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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

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

God of Heaven and Earth, we give You thanks for giving us another day. Bless the Members of the people's House as they return to their home districts. For the first time in our lives, families will be gathering, or not gathering to celebrate what we have to be thankful for as Americans. We are so aware of what we have lost. Have mercy on us.

We do thank You, and thank all those in our country who have labored through these months to provide services to our communities, to teach our children, to care for our sick. In these seasons of gathering, keep us safe, and help us to be mindful of so many who have not the benefits we enjoy as Americans.

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

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. EVANS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. EVANS 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

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

PHILADELPHIANS NEED MORE COVID RELIEF NOW

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

Mr. EVANS. Madam Speaker, my constituents in Philadelphia need more COVID relief now. Many of them are worried or scared, but the Republican Senate is still focused on confirming more Trump judges.

The House passed the Heroes Act, which gives us more of what we need, an extension of the \$600 of weekly unemployment subsidy, not more Trump judges;

Urgent relief for small businesses like restaurants, not more Trump judges;

Emergency rental assistance and protection from eviction or foreclosure, not more Trump judges;

Help for airline workers, not more Trump judges;

Funding, testing, tracing, treatment to crush the virus and reopen safely, not more Trump judges.

I urge the Senate to pass the Heroes Act now.

CONGRATULATING JIM GALLOWAY

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Jim Galloway on his retirement from The Atlanta Journal-Constitution.

He most recently served as AJC's political columnist and has been a writer and editor there for over 41 years.

Jim knows Atlanta like the back of his hand, and he covered some of its most prominent figures and events.

He was responsible for creating the AJC's Political Insider Blog, which is one of the south's most influential political news sites.

Starting in 1992, Jim led the newspaper's Presidential coverage. He also covered various topics on religion, and even led the AJC foreign desk.

I am thankful for Jim's many years of dedication to reporting in an honest and balanced manner, and I wish him the best as he begins his retirement.

AMERICA NEEDS TARGETED ASSISTANCE

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

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, nearly 8 months ago, our lives changed dramatically due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With cases surging across the country and in Minnesota, the devastation to our small businesses is significantly increasing.

Main Street businesses are the backbone of our local economies. They bring value to our communities and to our lives. We must act with urgency to support those most impacted by this pandemic.

We have legislation to do this. My bill, the Prioritized Paycheck Protection Program, would allow small businesses with 100 or fewer employees who have sustained significant losses due to COVID-19 to receive a second PPP loan.

In addition, we need to provide targeted assistance to specific industries. I have cosponsored the RESTAURANTS Act and Save our Stages Act, which would create grant programs so our restaurants and independent entertainment venues can survive these unprecedented and unpredictable times.

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I urge my colleagues to come together behind a bipartisan relief bill to protect our small businesses and local economies.

ONE MORE THING TO BE
THANKFUL FOR

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

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, bells should be ringing today, and I just don't mean on Wall Street. Across the entire Nation, bells should be ringing.

Today, as I have been promising since early summer, not one but two vaccines will ask the FDA for emergency use authorization.

Congratulations to President Trump. Congratulations to Vice President PENCE and his Warp Speed team. Congratulations to Pfizer and BioNTech. You did it. American innovation has persevered again.

We have three million doses right now, enough to vaccinate every nursing home patient in America. We will have 50 million doses by December being distributed, as well.

Thanks to almighty God who inspired the scientists who led to the discovery.

Indeed, bells will be ringing across America this Thanksgiving. We have one more thing to be thankful for.

IN HONOR OF INTERNATIONAL
TRANSGENDER DAY OF REMEM-
BRANCE

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, just this year alone, 37 beautiful transgender or gender nonconforming people in this country have been murdered.

This abhorrent, unacceptable violence must end.

On this International Transgender Day of Remembrance I would like to take this moment to read the names and to honor their memories: Dustin Parker, Neulisa Luciano Ruiz, Yampi Mendez Arocho, Scottlyn DeVore, Monika Diamond, Lexi, Johanna Metzger, Serena Angeliqve Velazquez Ramos, Layla Pelaez Sanchez, Penelope Diaz Ramirez, Nina Pop, Helle Jae O'Regan, Tony McDade, Dominique "Rem'mie" Fells, Riah Milton, Jayne Thompson, Selena Reyes-Hernandez, Brian "Egypt" Powers, Brayla Stone, Merci Mack, Shaki Peters, Bree Black, Summer Taylor, Marilyn Cazares, Dior H Ova, Queasha Hardy, Aja Raquell Rhone-Spears, Lea Rayshon Daye, Kee Sam, Aerrion Burnett, Mia Green, Michelle Michellyn Ramos Vargas, Felycya Harris, Brooklyn Deshuna, Sara Blackwood, Angel Unique, Yuni Carey.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL
PHILANTHROPY DAY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a founder of the Service Organization Caucus to celebrate National Philanthropy Day, an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the many acts of kindness and service that individuals and organizations across this Nation do each day.

Serving others has always been a passion of mine. From being a volunteer firefighter to being involved in scouting, I have always believed it is my duty to give back.

Service plays a key role in supporting and uplifting our communities. The amazing service and philanthropic organizations across the Nation that give countless hours serving others and doing their part deserve a big thank you.

I am honored to co-chair the Service Organization Caucus with my colleague and friend, Congressman PANETTA of California.

I encourage everyone to do their part in honor of National Philanthropy Day. To my colleagues, I invite you to join me on this service caucus where we can work together from both sides of the aisle to promote and to support our local volunteer service organizations.

AMERICANS NEED RELIEF

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

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues and leadership in Congress to reach a compromise and pass much-needed relief as our country continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The dramatic rise in cases and deaths are alarming and require a strong and urgent response from the Federal Government to continue supporting our local response across this country.

We must extend critical unemployment assistance to the thousands of Granite Staters who have lost their jobs and will see their benefits expire the day after Christmas.

We must provide relief for our State and local governments that have spent millions of dollars responding to this pandemic and are facing devastating budget shortfalls when the legislature reconvenes in January.

Small businesses, especially restaurants, continue to face the negative economic consequences of this pandemic, and Congress must renew critical portions of the bipartisan CARES Act that served as a lifeline for our business community.

The House has already passed two comprehensive pieces of legislation, and I was proud to support these bills. We need to see real action and leader-

ship from the Senate and the outgoing Trump administration to get the job done.

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RECOGNIZING THE DAHL
BROTHERS

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize two senior airmen, brothers from south Jersey whose commitment to this country and their family embody all that makes America so amazing.

Thomas "Jeff" Dahl, Jr., and Charles Dahl are the sons of Lieutenant Colonel Tom and Jennifer Dahl.

Jeff joined the New Jersey Air Force National Guard in January 2018 as a fuel systems apprentice and currently attends Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Charles Dahl joined the National Guard in May 2019 as a munitions assistant apprentice.

Both men are avid and well-known outdoorsmen, and they are committed to their community and south Jersey.

These young men are in the pool to deploy with the 177th Fighter Wing in 2021. This carries on a family legacy of combat deployments going back to their grandfather, who deployed to Korea, and their father, who deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Men, you inspire all of us with your lives and the future that I know will be an inspiration for many others. I was happy to crash your party that day and get to know you just a little bit better.

God bless you, God bless what you do, God bless your bravery, and God bless the United States of America.

MILLIONS NEED OUR HELP

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

Ms. WEXTON. Mr. Speaker, COVID cases in my district are doubling, tripling, or worse. From the D.C. suburbs to the rural areas, no part is immune.

What is it going to take to burst the bubble our Senate colleagues are living in and wake them up to reality? Because in this reality, 12 million Americans are going to lose their unemployment benefits next month if we don't act. In this reality, tens of thousands of small businesses are on track to close their doors for good by the end of the winter.

If our Senate colleagues continue to sit on their hands and continue to do nothing, then on top of a public health crisis and an economic crisis, we are also going to have a homelessness crisis as eviction and foreclosure moratoriums expire.

Mr. Speaker, I am urging leaders of both parties in both Chambers of Congress to come together, and let's vote