 weeks in Washington. The session began on a remorseful note with the departure of our beloved John Lewis. We have been able to come together to recognize his life's work, his messages, his passion, his dedication to this country.

Many of us, as his colleagues, can look back and feel so grateful for the time that we had with Mr. Lewis. I am looking over at where he used to sit. He would make time for every single one of us.

Mr. Speaker, I also asked for this time because, as I was walking down the steps after our last vote, I felt a sense of profound reflection, reflection that is coming across our news feeds, the headlines.

Obviously, Washington is always making news. They are looking at us, and they are wondering if we are going to get a deal done. The American people are looking at us in the sense of: Are we going to get a deal done for them?

My colleague on the other side of the aisle, Mr. COMER, I happened to catch

some of his remarks. I really appreciate what he had to say about our work and contribution for the American taxpayer.

See, I share that belief that we must have a return on the taxpayer dollar. I have so many constituents, so many Michiganders who pay their taxes, and they look for that realized return on that taxpayer dollar that comes into this government.

They saw us act in a moment of profound need when it was realized that this pandemic was going to rage war here in America.

Now, those heavy headlines before us, Mr. Speaker, are headlines that 150,000 Americans have lost their lives to the coronavirus scourge. Countless families, countless friends, countless workplaces, countless places of worship—our communities are changed.

150,000, Mr. Speaker, is more than the largest town in my district. I want to absorb that number for a minute because I know people are counting on us. I know they are looking to us.

I know they saw us act in a moment of triage when we had to get that CARES Act done to secure the livelihoods for the hardworking people of this country, to allow us to successfully hibernate, to secure our industrial base, to support our municipalities, and to do so fairly, with a return.

I don't seek to act in this body other than to deliver for the people who sent me here. I certainly don't look to wage felicitous dialogue that doesn't contribute to an outcome. I take so seriously every time I have the opportunity to stand on this floor, to sit in these chairs—oftentimes now we are up in the gallery—and to listen.

See, I came to Washington with this commitment to the people who sent me here, that I will listen, I will learn, and I will lead, in that order.

You make a mistake when you start off thinking you have all the answers right away. We are here because we want to get something done. We haven't finished the deal.

The House passed the HEROES Act. I know my educators back home are listening, looking, and waiting. \$750 per pupil cut. How are we going to reopen our schools safely, Mr. Speaker, if we don't close the budget gap?

How are we going to tell our small businesses and our municipalities that they are able to continue in their function if we don't show them we have their back? That is what our Committee on Small Business is doing. That was that first amendment I got done on this House floor last year. It was called the Stevens amendment. It was part of the Consumers First Act, and it was for the voice of small business.

I went right over there when we were in different times of nonsocial distancing, and I asked my colleagues, I said: "Hey, I am over here asking for your vote, and I am asking for it because it is here to bring the voice of small business and the industry advi-

sory board of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the voice of small business."

One man looks up at me, and he says: "You know what? Because you are asking so nicely, I am going to vote for it." And another guy said: "You know what? I will change my vote."

That amendment passed 400-8. I remember all eight of my colleagues who didn't vote for the amendment, of course. I continue to work on them.

We find these opportunities where we can come together and deliver. It is only a small handful of us.

Our manufacturers are watching as they are working. See, they go in every single day, producing the goods that fuel this country, that put this country on wheels, this incredible interconnected supply chain that we have, proudly, in my district, Mr. Speaker. We love that supply chain.

They don't ask: Are you a Democrat or a Republican? They just get to work. And at some point, we must implore and ask something better of ourselves beyond party.

When we reflect on the scourge of this coronavirus and the magnitude of the loss, I am not here to play the blame game. Yes, I am frustrated that we seem so possessed by the elections coming that we are not even focused on running the government. When my district team back home, as we try and help constituents—\$1.4 million back into the taxpayer pocketbook, that is what we have been able to do with our case management work.

But today, when we call, it is like trying to open the lid of a can that can't open. These agencies need to be unleashed. They need to be better connected to those who they are intending to serve.

You go to run for an executive office, to run the executive office in the branches of the government of which the taxpayers are paying for when they have a problem.

We are in a static time, Mr. Speaker. We are in a challenging time. The lid has ripped off of so many issues: the plight toward equality, the plight toward freedom, the plight toward true justice, to make sure that every vote counts fairly. That is why we did all these amazing election security bills, one of which I had the privilege of chairing a hearing on, on the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, which, by the way, is such a special committee.

Right before this pandemic hit, our incredible chair, a mentor, someone I deeply admire, Chairwoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON from Texas, with Mr. LUCAS from Oklahoma, passed, in full committee, a bipartisan energy and R&D package.

How are we going to solve our climate change problems? We must do so together. We must realize that our biggest challenges are our greatest opportunities.

I am here for the policy, Mr. Speaker. I am here for the deliberation, the dialogue, and the discourse of this country

that will move us forward and solve our problems. I don't look at the coronavirus as a Democrat or a Republican issue. It is something that we face together as Americans.

I walked into the Treasury Department in the very early days of 2009 during a financial crisis, the teetering of the American economy before us, different than what we are facing today.

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We are stalemated today. We are stagnant today. We have unbelievable unemployment, which is totally unacceptable.

Last time I checked, I am in the party of jobs. I am in the party of getting people back to work. I am in the party that believes that people make things for a living, and we value and honor that work through a 21st century organized labor movement that keeps people safe, that allows them to retire with dignity. We say that to every hardworking American.

I have the privilege of being able to get things done here. When I walked into the Treasury Department with my colleagues in the Obama administration, the Bush administration was there waiting for us. They hunkered down, and they said: We want to work alongside you.

We had a bipartisan team on the U.S. Auto Rescue. We said we are going to stand up for the industrial economy, the Main Street effort of what we needed to do to stabilize our Nation's economy, and we did so together. And I feel that here, despite the friction, despite the frustration.

I realized earlier this session, as I was reflecting on the most benevolent man I ever had the privilege to know, a walking saint, Mr. John Lewis, he said, in my reflection and remarks about him, Mr. Speaker, that he was the richest man I had ever known, because richness is defined by how much you love. And, boy, did he give out that love.

In reflecting on that, Mr. Speaker, I realized the opposite of that is that arrogance and insecurity are the cousins of one another, are a poison to our discourse. They prevent us from having the discussions and committing to the work that we need to do, and we need to put that down. The perception of everything. It is the outcome, it is the product, it is the result, that is what gleans out of all the manufacturers in my district. It is not a chimera. It is a produced, manufactured result.

And so I reflect, Mr. Speaker, with the energy, the hope, and the optimism.

If you recall, with our freshman class, when we began session and Mr. COLIN ALLRED and I became the ceremonial presidents of the freshman class, we said during one of our orientation sessions, we hearkened to the words—I found these words of President Truman, who said that America is not built on fear. America is built on courage, America is built on deter-

mination, and America is built on the willingness to do the job at hand.

My friends, we have a job to do; we have legislation to pass; and we shall get this done for our schools, for our healthcare workers, for every American who is wondering how they are going to pay their rent, where their next job is going to be, how their kid is going to go to school safely. That is the job that we are determined to do here.

And if you actually listen to what my colleague was saying on the other side of the aisle before I got to this podium, it is not that different from one another. We are restored, we are renewed, and we are committed to the tenets of this beautiful, incredible democracy in this sacred space, this House floor.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(b) of House Resolution 967, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2020.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 35 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, August 4, 2020, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4874. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's interim final rule — CARES Act Programs; Equitable Services to Students and Teachers in Non-Public Schools [Docket ID ED-2020-OESE-0091] (RIN: 1810-AB59) received July 6, 2020, 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.

4875. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — 2-propenoic acid, homopolymer, ester with a-methyl-4-hydroxypoly(oxy-1,2-ethanediyl) and a-[2,4,6-tris(1-phenylethyl)phenyl]-w-hydroxypolyoxy-1,2-ethanediyl, graft, sodium salt; Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0610; FRL-10006-65] received July 25, 2020, 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.

4876. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Minnesota; Revision to the Minnesota State Implementation Plan [EPA-R05-OAR-2018-0839; FRL-10007-92-Region 5] received July 25, 2020, 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.

4877. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Missouri and Kansas; Determination of Attainment for the Jackson County, Missouri 1-hour Sulfur Dioxide Nonattainment Area and Redesignation of the Wyandotte County, Kansas Unclassifiable Area to Attainment/

Unclassifiable [EPA-R07-OAR-2020-0155; FRL-10010-76-Region 7] received July 25, 2020, 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.

4878. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Wyoming; Regional Haze 5-Year Progress Report State Implementation Plan [EPA-R08-OAR-2019-0623; FRL-10010-53-Region 8] received July 25, 2020, 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.

4879. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Cyflumetofen; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0046; FRL-10009-25] received July 25, 2020, 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.

4880. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Formic Acid and Sodium Formate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0048; and EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0327; FRL-10009-36] received July 25, 2020, 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.

4881. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Miscellaneous Coating Manufacturing Residual Risk and Technology Review [EPA-HQ-OAR-2018-0747; FRL-10010-12] (RIN: 2060-AU16) received July 25, 2020, 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.

4882. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Taconite Iron Ore Processing Residual Risk and Technology Review [EPA-HQ-OAR-2017-0664; FRL-10010-15] (RIN: 2060-AT05) received July 25, 2020, 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.

4883. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; West Virginia; Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for the West Virginia Portion of the Steubenville Sulfur Dioxide Nonattainment Area [EPA-R03-OAR-2019-0577; FRL-10010-63-Region 3] received July 25, 2020, 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.

4884. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Tetraethyl Orthosilicate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2019-0098; FRL-10007-73] received July 25, 2020, 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.

4885. A letter from the Deputy Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Phase I Auction Scheduled for October 29, 2020; Notice and Filing Requirements and Other Procedures for Auction 904; [AU Docket No. 20-34] [WC Docket