

CARES Act, which was passed by this body, undoubtedly one of the most successful was the PPP, the Paycheck Protection Program, which literally helped thousands of small businesses and over 50 million jobs be saved during the COVID pandemic.

The PPP was also successful because it partnered with the private sector, utilizing local banks to disburse the PPP loans. Often these banks already had existing relationships with the small businesses in their communities. These existing relationships between banks and small businesses were invaluable in getting these funds out onto the street in record speed—again, saving thousands of businesses and millions of jobs. In my district alone, PPP saved over 50,000 jobs.

It is due to the success of the PPP and the significant need for additional PPP funds for small businesses around the Nation that I rise in support of H.R. 8265, sponsored by Representative CHABOT.

This is a very commonsense piece of legislation. You see, Mr. Speaker, there are approximately \$130 billion in unspent PPP funds. This bill simply enables the Small Business Administration to do another round of PPP awards. There is still incredible demand and need for this program. So this is not an allocation of additional money.

As both sides debate a much larger and more complicated new stimulus package, I think this bill is a great first step. It is a program that has shown itself to be incredibly effective in saving jobs and small businesses. There is most definitely more demand for PPP funds for the small businesses and local nonprofits. The model of awarding the funds has shown itself to be excellent. Finally, it doesn't require an additional appropriation.

Mr. Speaker, our small businesses are fighting for their survival, and millions of jobs hang in the balance. We can do this. This money is there, and the program works.

UPDATING AMERICA'S ENERGY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. O'HALLERAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. O'HALLERAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of H.R. 4447, the Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act. I am proud that that bill was used as a shell for this legislation.

This legislative package is the work of over 40 critical pieces of energy and environment legislation from the House. Many of the bills included in this package are bipartisan, and I would like to thank our leadership, committee chairs, and Members on both sides of the aisle for contributing to this effort.

This bill will take meaningful steps to update our energy infrastructure, create new jobs, and take important steps to address climate change in our country.

The last major Federal effort to address our changing energy landscape occurred in 2007. The urgency of the climate crisis and energy infrastructure crisis cannot be overstated.

As the proud Representative of Arizona's First Congressional District, and as seen throughout the Western United States and our Nation, communities are facing the effects of climate change every day. From larger, deadlier forest fires to crippling droughts, Arizonans know the real-life implications of our changing planet.

This is why today's bill is so important. It addresses the growing climate crisis and revitalizes our sagging energy economy. It creates much-needed job growth across our Nation. It is a win-win-win.

As Members of Congress, we must work in a bipartisan manner to identify commonsense policy solutions to these critical issues and help hard-working families find a just transition as our energy economy continues to evolve.

The legislative package we are voting on today does more than just update our Nation's energy infrastructure. It creates tens of thousands of new, good-paying energy jobs that support a family and will be created through the new programs, initiatives, and Federal projects created within this bill to accelerate the deployment of clean energy technologies.

We make meaningful investments in research and development programs to unlock the energy technologies of tomorrow, limit our carbon footprint, and preserve the environment for future generations to enjoy and prosper. We need to continue to identify legislative initiatives like the Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act that will work on a large scale to create new jobs in growing industries.

I am humbled to see two bills I introduced, the Expanding Access to Sustainable Energy Act, and the Tribal Power Act, be included in today's critical legislative package. And I am proud to stand today in favor of the Clean Economy Jobs and Innovation Act.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in voting to pass this important legislation.

HONORING MY WIFE, SHANNON, AND THE GREAT AMERICAN MEDICAL SYSTEM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. RODNEY DAVIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor my wife, Shannon, because this is the 21st anniversary of her last chemotherapy treatment after being diagnosed and treated for colon cancer in 1999.

This is a day that we will all remember. It is the day of success, much different from the day of her diagnosis just a little over 6 months before that.

We were a young couple with a 2-year-old daughter and didn't know what the future held. But because of the great American medical system and the research that was done out here at places like the NIH for years before my wife was diagnosed, she was able to get the surgery and the treatment she needed to now celebrate this anniversary.

On that last day, when that poisonous chemotherapy stopped having to enter her veins, little did we know we would be blessed with two more children, twin boys, just a short time later. They were born less than a year from then.

While our daughter is now 23 and our sons are 20, this is an opportunity to talk about the greatness of America's healthcare system and the greatness of the ingenuity within our healthcare system in this country.

What is frustrating to me, Mr. Speaker, is that sometimes I hear my colleagues on the other side of the aisle talk about how we on this side of the aisle want to get rid of preexisting conditions coverage. Every time I hear that, it hurts because I have seen what my wife went through. I live, she lives, and our family lives with her preexisting coverage every day.

Let's stop playing politics with healthcare. Let's celebrate what America is all about and how we help heal the world. Let's do it today, the day that I get to honor the love of my life, my wife, Shannon.

Shannon, I can't thank you enough for who you are. I can't thank you enough for your courage. And I am so blessed to be able to call you my wife.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 11 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 28 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. YARMUTH) at 11 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Lord, Father of us all, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

At a time when so many are worried about business survival, rent payment, and unemployment benefits, impel those in our government who are charged with promoting the general welfare to come together to negotiate solutions benefitting all Americans in need.

Pour forth Your spirit of wisdom, patience, and good will upon all the Members of Congress during these troubling

days for so many of our Nation's citizens.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. ESHOO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. ESHOO led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG

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

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor this morning on behalf of the people of California's 18th Congressional District to pay tribute to the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Inscribed on the front of the building of the Supreme Court are the words: "Equal justice under the law." And that is what Justice Ginsburg did. She brought equality relative to voting rights, to gender equity, to civil rights. That was her work. She took it seriously using her extraordinary intelligence, her faith, her belief in a more perfect union.

We pay tribute to her in a unique way. In history, there are very few individuals that are known by their initials: FDR, LBJ, JFK, and now RBG.

As the poet wrote: And so she passed and all the trumpets sounded on the other side.

Thank you, Justice Ginsburg, may you rest in peace.

TRIBUTE TO TOM WICKHAM, HOUSE PARLIAMENTARIAN

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

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say thank you and pay tribute to our friend and this Chamber's Parliamentarian, Tom Wickham.

Since the creation of the position in 1927, Tom is just the sixth Parliamentarian in the history of this body.

While Representatives come and go, and majorities change from session to session, one constant is the Parliamentarian's office and their commitment to uphold the rules and traditions of this very Chamber.

The Parliamentarian advises not only the Speaker, but serves with an open door to all Members, majority and minority, so our voices and our constituents' voices can be heard in this legislative process.

I speak for all Republicans when I commend Tom for his professionalism, sound judgment, and steady demeanor in carrying out his duties.

You see, Mr. Speaker, America was founded on an idea. Our Founders determined that a deliberative body governed of, by, and for the people would best serve the interest of this Nation.

Our Congress, a literal coming together of people and ideas from every corner of the Nation, is tasked with debating the issues of the day. And it is up to Tom and his staff to make sure that we do so in a way that is consistent with the enduring rules and precedents of this institution.

Looking out for the institution is not exactly a glamorous job. Most of the Parliamentarian's work goes on behind the scenes and without public recognition. But it is essential to our democracy and it embodies the very best of civil service.

Tom has served this body and this country for 25 years. Some of my staffers refer to Tom as Dumbledore from Harry Potter—he knows all the answers, you just have to ask the right questions.

I know Members will continue to seek out Tom for advice, and I encourage all of them to extend the same courtesy to his successor, Jason Smith.

Now, let's not be confused, it is not Representative JASON SMITH from Missouri, it is a different Jason Smith.

I want to especially thank Tom's wife, Heather, and his children, Brady and Elizabeth, for sharing Tom with us for all those years and all those late nights, through too many late-night voting sessions and last-minute negotiations to count.

Tom, you have served well. We wish you the best in retirement, and hope you get to watch lots of Iowa football now that the Big Ten has resumed play.

But on behalf of a very grateful Nation, I want to say thank you. I know times get heated. I know people are passionate about their ideas. I know your decisions cannot be made based upon who is in the majority or who is in the minority.

I have watched you make some of the most difficult decisions, but they are always the right one. This country could only imagine being a Parliamentarian when a decision is being made whether a Speaker has broken the rules or not. It would be easy to fold to the pressure of the majority, and I am proud to say Tom always held with the people of this Nation. That is what we

look for in a Parliamentarian. That is what we ask for, and that is exactly what you gave us.

Thank you for your service, and we appreciate all that you have done for this Nation.

HONORING OUR BRAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS

(Mrs. MILLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MILLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor our Nation's brave law enforcement officials who protect our communities from violent crime.

Just weeks ago, in West Virginia, a Fayette County deputy, Levi Garretson, was attacked during a traffic stop. Thankfully, volunteer firefighter, Calvin Endicott, was nearby to help fight off the attacker.

Because of Mr. Endicott's actions, Deputy Garretson was able to go home that night. Sadly, this is not the case for many officers in our country. This growing hatred is appalling. Incredibly, some of my colleagues across the aisle call to defund the police.

Our country was founded on ideals that promote civility and security for all Americans. We need to unify around a shared goal of law and order, to stop the rioters and anarchists who burn our cities and threaten our law enforcement.

I will always stand with our brothers and sisters in uniform.

RECOGNIZING DR. CHRISTAL ALBRECHT

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with sadness and joy; sadness because our leader at Alvin Community College, ACC, Dr. Christal Albrecht, announced she will retire as our incredible president on August 31 of next year; joyful because of the 7 amazing years she gave us as our president.

She arrived as our sixth president in May of 2014. She came aboard with a great school; she leaves an even greater school.

She was able to corral groups like faculty, students, donors, who sometimes have a break with the herd mentality. She put through a 5-year strategic plan with these groups. All those goals will be finished when she leaves.

Her trademark is listening; asking students, What do you want to do with your life, or asking industry, What do you need from your employees? Christal met every challenge head-on.

And I will close with one final challenge. Alvin's mascot is a dolphin named Blue. Our challenge, on behalf of the students, faculty, and lovers of ACC, is Christal, wear this uniform, this mascot's uniform, for a game or a day on campus before you leave. Thank you. God bless you.