

but if you are an essential worker during this pandemic, you get nothing. The Republican bill does not provide a nickel more for hazard pay or the personal protective equipment that you need and deserve.

Needless to say, I am strongly opposed to the Senate Republican bill and am glad it was defeated earlier today.

Instead of listening to the needs of fossil fuel CEOs, we need to listen to the needs of working-class Americans, the people who are hurting. Instead of providing more corporate welfare to billionaires and large corporations, we need to provide more economic relief to the tens of millions of Americans who are hurting economically.

Nearly 4 months ago, the House of Representatives did its job by passing the Heroes Act, a \$3.5 trillion bill. In my view, the Senate has to stand up and do its job and pass the Heroes Act or a bill that is even better than that legislation.

I received many, many thousands of letters, emails, and social media from constituents in the State of Vermont and, in fact, all over this country about how the economic crisis has negatively impacted their lives and what that \$600 a week in unemployment benefits that expired in July meant to them.

Let me read you just a few of the many thousands of stories my office has received. A constituent from North Chittenden, VT, wrote:

I was laid off in March. Since the end of the extra \$600 I've been able to eat because of the food bank. I wasn't able to get one of my prescriptions because even with insurance it was \$88. I saved as much as I could during the extra \$600 period, but I'm almost out of money now. Literally enough to make it about 10 days. Then what? I'm 65 [years of age].

An unemployed worker wrote:

We can't pay our rent including car payment and car insurance, bills, feed our four kids, or buy necessities. We desperately need the extra \$600 to stay afloat. If we don't get our money soon, we could lose EVERYTHING!

Another unemployed worker recently wrote:

My State benefit was \$127 a week (I exhausted my available State funds last week). My rent is \$1,200 a month. Without further congressional action, I will be unhoused within a month or two.

A constituent from Danville, VT, wrote:

That moment the government stopped the \$600 a week they closed my benefits. I never saw anything other than that \$600 and it went to bills and rent. Now I am behind on everything again.

And on and on it goes. For millions of people, that \$600-a-week check was life and death.

Clearly, in the midst of this unprecedented crisis, the Senate must act and act now, not with a skinny relief bill that does virtually nothing to help working families in their time of need, but with legislation that responds to the unprecedented economic pain and suffering that the American working class is experiencing.

We need to extend the extra \$600 a week in unemployment benefits for the 30 million Americans who have lost their jobs—like the House passed over 3 months ago. This is absolutely essential. During this crisis, it would give families the income they need to live with it. We need to make sure that every working-class person in America receives \$2,000 a month until this crisis is over so they can pay the rent and put food on the table.

We need to expand Medicare to all the 92 million Americans who are uninsured or underinsured. Nobody should be unable to go to a doctor during this crisis because they don't have health insurance. In other words, we need a coronavirus relief bill that benefits the working families of this country and low-income people, not just the wealthy and well-connected.

I know what my Republican colleagues will say—that it is too expensive, and we can't afford it. Maybe, just maybe, our Republican colleagues are so concerned about the deficit they might want to ask their billionaire campaign contributors to pay their fair share of taxes instead of giving them massive tax breaks.

In the midst of the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression and the worst public health crisis in more than 100 years, I think most Americans would be shocked to learn that 467 billionaires in our country have seen their wealth go up by \$800 billion during the pandemic. Let me repeat that: 467 billionaires have seen their wealth go up by \$800 billion during the pandemic. In my view, at a time of massive wealth and income inequality and when so many of our people are hurting, it is morally obscene for billionaires to use a global pandemic as an opportunity to make outrageous profits.

Instead of more austerity for the working class of this country, we need to impose austerity on the billionaire class and on Wall Street. That is why I have introduced legislation to tax the obscene wealth gains billionaires have made during the public health crisis. According to the Americans for Tax Fairness, if we taxed 60 percent of the windfall gains billionaires made during the pandemic, we could raise over \$420 billion. That is enough revenue to allow Medicare to pay all of the out-of-pocket healthcare expenses for everyone in America in the next 12 months. Yes, by taxing 60 percent of the wealth gains made by just 467 people during this horrific pandemic, we could guarantee healthcare as a right for an entire year for every man, woman, and child in this country. Billionaires would still be able to pocket over \$300 billion in wealth gains during the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression.

At a time of enormous economic pain and suffering, we have a choice to make. We can continue to allow the very rich to get much richer while everyone else gets poorer and poorer or we can tax the winnings a handful of

billionaires made during the pandemic to improve the health and well-being of tens of millions of Americans.

It is time for the Senate to act on behalf of the working families of this country who are hurting like they have never hurt before and not just the billionaire class who are doing phenomenally well and have never had it so good.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER 14, 2020, AT 3 P.M.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate stands adjourned until 3 p.m., Monday, September 14, 2020.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 5:26 p.m., adjourned until Monday, September 14, 2020, at 3 p.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. ROBERT J. SKINNER

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED ARMY NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12211:

To be brigadier general

COL. WILLIAM F. MCCLINTOCK

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED WHILE ASSIGNED TO A POSITION OF IMPORTANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 601:

To be lieutenant general

MAJ. GEN. MICHAEL S. GROEN

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14 U.S.C., SECTION 2121(E):

To be rear admiral (lower half)

CAPT. MICHAEL H. DAY
CAPT. MARY M. DEAN
CAPT. CHARLES E. POSSE
CAPT. CHAD L. JACOBY
CAPT. CAROLA J. G. LIST
CAPT. MICHAEL W. RAYMOND
CAPT. EDWARD M. ST. PIERRE

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED AIR NATIONAL GUARD OF THE UNITED STATES OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 12203 AND 12212:

To be colonel

PAUL JEFFREY AFFLECK
JENNIFER M. AUPKE
BRADLEY C. BALL
GAVIN M. BATCHELDER
MICHAEL JASON BLAIR
MATTHEW FORMBY BLUE
CHAD C. BOARD
BRIAN LAURENCE BOHLMAN
MICAELA RAE BRANCATO
DONALD R. BRASKETT JR.
RONALD ALVIN BRASWELL
MATTHEW C. BRENNER
FREDERICK MICHAEL BROOKS
RICARDO L. A. CAMEL
STEVEN LEE CAMPBELL
JOED IVAN CARBONELL
KYLE E. CARPENTER
WILLIAM LAWRENCE CARRAHER
ROBERT N. CARVER
JENNIFER WEST CASILLO
JAMES CHAIKOWSKY
LARISSA CRAWFORD CLARK
BRIAN JAMES CLAUS

PHILIP J. COLOMY
MICHAEL TROY COMPARDO
ANDREW JAMES COX
MICHAEL PATRICK CULLEY
TAMMY LYNN CULLEY
CHRISTINA L. DARVEAU
RAYMOND ANDRE DE JESUS
STEVEN CHARLES DUDASH
JOHN ALBERT DUFFY
AARON MICHAEL DUNN
BRIAN BRUCE DURSTELER
AMY L. EMANUEL-BASSETT
STEVEN MICHAEL EMPY
MICHAEL A. EVANS
CHRISTOPHER M. FARMER
PAUL WILLIAM FEICHTINGER
MICHAEL A. FERRARIO
DEBORAH ANNE GARRETT
MATTHEW LIVINGSTON GILES
CURTIS DALE GRAYSON
TIMOTHY ROBERT GUY
MATTHEW CLAY HARPER
GREG A. HAY
NICOLAS WILLIAM HENSCHERL

DONALD TODD HUSTON
GEORGE HENRY IMORDE III
DANIEL J. JANUSZ
ROSHAN MIKE JESSANI
JACK W. JOHNSON
STEPHEN D. JONES
PETER KEEGAN, JR.
THOMAS WILLIAM KEEGAN
EVAN JOHN KIRKWOOD
LANCE S. KOLLSTEDT
PETER JOSEPH LABARBERA
MICAH I. LAMBERT
BROCK E. LANGE
KASS WESLEY LARSON
TANYA MARIE CHANG LEE
KENNETH VINCENT J. LEEDBERG
LAWANDA LASHALL LEWIS-MILES
LAURA MARIA LOPEZ
JOHN DOUGLAS LUNDHOLM
CHAD MICHAEL LYNCH
ERIKA E. LYNCH
RANDY ALPHONSE MANCHESTER
RICHARD H. MANSFIELD
NICHOLAS JAMES MATHIOS
JOHN DONALD MELLI
KATHRYN D. MILLWOOD
ANTHONY JAMES MUIR
SHANE H. NAGATANI
JASON TERENCE NALEPA
NICOLE D. NUSS
LAURA L. ODOM
THOMAS G. OLANDER, JR.
STEPHAN K. OTTO
DEAN C. OWEN
CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM PACK
MATTHEW M. PARODA
MICHAEL DAVID PELPHREY
NELSON ERNEST PERRON
PAUL MAURICE PERRON
FREDERICK D. PHELAN
DANIEL JAY PULJU
MATTHEW EDWARDS QUENICHERT
PATRICK J. RAMIREZ
MICHAEL E. RAWLINS, JR.
KURTIS PAUL RING
MATTHEW W. ROBINS
DANIEL RODRIGUEZ, JR.
DERECK JAMES ROGERS
MICHAEL S. ROONEY
DREW DAVID ROPER
JASON LEON SANDER
CLAYTON D. SANDERS
JOHN E. SAUNDERS
MICHAEL GLENN SCADDEN
JOEL E. SESSIONS
MARK E. SHIRLEY
DAVID SCOTT SMITH
ROBERT GENE SMOKER
JADE M. SPURGEON
EDWARD KANAN STAMPER, JR.
CRYSTAL LYNETTE STILTNER
SHAWN DEAN STRAHLE
SHAWN A. SUBER
ELIZABETH ANN SUMNER
ANDREW M. THORNE
STEVEN ELLIOTT TINDOLL
GEORGE GERARD TOMICA
ELIZABETH TOPOL
SCOTT RUSSELL TOWNSEND
JOSHUA C. WAGGONER
MICHAEL J. WESTERN
JOSHUA JAMES WIKA
JOHN FREEMAN WILES
JOHN L. WILKINSON
JOHN R. WILLIAMS III
FREDERICK M. WILSON
CHRISTOPHER P. WIMBERLY
BRIAN FRIEDRICH WINKLER
KAREN M. WOOD
CARRIE ARENDALE WORRELL
TROY JOSEPH ZIERDEN
JOSEPH F. ZINGARO

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

MICHAEL B. PARKS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

BRIAN P. O'CONNOR

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

SAMUEL P. BAXTER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

RYAN M. VANARTSDALEN

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be colonel

FRED J. GROSPIN

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTIONS 624 AND 7064:

To be major

MATTHEW E. TULLIA

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant commander

TERRANCE L. LEIGHTON III

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant commander

TODD D. STRONG

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant commander

NATHAN D. HUFFAKER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant commander

EMILY M. BENZER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be lieutenant commander

DAVID M. LALANNE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be captain

JEAN E. KNOWLES

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be commander

KEVIN M. RAY

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major

LUKE D. ZUMBUSCH

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

RICHARD M. RUSNOK

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE GRADE INDICATED IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be colonel

DAMON K. BURROWS

IN THE COAST GUARD

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 14 U.S.C., SECTION 2121(E):

To be captain

STEVEN G. ACOSTA
EDWARD W. AHLSTRAND
JONATHAN A. ANDRECHIK
JORDAN M. BALDUEZA
TIMOTHY G. M. BALUNIS, JR.
PEGGY M. BRITTON

DANIEL J. BROADHURST
WILLIAM A. BUDOVEC
PATRICK C. BURKETT
DERREK W. BURRUS
GREGORY A. CALLAGHAN
MARCUS A. CANADY
CATHERINE T. CARABINE
ERIC M. CARRERO
JUSTIN M. CARTER
MATTHEW M. CHONG
ANGELA A. COOK
MICHAEL V. DANISH
RULA F. DEISHER
ETIENNE DELARIVA
JAVIER A. DELGADO
AARON W. DEMO
MATTHEW J. DENNING
PATRICK C. DILL
JASON J. DORVAL
JOHN T. EGAN
ROBIN A. ELLERBE
THEODORE J. ERDMAN
THOMAS C. EVANS
JESSICA A. FANT
MATHEW S. FINE
AURORA I. FLEMING
JAMIE C. FREDERICK
MATTHEW S. FURLONG
LAWRENCE D. GAILLARD
TROY P. GLENDYNE
LUSHAN A. HANNAH
ANGELINA HIDALGO
KATE F. HIGGINS-BLOOM
BRENDAN J. HILLEARY
TIMOTHY C. HOLT
JAMES L. JARNAC
DARWIN A. JENSEN
MICHAEL P. KAHLE
BENJAMIN G. KARPINSKI
IBRAHIM M. KHALIL
SHANELL M. KING
ROBERT J. KINSEY
ROBERT R. KISTNER
BREANNA L. KNUTSON
BRIAN M. KOSTECKI
JERRY J. KRYWANCZYK
JULIE P. KUCK
JOHNDAVID A. LENTINE
PATRICK M. LINEBERRY
TIMOTHY J. LIST
THOMAS S. LOWRY
SCOTT M. MACCUMBEE
JILLIAN C. MALZONE
JOSE D. MARTIS
HEATHER R. MATTERN
MARK A. MCDONNELL
BRIAN J. MCLAUGHLIN
BRIAN J. MCSORLEY
WILLIAM L. MEES, JR.
DAVID L. MELTON
ANDREW J. MEYERS
MATTHEW A. MICHAELIS
CAROLYN L. MOBERLEY
ROBERT S. MOHR
PETER M. MORISSEAU, JR.
MATTHEW A. MOYER
ANDRE C. MURPHY
BRANDY N. PARKER
BRIAN A. POTTER
SCOTT A. RAE
MICHAEL C. REED
TOBIAS C. REID
DANIEL P. ROGERS
JESSICA A. ROZZI-OCHS
TYSON J. SCOFIELD
MARC R. SENNICK
KRISTEN L. SERUMGARD
NICHOLAS R. SIMMONS
TIMOTHY C. SOMMELLA
PATRICK M. THOMPSON
MATTHEW J. WALDRON
JON T. WARNER
JESSICA S. WORST

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WILLIAM RUGER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

CHAD F. WOLF, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY, VICE KIRSTJEN NIELSEN, RESIGNED.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate September 10, 2020:

THE JUDICIARY

DIANE GUJARATI, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

THOMAS T. CULLEN, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA.

HALA Y. JARBOU, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN.