

REPUBLICANS ARE SUPPORTING THE INVESTOR CLASS WHILE DEMOCRATS ARE FIGHTING FOR THE WORKING CLASS

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, while Senator MCCONNELL works fervently to confirm a Supreme Court Justice, he continues to block the relief that Americans need, holding a failed vote on a bill that refuses to crush the virus, abandons our heroes in State and local government, ignores families facing hunger and homelessness, and contains poison pills that Democrats cannot support.

As families suffer, Republicans continue to refuse to acknowledge the funding levels that experts, scientists, and the American people know is needed. They reject robust support for State, local, Tribal and territorial governments. They want to bully many schools into reopening before it is safe to do so, endangering children, educators, and creating new vectors for the virus to spread.

Republicans are ignoring the crisis of food insecurity, providing zero funds for nutrition assistance, and insufficient funds to our farmers.

Originally, our side, the Democrats, were willing to compromise and cut a trillion from the HEROES Act if the White House would add a trillion to the failed and anemic Senate bill. We wanted to negotiate and meet in the middle at \$2.2 trillion. Yet, Senate Republicans and the White House continue to reject a compromise, and instead, the Senate GOP continues to move further away from what is needed.

While Republicans fail to take the catastrophe facing families seriously, our health and economy are crumbling. Republicans are supporting the investor class while Democrats are fighting for the working class.

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LEADERS MUST CONDEMN VIOLENCE

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

Mr. MEUSER. Madam Speaker, those who are placed in positions of leadership, particularly those elected by the people, have a responsibility to put their short-term interests aside for the greater collective good.

We have a problem in America with violence in our streets, destruction of property, and hateful rhetoric toward police and innocent bystanders every day. As a result, people are fleeing our cities in droves, yet many so-called leaders have tacitly condoned the destruction with phrases like: "People will do what they do," and, "There needs to be unrest in the streets for as

long as there is unrest in our lives." "No justice, no peace." We have all heard it.

If such indirect encouragement is not bad enough, continued silence from certain leaders may be even worse.

The idea that, after an assassination attempt of two sheriffs in California, the former attorney general, the top cop, and current Senator of the State remaining silent on this issue is outrageous.

Just this week, as a response to the President's constitutional duty to nominate a Supreme Court Justice, the far left immediately stated: "Let this moment radicalize you." They later stated: "Nothing is off the table." Just now, it was stated: "Do so at your peril." That is a threat. This incites lawlessness and has nothing to do with national unity.

We can disagree on policy, but now, more than ever, we need new leaders who aspire to follow in the heroic footsteps of Martin Luther King and call out those who fail to do so.

CONGRESS NEEDS MORE COOPERATION

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, the shock of the loss of Justice Ginsburg and the stunning hypocrisy of Republicans who denied Judge Garland even a hearing because a year was not enough time rush to jam through another Trump appointment.

The devastating national disasters of the Oregon and California fires and Trump's failure to respond to the COVID health and economic disasters are a stunning backdrop to the work we have before us.

We have a chance to take steps in this Congress that in normal times would be historic reforms working with you, Madam Speaker on legislation to reform our hopelessly outdated marijuana legislation.

We have a chance to pass legislation that would rescue 500,000 independent restaurants, who are at risk of going out of business if we don't take steps now. And these are bipartisan initiatives.

Congress ought to do what it can moving forward where it can cooperate. Who knows, it might become habit forming.

HONORING 200,000 LIVES LOST WITH ACTION

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

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today in solemn recognition of the grave milestone our Nation soon will be reaching: 200,000 lives lost to the COVID-19 pandemic—among them, 8,457 Illinoisans.

They were our nurses and doctors, our heroes on the front lines of the fight against this virus.

They were our grandparents who were forced to spend their final moments alone.

They were our essential workers, our vulnerable neighbors, our closest friends.

Their families have been devastated with grief, made worse by the painful reality that we cannot gather safely to mourn our losses together.

To every American who has lost someone to the coronavirus, I extend my deepest condolences, and I grieve with you.

I commit to you that I will continue to honor the lives lost with action through making investments in health and our economy to ensure that America recovers from COVID-19 stronger than ever.

HONORING THOSE WHO DON CROWNS OF ALL TYPES

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

Ms. PRESSLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of the CROWN Act, which will move us one step closer to ending the centuries of discrimination against Black hair, discrimination that has rejected the dignity and beauty of my people.

From personnel handbooks to school dress code policies, Afros, locs, and twists have been codified as proxies for our Black skin and manifestations of anti-Black racism.

Many, especially Black women, grow up hearing that our natural coils and kinks are distracting, ghetto, ugly, and unprofessional. From as early as grade school, Black girls are pushed out of school for wearing their hair naturally. As we grow up, we are taught to straighten our hair if we want to get a job or simply live our lives in peace.

When I first joined Congress, I proudly chose to wear my hair in Senegalese twists because I sought to intentionally create space for all of us to show up in the world as our authentic selves.

Today, I navigate the world a little differently. My beautiful twists were taken from me due to the autoimmune disease known as alopecia universalis.

But today, I stand in honor of those who don crowns of all types. May they continue to shine.

IN HONOR OF JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Madam Speaker, Saturday Libby and I joined many at the Supreme Court to honor Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, a true defender of our most fundamental rights at a time when this President and his enablers increasingly threaten the very preservation of our democracy.