

That is one of the 340 bipartisan bills that are languishing on Senator MCCONNELL's desk. He will not call them up before the Senate for a vote, muzzling democracy.

That is 340 important bipartisan bills blocked, stalled, or ignored.

Madam Speaker, let's not forget that we began our majority in the middle of a damaging and irresponsible government shutdown, the longest shutdown that I have experienced in the 40 years I have been here.

We moved swiftly to end that shutdown and prioritize the passage of funding bills last year and this year before the end of July in order to prevent another shutdown of our government.

So last year we passed 8 of the 10 appropriation bills by June 26. This year, we passed 8 of those 10, notwithstanding COVID, by July 26.

The Senate has not passed out of committee a single appropriation bill, not one, Madam Speaker.

What have they been doing? Judge after judge after judge after judge. That is what they are doing, to serve their ideological agenda, hoping that they can control through the courts that which they cannot control in the democratic process.

We have shown, Madam Speaker, what it means to govern for the people, and over the next few weeks, Americans will have a chance to choose the direction our country follows in the years ahead. They know that Republicans have failed them: no healthcare bill, no infrastructure bill that the President talked about in the campaign, "I am going to invest in infrastructure." No bill has been presented by the President to do that, no healthcare bill.

They know that our Republican colleagues have failed them through their inaction and irresponsibility.

And they know, Madam Speaker, that Democrats have offered a serious agenda of leadership, have demonstrated the capacity to govern responsibly, and have shown ourselves always to be for the people.

Madam Speaker, today we will be considering a bill. We are in negotiations. I hope those negotiations work. Frankly, Speaker PELOSI and Secretary Mnuchin reached four bipartisan deals. Mr. MEADOWS was not chief of staff, of course, at that point in time. Let us hope that we can reach a bipartisan deal.

We were supposed to consider our Heroes 2 bill, our offer, our proffer, our statement of what we think is necessary to uplift the American people, to let them know they are not on their own, we are with them, we are together.

We will consider that bill today if there is not an agreement. I hope there is an agreement. I hope we have a bipartisan piece of legislation that we can pass in the near future, because the American people need it, and that is what we have done in the past. Let's hope we can do it today.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a time to call attention to this deadly disease, to recognize the advancement our Nation has made in the battle against breast cancer, and to spread information about the fight to save the lives of those impacted.

It is estimated that more than 275,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed this year. For this reason, it is vital that those at risk take proper steps to reduce their risk for this disease.

Our medical personnel have made great progress in our fight to cure breast cancer, but we must continue to do more.

Madam Speaker, I hope everybody will join me this month in spreading awareness about breast cancer, comforting those who have been impacted or are fighting cancer right now, and thanking our medical personnel for their dedication to treat and cure this deadly disease.

DON'T TAKE THE RIGHT TO VOTE FOR GRANTED

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

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, our elections are foundational to our democracy, the pulse of our Nation, and the most sacred form of protest that we as Americans have at our disposal.

We, the people, have a right to vote without obstruction, without fear, without intimidation, and with the assurance that every vote will be counted.

Madam Speaker, I want to take a minute to assure the American people who are receiving mail-in ballots for the first time, making a plan to vote on election day, looking for locations where early voting is taking place, signing up to volunteer, or feeling a sense of uncertainty as we participate in one of the most important elections of our lifetime: your vote is safe, your vote is secure, and your vote matters.

And, Madam Speaker, to the young people who will be casting their votes for the first time: you are the future of this country, and we need you to participate in our government now more than ever.

To those who have lost faith in our government: we, the people, are the gatekeepers of our democracy, and our participation has never been more important.

There is far too much on the line for us to take voting for granted.

THE GIFT OF ADOPTION

(Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I would like to reach out today to the thousands of Americans who have opened their homes to the gift of adoption. Giving a child a home and a better life is one of the greatest gifts we can give.

I especially want to applaud Judge Amy Coney Barrett's effort to help bring two children from Haiti out of the depths of despair to a better life here in America.

I was doing medical relief work in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake, which made 80,000 children orphans instantly. Children who would literally be 10 feet apart from their parents would be separated in the chaos, never to see them again.

The Barrett family did a beautiful thing by adopting an orphaned child in the aftermath of this horrible disaster. Her family gave a toddler a new life after one of the worst earthquakes in recorded history.

Unfortunately, some misguided souls in this country have turned that beautiful act of kindness into one of creating racial division rather than unity. They purport evil motives in a selfless act of sacrifice just to create further division in our Nation.

Judge Coney Barrett is now a Supreme Court nominee. Let her example of knocking down racial barriers and creating unity rather than division be an example for all of us to follow.

I look forward to her successful placement on the Nation's highest court.

WE ARE A NATION IN CRISIS

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

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, more than 207,000 Americans are dead, and there is no end in sight. One in six Americans is jobless.

These are not just numbers. These are people. They have lost their livelihoods, their health, their careers. Many have lost everything. It did not have to be this way.

Our Nation had its first confirmed COVID case in January, and yet 9 months later, there is no national testing strategy, no leadership from the White House.

We have a President who would rather save face, save power to himself, than save lives, who corrosively continues to play politics as people die.

We are a Nation in crisis. People are in despair.

Government has a role to play. We must act with urgency and decency as we support one another with direct cash relief, funds for State and local governments, widespread testing, and the guarantee of free COVID treatment and vaccines for all.

Let us live up to Elijah Cummings' command: "We are better than this."

THE UNITED STATES SUPPORTS
INDIA

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, it is in the best interests of the United States of America to build and maintain strong partnerships with our allies across the globe.

In that spirit, I rise today in recognition of our important relationship with one of those allies, the Republic of India.

India, the world's largest democracy, is under constant threat from the Chinese Communist Party. The Chinese Communist Party has been acting aggressively towards India in recent years and infringing on Indian territory.

India is an effective counterweight to the Chinese Communist Party's desire for dominance in southeast Asia, Madam Speaker, and a strong India is critical to preventing expansion of the Chinese Communist Party's global influence.

I am proud to stand on the floor of the House of Representatives today with a strong, clear message for our friends in India: The United States supports you in your struggle against Chinese aggressors. Together, our two democratic, free nations will stand against the communism that only seeks to rob citizens of their individuality and beliefs.

HONORING JONATHAN "J.T."
TENNANT

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor 20-year veteran harbor pilot Jonathan "J.T." Tennant of Brunswick, Georgia, who played a pivotal role in ensuring the safety of all crew members aboard the Golden Ray carrier when it shipwrecked over a year ago on September 8, 2019.

If you visit St. Simons Island in Georgia's First Congressional District, it is hard to miss the Golden Ray, which is a 656-foot-long car carrier that remains capsized in the St. Simons Sound.

As the investigation into the incident by the U.S. Coast Guard and the National Transportation Safety Board continues, we have been able to gain valuable insight from crew members and others involved.

Although he had steered a city-block-sized cargo ship from the Brunswick River to the St. Simons Sound several thousand times, nothing could have prepared J.T. for what happened the morning of September 8.

The Golden Ray was sailing normally, but the rudder and the propeller came up out of the water to where J.T.

had no operational control of the vessel, and it started capsizing rapidly.

He endured flames melting the steel and smoke emanating from airboxes the entire length of the ship.

As testament to his extensive experience piloting more than 5,000 ships in and out of the Port of Brunswick, J.T. drove the Golden Ray as far up on the Sound as possible that day to ensure all 23 mariners aboard were safe and rescued.

When you see the giant cargo ship in the Sound and realize there was no loss of life, it is nothing short of a miracle and a testament to the hardworking crew, including J.T.

Although it is an unfortunate situation, I am thankful for the courage and determination J.T. and the entire crew displayed that day.

A DOMESTIC MINERAL SUPPLY
CHAIN IS ESSENTIAL FOR OUR
NATIONAL SECURITY

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, for decades, America's mining industry has suffered at the hands of foreign competition from China.

Yesterday, President Trump signed an executive order to expand the domestic mining industry, supporting thousands of American mining jobs and reducing our dependence on China for critical minerals.

A domestic mineral supply chain is essential for our national security, because they are used for military, infrastructure, and energy projects.

America certainly should not be depending on China for precious materials that are critical to our national defense. This should rest solely in our hands.

By streamlining development of critical minerals at home and creating jobs for American workers along the way, this executive order is a win-win.

With all the push for renewable energy in this country and electric vehicles, we certainly need to have this supply chain come from our country and not somewhere else.

Madam Speaker, I am grateful for President Trump's bold action to continue our economic growth while also taking bold action against a foreign adversary.

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CHILDHOOD CANCER HEARING
LOSS

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

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, over 15,000 American children are diagnosed with cancer every year. Having the most innocent among us receive such a gut-wrenching diagnosis is devastating.

Thankfully, incredible progress has been made in treating cancer among children. As more kids become survivors, we need to make a concerted effort to improve their lives and to strive to develop treatments that do not carry permanent side effects.

For example, I have constituents whose children have experienced permanent hearing loss, which can occur when young patients undergo chemotherapy. That is why I recently sent a letter to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality asking them to identify any research efforts to reverse this loss of hearing.

We owe it to our young survivors to help them thrive and maintain a high quality of life. I encourage Federal researchers to keep producing the medical miracles that will help our kids prevail in the fight against cancer.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PRO-
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H. RES. 1154, CONDEMNING
QANON AND REJECTING THE
CONSPIRACY THEORIES IT PRO-
MOTES

Ms. SCANLON, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 116-557) on the resolution (H. Res. 1164) providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1153) condemning unwanted, unnecessary medical procedures on individuals without their full, informed consent, and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1154) condemning QAnon and rejecting the conspiracy theories it promotes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. DEAN). Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by the Speaker on Wednesday, September 30, 2020:

H.R. 8337, making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2021, and for other purposes.

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Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I