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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, March 16, 2020, at 3 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DELBENE).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 13, 2020.

I hereby appoint the Honorable SUZAN K. DELBENE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: God of mercy, thank You for giving us another day.

Bless the Members of the people's House today, a legislative day in response to the growing impact of the coronavirus. As our leaders near an agreement on an economic stimulus package to combat the effects of the pandemic, send Your comforting and encouraging spirit to each one.

May they, united in their resolve to serve all Your people, put aside the divisions that exist to find an effective response that benefits all, but most especially those who are one or two paychecks removed from long-lasting negative impacts beyond the presence of the disease itself.

We thank You, as well, for those men and women in the private sector whose

generosity and sensitivity to the vulnerable have emerged to the edification of all who have eyes to see. Bless them for their response in the current environment.

Finally, continue to bless those who suffer with the virus infection and those whose labor is in treating this illness and finding an effective cure.

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

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(a) of House Resolution 891, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Washington (Mr. NEWHOUSE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. NEWHOUSE 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 five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### PROMPT ACTION NEEDED TO ADDRESS CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

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

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

Our Nation is confronting an unprecedented pandemic, unlike what any of us can remember.

Our role in the Congress is to be proactive and ensure public health officials have the resources and tools that they need to keep our communities safe in the coming weeks and months.

Prompt action is needed to address this extraordinary situation, and the Families First Coronavirus Response Act begins to meet the needs of many people in our communities.

The legislation ensures testing is 100 percent covered and paid sick leave. It ensures that food and economic assistance goes directly to hardworking men, women, and families deeply affected by the outbreak.

It also provides much-needed financial assistance to the States to meet this critical public health challenge that they are facing right now.

Leaders must lead. People are legitimately afraid, but we have to work together to address this issue.

### EXTEND CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM STANDARDS PROGRAM

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

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Mr. SHIMKUS. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the extension of the Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards program.

The CFATS program, first authorized in 2006, is a continuation of congressional efforts since September 11 to protect the homeland. The program surgically and directly addresses gaps in Federal law regarding the security of high-risk facilities that use or possess chemicals of concern at levels of concern.

The program is unique in that, to avoid overlapping with other Federal programs, CFATS was designed to foster collaboration between the government and regulated parties.

CFATS is a security program. Regrettably, over the years, some have tried to make CFATS a safety program, but safety and security are two very different things. Security is about protecting your ability to operate, and safety is about controlling how you operate. We should continue to preserve the program's focus on security.

Finally, it is imperative that, going forward, we find a way to extend the life of the program for a longer period of time, at least 5 years, in order to give the program, its personnel, and the participants the consistency they all need to be successful in their mission.

#### DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO MINIMIZE DAMAGE FROM PANDEMIC

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, today, the House will vote on the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

This critical legislation provides much-needed support for working people across America.

It includes funding for free coronavirus tests for everyone who needs it; 14 days of paid sick leave and up to 3 months of paid family and medical leave; enhanced unemployment insurance that will protect furloughed workers; food security through SNAP, student meals, senior nutrition, and food banks; and increased Federal funds for Medicaid.

We are facing an enormous crisis in our country right now.

Once we pass this bill, the Senate and the President need to act swiftly so these resources are made available to the American people.

Madam Speaker, I thank Speaker NANCY PELOSI and all of our colleagues who worked so hard on this over the last several days. Nothing is more important than protecting the health and well-being of the American people.

There is more work to be done, and we will do whatever it takes, bear any burden, confront any obstacle in order to minimize the damage that this pandemic will do to our country, and we will do all that we can to keep our country and our constituents safe.

#### SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES TO HELP RECOVERY

(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, the prevailing thought has been "things will get worse before it gets better," and recently, it appears the "worse" part is here.

Necessary measures are being taken as we have learned more about this virus. We now have a new term: "social distancing."

Small businesses, though, are suffering, and tourism, the economy in general. This outbreak is causing a lot of hurt.

Now more than ever, it is important to support our local small businesses. They are the backbone of our economy and are experiencing a decline that we haven't seen in a long time from the recent coronavirus outbreak in their towns.

Their failure will result in a much larger problem for a country that has proven to be quite resilient.

The SBA is offering disaster assistance loans to small businesses impacted by the virus.

The issue is to ease and cushion our economy so that, in a few weeks, we can start our bounce back. And, indeed, we will bounce back.

Last week's measure will help our health providers. Hopefully, this week's economic package is not chock-full of socialist wish lists by the Democrats but is something that will actually be helpful to save lives and the economy and is affordable at the same time.

I hope we can accomplish good work this week.

#### CORONAVIRUS NOT REPUBLICAN OR DEMOCRATIC

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

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, today, the House of Representatives will consider the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, critical legislation to expand paid emergency leave for American workers, to ensure free coronavirus testing, to bolster unemployment insurance for furloughed workers, and to strengthen our safety net for workers and students experiencing food insecurity due to closures.

Democrats and Republicans must continue to advance this emergency legislation to protect the health and economic security of the American people.

The coronavirus does not choose Republican or Democrat, and the American people are looking to this Chamber for swift and decisive leadership.

Madam Speaker, I thank our front-line nurses, doctors, physicians, public health officials, and first responders for

their tireless and courageous efforts to keep Granite Staters safe. They are heroes to all of us, and they are bringing needed comfort to those who have been impacted by this public health crisis.

#### HONORING CAPTAIN MOISES NAVAS AND GUNNERY SERGEANT DIEGO PONGO

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Madam Speaker, Captain Moises Navas and Gunnery Sergeant Diego Pongo, both Marine Raiders, lost their lives on March 8 while on a mission to eliminate ISIS terrorists in Iraq.

I met Captain Navas last year when he spoke at a ceremony to rename a local post office in honor of his fallen comrade, Sergeant Dietrich Schmieman, a central Washington native.

With great poise and humility, the captain said at the time: "We can all sleep well and find comfort in knowing that it is Americans who raise their hands; this Nation's defense is in the hands of guys such as Dietrich Schmieman."

Madam Speaker, it is imperative that we not lose sight of the fact that, as we speak, the brave men and women of our Armed Forces are standing guard to keep our Nation safe.

Today, I rise to echo those powerful words from a brave young captain, pictured here alongside Sergeant Schmieman's parents at the post office dedication, to say that we can indeed sleep soundly because of heroes like Moises, Diego, and Dietrich.

#### HONORING SIDNEY ESKENAZI

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

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and fellow Hoosier, Sidney Eskenazi. He will be celebrating his 90th birthday this March 25.

Sidney is a true philanthropist and civic leader. He and his loving wife, Lois, serve as pillars of our Hoosier community and role models for future generations. Without their charitable efforts, many Hoosiers would not have access to higher education, the fine arts, and quality healthcare.

Indiana is indebted to the Eskenazis for their leadership and generosity over the past five decades.

The Pence family, my wife, my children, are truly blessed to consider Sidney and Lois close friends, and we thank them for serving our communities with a true servant heart.

God bless Sid and Lois, and I look forward to continuing to work with them for the benefit of Hoosiers everywhere.

Happy birthday, Sid.

WE REPRESENT ALL OF AMERICA

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

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I came down this morning, after hearing Father Conroy give his opening speech, to address this House and to address this Nation today in these hallowed Halls to send the message that today is not a day to engage in partisan politics.

As a Republican, my hand is open to my fellow Americans, for us to come together, to stand with our Nation as we face this coronavirus crisis across the country.

Madam Speaker, the people of America are who we represent. They are not Democrat and Republican; they are American. Now is the time to lead with smart, targeted decisionmaking proposals that will improve their lives for the better.

God bless.

COMMUNICATION FROM SPECIAL ASSISTANT, THE HONORABLE HENRY CUELLAR, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Ninamarie Andrews, Special Assistant, the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR, Member of Congress:

HENRY CUELLAR,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
March 10, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAME SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I, Ninamarie Andrews, have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

After consultation with the Office of House Employment Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,  
NINAMARIE ANDREWS,  
Special Assistant,  
Office of the 28th District of Texas.

COMMUNICATION FROM LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR/COUNSEL, THE HONORABLE HENRY CUELLAR, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Travis Knight, Legislative Director/Counsel, the Honorable HENRY CUELLAR, Member of Congress:

HENRY CUELLAR,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
March 11, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAME SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I, Travis Knight, have been served with a subpoena for testimony issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

After consultation with the Office of House Employment Counsel, I have determined

that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,  
TRAVIS KNIGHT,  
Legislative Director / Counsel,  
Offices of U.S. Congressman Henry Cuellar.

□ 0915

COVID-19 REQUIRES COMPREHENSIVE RESPONSE

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

Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL. Madam Speaker, Miami-Dade County has its first two confirmed cases of COVID-19, and we are all very concerned. Across the country, events are canceled and store shelves are empty. With anxieties high, we are receiving mixed messages when what we need right now is coherent direction.

It is discouraging to see countries like South Korea respond much more effectively than we are. While they screen tens of thousands, we have sick patients and frustrated doctors who cannot access testing.

This is not right. We must make tests available and accessible to everyone. We must strengthen our healthcare system so we have the beds, the masks, the respirators, and the supplies to respond to a surge in cases. We must provide relief to our working families and local businesses struggling to cope with this virus.

Madam Speaker, I believe we have it within us to fulfill these needs, but we all must come together for a comprehensive response to meet this moment. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 16 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 0011

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BROWN of Maryland) at 12 o'clock and 11 minutes a.m.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, March 13, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II

of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on March 13, 2020, at 5:28 p.m., and said to contain a message from the President on declaring a national emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) outbreak.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,  
Clerk of the House.

DECLARING A NATIONAL EMERGENCY CONCERNING THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) OUTBREAK—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 116-108)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Ways and Means, and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to section 201 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1621), I hereby report that I have exercised my authority to declare that the outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the United States constitutes a national emergency. This declaration invokes section 1135 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1320b-5, to allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to exercise the authority under that section to temporarily waive or modify certain requirements of the Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance programs and of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Privacy Rule throughout the duration of the public health emergency declared in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

I am enclosing a copy of the proclamation I have issued.

DONALD J. TRUMP,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 13, 2020.

FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 6201) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6201

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Families First Coronavirus Response Act".

SEC. 2. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents is as follows:

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DIVISION G—TAX CREDITS FOR PAID SICK AND PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

DIVISION H—BUDGETARY EFFECTS

### SEC. 3. REFERENCES.

Except as expressly provided otherwise, any reference to “this Act” contained in any division of this Act shall be treated as referring only to the provisions of that division.

### DIVISION A—SECOND CORONAVIRUS PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2020

The following sums are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, and for other purposes, namely:

#### TITLE I

##### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

###### FOOD AND NUTRITION SERVICE

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

For an additional amount for the “Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children”, \$500,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2021: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

###### COMMODITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For an additional amount for the “Commodity Assistance Program” for the emergency food assistance program as authorized by section 27(a) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2036(a)) and section 204(a)(1) of the Emergency Food Assistance Act of 1983 (7 U.S.C. 7508(a)(1)), \$400,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2021: *Provided*, That of the funds made available, the Secretary may use up to \$100,000,000 for costs associated with the distribution of commodities: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

###### GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS TITLE

SEC. 1101. (a) PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—During fiscal year 2020, in any case in which a school is closed for at least 5 consecutive days during a public health emergency designation during which the school would otherwise be in session, each household containing at least 1 member who is an eligible child attending the school shall be eligible to receive assistance pursuant to a state agency plan approved under subsection (b).

(b) ASSISTANCE.—To carry out this section, the Secretary of Agriculture may approve State agency plans for temporary emergency standards of eligibility and levels of benefits under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.) for households with eligible children. Plans approved by the Secretary shall provide for supplemental allotments to households receiving benefits under such Act, and issuances to households not already receiving benefits. Such level of benefits shall be determined by the Secretary in an amount not less than the value of meals

at the free rate over the course of 5 school days for each eligible child in the household.

(c) MINIMUM CLOSURE REQUIREMENT.—The Secretary of Agriculture shall not provide assistance under this section in the case of a school that is closed for less than 5 consecutive days.

(d) USE OF EBT SYSTEM.—A State agency may provide assistance under this section through the EBT card system established under section 7 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2016).

(e) RELEASE OF INFORMATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Agriculture may authorize State educational agencies and school food authorities administering a school lunch program under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) to release to appropriate officials administering the supplemental nutrition assistance program such information as may be necessary to carry out this section.

(f) WAIVERS.—To facilitate implementation of this section, the Secretary of Agriculture may approve waivers of the limits on certification periods otherwise applicable under section 3(f) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(f)), reporting requirements otherwise applicable under section 6(c) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 2015(c)), and other administrative requirements otherwise applicable to State agencies under such Act.

(g) AVAILABILITY OF COMMODITIES.—During fiscal year 2020, the Secretary of Agriculture may purchase commodities for emergency distribution in any area of the United States during a public health emergency designation.

(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) The term “eligible child” means a child (as defined in section 12(d) or served under section 11(a)(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(d), 1759(a)(1)) who, if not for the closure of the school attended by the child during a public health emergency designation and due to concerns about a COVID-19 outbreak, would receive free or reduced price school meals under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) at the school.

(2) The term “public health emergency designation” means the declaration of a public health emergency, based on an outbreak of SARS-CoV-2 or another coronavirus with pandemic potential, by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d).

(3) The term “school” has the meaning given the term in section 12(d) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(d)).

(i) FUNDING.—There are hereby appropriated to the Secretary of Agriculture such amounts as are necessary to carry out this section: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

SEC. 1102. In addition to amounts otherwise made available, \$100,000,000, to remain available through September 30, 2021, shall be available for the Secretary of Agriculture to provide grants to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and American Samoa for nutrition assistance in response to a COVID-19 public health emergency: *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### TITLE II

##### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

###### DEFENSE HEALTH PROGRAM

For an additional amount for “Defense Health Program”, \$82,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, for health services consisting of SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19 related items and services as described in section 6006(a) of division F of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (or the administration of such products): *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### TITLE III

##### DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

###### INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

###### TAXPAYER SERVICES

For an additional amount for “Taxpayer Services”, \$15,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, for the purposes of carrying out the Families First Coronavirus Response Act: *Provided*, That amounts provided under this heading in this Act may be transferred to and merged with “Operations Support”: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### TITLE IV

##### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

###### INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE

###### INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES

For an additional amount for “Indian Health Services”, \$64,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, for health services consisting of SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19 related items and services as described in section 6007 of division F of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (or the administration of such products): *Provided*, That such amounts shall be allocated at the discretion of the Director of the Indian Health Service: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

#### TITLE V

##### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

###### SERVICES

###### ADMINISTRATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING

###### AGING AND DISABILITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

For an additional amount for “Aging and Disability Services Programs”, \$250,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2021, for activities authorized under subparts 1 and 2 of part C, of title III, and under title VI, of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (“OAA”), of which \$160,000,000 shall be for Home-Delivered Nutrition Services, \$80,000,000 shall be for Congregate Nutrition Services, and \$10,000,000 shall be for Nutrition Services for Native Americans: *Provided*, That State matching requirements under sections 304(d)(1)(D) and 309(b)(2) of the OAA shall not apply to funds made available under this heading in this Act: *Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

###### OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

###### PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

###### EMERGENCY FUND

For an additional amount for “Public Health and Social Services Emergency

Fund”, \$1,000,000,000, to remain available until expended, for activities authorized under section 2812 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300hh-11), in coordination with the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, to pay the claims of providers for reimbursement, as described in subsection (a)(3)(D) of such section 2812, for health services consisting of SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19 related items and services as described in paragraph (1) of section 6001(a) of division F of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (or the administration of such products) or visits described in paragraph (2) of such section for uninsured individuals: *Provided*, That the term “uninsured individual” in this paragraph means an individual who is not enrolled in—

(1) a Federal health care program (as defined under section 1128B(f) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320a-7b(f)), including an individual who is eligible for medical assistance only because of subsection (a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXIII) of Section 1902 of the Social Security Act; or

(2) a group health plan or health insurance coverage offered by a health insurance issuer in the group or individual market (as such terms are defined in section 2791 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg-91)), or a health plan offered under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code:

*Provided further*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

**TITLE VI**

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS  
VETERANS HEALTH ADMINISTRATION  
MEDICAL SERVICES**

For an additional amount for “Medical Services”, \$30,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, for health services consisting of SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19 related items and services as described in section 6006(b) of division F of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (or the administration of such products): *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

**MEDICAL COMMUNITY CARE**

For an additional amount for “Medical Community Care”, \$30,000,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, for health services consisting of SARS-CoV-2 or COVID-19 related items and services as described in section 6006(b) of division F of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (or the administration of such products): *Provided*, That such amount is designated by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

**TITLE VII**

**GENERAL PROVISIONS—THIS ACT**

SEC. 1701. Not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the head of each executive agency that receives funding in this Act shall provide a report detailing the anticipated uses of all such funding to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate: *Provided*, That each report shall include estimated personnel and administrative costs, as well as the total amount of funding apportioned, allotted, obligated, and expended, to date: *Provided further*, That each such plan shall be updated and submitted to such Committees every 60 days until all funds are expended or expire.

SEC. 1702. States and local governments receiving funds or assistance pursuant to this division shall ensure the respective State Emergency Operations Center receives regular and real-time reporting on aggregated data on testing and results from State and local public health departments, as determined by the Director of the Centers for Disease Control, and that such data is transmitted to the Centers for Disease Control.

SEC. 1703. Each amount appropriated or made available by this Act is in addition to amounts otherwise appropriated for the fiscal year involved.

SEC. 1704. No part of any appropriation contained in this Act shall remain available for obligation beyond the current fiscal year unless expressly so provided herein.

SEC. 1705. Unless otherwise provided for by this Act, the additional amounts appropriated by this Act to appropriations accounts shall be available under the authorities and conditions applicable to such appropriations accounts for fiscal year 2020.

SEC. 1706. Each amount designated in this Act by the Congress as being for an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 shall be available (or rescinded or transferred, if applicable) only if the President subsequently so designates all such amounts and transmits such designations to the Congress.

SEC. 1707. Any amount appropriated by this Act, designated by the Congress as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and subsequently so designated by the President, and transferred pursuant to transfer authorities provided by this Act shall retain such designation.

This division may be cited as the “Second Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020”.

**DIVISION B—NUTRITION WAIVERS**

**TITLE I—MAINTAINING ESSENTIAL ACCESS TO LUNCH FOR STUDENTS ACT**

**SEC. 2101. SHORT TITLE.**

This title may be cited as the “Maintaining Essential Access to Lunch for Students Act” or the “MEALS Act”.

**SEC. 2102. WAIVER EXCEPTION FOR SCHOOL CLOSURES DUE TO COVID-19.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—The requirements under section 12(1)(1)(A)(iii) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(1)(1)(A)(iii)) shall not apply to a qualified COVID-19 waiver.

(b) ALLOWABLE INCREASE IN FEDERAL COSTS.—Notwithstanding paragraph (4) of section 12(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(1)), the Secretary of Agriculture may grant a qualified COVID-19 waiver that increases Federal costs.

(c) TERMINATION AFTER PERIODIC REVIEW.—The requirements under section 12(1)(5) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(1)(5)) shall not apply to a qualified COVID-19 waiver.

(d) QUALIFIED COVID-19 WAIVER.—In this section, the term “qualified COVID-19 waiver” means a waiver—

(1) requested by a State (as defined in section 12(d)(8) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(d)(8))) or eligible service provider under section 12(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(1)); and

(2) to waive any requirement under such Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) or the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), or any regulation issued under either such Act, for purposes of providing meals and meal supplements under such Acts during a school closure due to COVID-19.

**TITLE II—COVID-19 CHILD NUTRITION RESPONSE ACT**

**SEC. 2201. SHORT TITLE.**

This title may be cited as the “COVID-19 Child Nutrition Response Act”.

**SEC. 2202. NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM REQUIREMENT WAIVERS ADDRESSING COVID-19.**

(a) NATIONWIDE WAIVER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may establish a waiver for all States under section 12(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(1)), for purposes of—

(A) providing meals and meal supplements under a qualified program; and

(B) carrying out subparagraph (A) with appropriate safety measures with respect to COVID-19, as determined by the Secretary.

(2) STATE ELECTION.—A waiver established under paragraph (1) shall—

(A) notwithstanding paragraph (2) of section 12(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(1)), apply automatically to any State that elects to be subject to the waiver without further application; and

(B) not be subject to the requirements under paragraph (3) of such section.

(b) CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM WAIVER.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may grant a waiver under section 12(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 23 1760(1)) to allow non-congregate feeding under a child and adult care food program under section 17 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766) if such waiver is for the purposes of—

(1) providing meals and meal supplements under such child and adult care food program; and

(2) carrying out paragraph (1) with appropriate safety measures with respect to COVID-19, as determined by the Secretary.

(c) MEAL PATTERN WAIVER.—Notwithstanding paragraph (4)(A) of section 12(1) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(1)) the Secretary may grant a waiver under such section that relates to the nutritional content of meals served if the Secretary determines that—

(1) such waiver is necessary to provide meals and meal supplements under a qualified program; and

(2) there is a supply chain disruption with respect to foods served under such a qualified program and such disruption is due to COVID-19.

(d) REPORTS.—Each State that receives a waiver under subsection (a), (b), or (c), shall, not later than 1 year after the date such State received such waiver, submit a report to the Secretary that includes the following:

(1) A summary of the use of such waiver by the State and eligible service providers.

(2) A description of whether such waiver resulted in improved services to children.

(e) SUNSET.—The authority of the Secretary to establish or grant a waiver under this section shall expire on September 30, 2020.

(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) QUALIFIED PROGRAM.—The term “qualified program” means the following:

(A) The school lunch program under the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.).

(B) The school breakfast program under section 4 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1773).

(C) The child and adult care food program under section 17 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1766).

(D) The summer food service program for children under section 13 of the Richard B.

Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1761).

(2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(3) STATE.—The term “State” has the meaning given such term in section 12(d)(8) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1760(d)(8)).

**SEC. 2203. PHYSICAL PRESENCE WAIVER UNDER WIC DURING CERTAIN PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES.**

(a) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary may grant a request described in paragraph (2) to—

(A) waive the requirement under section 17(d)(3)(C)(i) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(d)(3)(C)(i)); and

(B) defer anthropometric and bloodwork requirements necessary to determine nutritional risk.

(2) REQUEST.—A request described in this paragraph is a request made to the Secretary by a State agency to waive, on behalf of the local agencies served by such State agency, the requirements described in paragraph (1) during any portion of the emergency period (as defined in paragraph (1)(B) of section 1135(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–5(g))) (beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this section).

(b) REPORTS.—

(1) LOCAL AGENCY REPORTS.—Each local agency that uses a waiver pursuant to subsection (a) shall, not later than 1 year after the date such local agency uses such waiver, submit a report to the State agency serving such local agency that includes the following:

(A) A summary of the use of such waiver by the local agency.

(B) A description of whether such waiver resulted in improved services to women, infants, and children.

(2) STATE AGENCY REPORTS.—Each State agency that receives a waiver under subsection (a) shall, not later than 18 months after the date such State agency received such waiver, submit a report to the Secretary that includes the following:

(A) A summary of the reports received by the State agency under paragraph (1).

(B) A description of whether such waiver resulted in improved services to women, infants, and children.

(c) SUNSET.—The authority under this section shall expire on September 30, 2020.

(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) LOCAL AGENCY.—The term “local agency” has the meaning given the term in section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)).

(2) NUTRITIONAL RISK.—The term “nutritional risk” has the meaning given the term in section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)).

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(4) STATE AGENCY.—The term “State agency” has the meaning given the term in section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)).

**SEC. 2204. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS WAIVER UNDER WIC.**

(a) WAIVER AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Agriculture may, if requested by a State agency (as defined in section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b))), modify or waive any qualified administrative requirement with respect to such State agency.

(2) QUALIFIED ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENT.—In this section, the term “qualified administrative requirement” means a regulatory requirement issued under section 17 of

the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786) that the Secretary of Agriculture determines—

(A) cannot be met by a State agency due to COVID-19; and

(B) the modification or waiver of which is necessary to provide assistance under such section.

(b) STATE AGENCY REPORTS.—Each State agency that receives a waiver under subsection (a)(1) shall, not later than 1 year after the date such State agency received such waiver, submit a report to the Secretary of Agriculture that includes the following:

(1) A summary of the use of such waiver by the State agency.

(2) A description of whether such waiver resulted in improved services to women, infants, and children.

(c) SUNSET.—The authority under this section shall expire on September 30, 2020.

**TITLE III—SNAP WAIVERS**

**SEC. 2301. SNAP FLEXIBILITY FOR LOW-INCOME JOBLESS WORKERS.**

(a) Beginning with the first month that begins after the enactment of this Act and for each subsequent month through the end of the month subsequent to the month a public health emergency declaration by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act based on an outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is lifted, eligibility for supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits shall not be limited under section 6(o)(2) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 unless an individual does not comply with the requirements of a program offered by the State agency (as defined in section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008) that meets the standards of subparagraphs (B) or (C) of such section 6(o)(2).

(b) Beginning on the month subsequent to the month the public health emergency declaration by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act based on an outbreak of COVID-19 is lifted for purposes of section 6(o) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008, such State agency shall disregard any period during which an individual received benefits under the supplemental nutrition assistance program prior to such month.

**SEC. 2302. ADDITIONAL SNAP FLEXIBILITIES IN A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.**

(a) In the event of a public health emergency declaration by the Secretary of Health and Human Services under section 319 of the Public Health Service Act based on an outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and the issuance of an emergency or disaster declaration by a State based on an outbreak of COVID-19, the Secretary of Agriculture—

(1) shall provide, at the request of a State agency (as defined in section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008) that provides sufficient data (as determined by the Secretary through guidance) supporting such request, for emergency allotments to households participating in the supplemental nutrition assistance program under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to address temporary food needs not greater than the applicable maximum monthly allotment for the household size; and

(2) may adjust, at the request of State agencies or by guidance in consultation with one or more State agencies, issuance methods and application and reporting requirements under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to be consistent with what is practicable under actual conditions in affected areas. (In making this adjustment, the Secretary shall consider the availability of offices and personnel in State agencies, any conditions that make reliance on electronic benefit transfer

systems described in section 7(h) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 impracticable, any disruptions of transportation and communication facilities, and any health considerations that warrant alternative approaches.)

(b) Not later than 10 days after the date of the receipt or issuance of each document listed in paragraphs (1), (2), or (3) of this subsection, the Secretary of Agriculture shall make publicly available on the website of the Department the following documents:

(1) Any request submitted by State agencies under subsection (a).

(2) The Secretary’s approval or denial of each such request.

(3) Any guidance issued under subsection (a)(2).

(c) The Secretary of Agriculture shall, within 18 months after the public health emergency declaration described in subsection (a) is lifted, submit a report to the House and Senate Agriculture Committees with a description of the measures taken to address the food security needs of affected populations during the emergency, any information or data supporting State agency requests, any additional measures that States requested that were not approved, and recommendations for changes to the Secretary’s authority under the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 to assist the Secretary and States and localities in preparations for any future health emergencies.

**DIVISION C—EMERGENCY FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE EXPANSION ACT**

**SEC. 3101. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as “Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act”.

**SEC. 3102. AMENDMENTS TO THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT OF 1993.**

(a) PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY LEAVE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 102(a)(1) of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2612(a)(1)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(F) During the period beginning on the date the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act takes effect, and ending on December 31, 2020, because of a qualifying need related to a public health emergency in accordance with section 110.”.

(2) PAID LEAVE REQUIREMENT.—Section 102(c) of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2612(c)) is amended by striking “under subsection (a)” and inserting “under subsection (a) (other than certain periods of leave under subsection 8 (a)(1)(F))”.

(b) REQUIREMENTS.—Title I of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2611 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following:

**“SEC. 110. PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY LEAVE.**

“(a) DEFINITIONS.—The following shall apply with respect to leave under section 102(a)(1)(F):

“(1) APPLICATION OF CERTAIN TERMS.—The definitions in section 101 shall apply, except as follows:

“(A) ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE.—In lieu of the definition in sections 101(2)(A) and 101(2)(B)(ii), the term ‘eligible employee’ means an employee who has been employed for at least 30 calendar days by the employer with respect to whom leave is requested under section 102(a)(1)(F).

“(B) EMPLOYER THRESHOLD.—Section 101(4)(A)(i) shall be applied by substituting ‘fewer than 500 employees’ for ‘50 or more employees for each working day during each of 20 or more calendar workweeks in the current or preceding calendar year’.

“(C) PARENT.—In lieu of the definition in section 101(7), the term ‘parent’, with respect to an employee, means any of the following:

“(i) A biological, foster, or adoptive parent of the employee.

“(ii) A stepparent of the employee.

“(iii) A parent-in-law of the employee.  
 “(iv) A parent of a domestic partner of the employee.  
 “(v) A legal guardian or other person who stood in loco parentis to an employee when the employee was a child.  
 “(2) ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS.—In addition to the definitions described in paragraph (1), the following definitions shall apply with respect to leave under section 102(a)(1)(F):  
 “(A) QUALIFYING NEED RELATED TO A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—The term ‘qualifying need related to a public health emergency’, with respect to leave, means the employee has a need for leave for one of the following:  
 “(i) To comply with a recommendation or order by a public official having jurisdiction or a health care provider on the basis that—  
 “(I) the physical presence of the employee on the job would jeopardize the health of others because of—  
 “(aa) the exposure of the employee to coronavirus; or  
 “(bb) exhibition of symptoms of coronavirus by the employee; and  
 “(II) the employee is unable to both perform the functions of the position of such employee and comply with such recommendation or order.  
 “(ii) To care for a family member of an eligible employee with respect to whom a public official having jurisdiction or a health care provider makes a determination that the presence of the family member in the community would jeopardize the health of other individuals in the community because of—  
 “(I) the exposure of such family member to coronavirus; or  
 “(II) exhibition of symptoms of coronavirus by such family member.  
 “(iii) To care for the son or daughter under 18 years of age of such employee if the school or place of care has been closed, or the child care provider of such son or daughter is unavailable, due to a public health emergency.  
 “(B) PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.—The term ‘public health emergency’ means an emergency with respect to coronavirus declared by a Federal, State, or local authority.  
 “(C) CHILD CARE PROVIDER.—The term ‘child care provider’ means a provider who receives compensation for providing child care services on a regular basis, including an ‘eligible child care provider’ (as defined in section 658P of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 9858n)).  
 “(D) CORONAVIRUS.—The term ‘coronavirus’ has the meaning given the term in section 506 of the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020.  
 “(E) SCHOOL.—The term ‘school’ means an ‘elementary school’ or ‘secondary school’ as such terms are defined in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801).  
 “(F) FAMILY.—The term ‘family member’, with respect to an employee, means any of the following:  
 “(i) A parent of the employee.  
 “(ii) A spouse of the employee.  
 “(iii) A son or daughter, who is under 18 years of age, of the employee.  
 “(iv) An individual who is a pregnant woman, senior citizen, individual with a disability, or has access or functional needs and who is—  
 “(I) a son or daughter of the employee;  
 “(II) a next of kin of the employee or a person for whom the employee is next of kin; or  
 “(III) a grandparent or grandchild of the employee.  
 “(3) REGULATORY AUTHORITIES.—The Secretary of Labor shall have the authority to issue regulations for good cause under sections 553(b)(B) and 553(d)(A) of title 5, United States Code—

“(A) to exclude certain health care providers and emergency responders from the definition of eligible employee under section 110(a)(1)(A); and  
 “(B) to exempt small businesses with fewer than 50 employees from the requirements of section 102(a)(1)(F) when the imposition of such requirements would jeopardize the viability of the business as a going concern.  
 “(b) RELATIONSHIP TO PAID LEAVE.—  
 “(1) UNPAID LEAVE FOR INITIAL 14 DAYS.—  
 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The first 14 days for which an employee takes leave under section 102(a)(1)(F) may consist of unpaid leave.  
 “(B) EMPLOYEE ELECTION.—An employee may elect to substitute any accrued vacation leave, personal leave, or medical or sick leave for unpaid leave under section 102(a)(1)(F) in accordance with section 102(d)(2)(B).  
 “(C) EMPLOYER REQUIREMENT.—An employer may not require an employee to substitute any leave as described in subparagraph (B) for leave under section 102(a)(1)(F).  
 (2) PAID LEAVE FOR SUBSEQUENT DAYS.—  
 (A) IN GENERAL.—An employer shall provide paid leave for each day of leave under section 102(a)(1)(F) that an employee takes after taking leave under such section for 14 days.  
 “(B) CALCULATION.—Paid leave under subparagraph (A) for an employee shall be calculated based on—  
 “(i) an amount that is not less than two-thirds of an employee’s regular rate of pay (as determined under section 7(e) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 207(e)); and  
 “(ii) the number of hours the employee would otherwise be normally scheduled to work (or the number of hours calculated under subparagraph (C)).  
 “(C) VARYING SCHEDULE HOURS CALCULATION.—In the case of an employee whose schedule varies from week to week to such an extent that an employer is unable to determine with certainty the number of hours the employee would have worked if such employee had not taken leave under section 102(a)(1)(F), the employer shall use the following in place of such number:  
 “(i) Subject to clause (ii), a number equal to the average number of hours that the employee was scheduled per day over the 6-month period ending on the date on which the employee takes such leave, including hours for which the employee took leave of any type.  
 “(ii) If the employee did not work over such period, the reasonable expectation of the employee at the time of hiring of the average number of hours per day that the employee would normally be scheduled to work.  
 “(c) NOTICE.—In any case where the necessity for leave under section 102(a)(1)(F) for the purpose described in subsection (a)(2)(A)(iii) is foreseeable, an employee shall provide the employer with such notice of leave as is practicable.  
 “(d) RESTORATION TO POSITION.—  
 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 104(a)(1) shall not apply with respect to an employee of an employer who employs fewer than 25 employees if the conditions described in paragraph (2) are met.  
 “(2) CONDITIONS.—The conditions described in this paragraph are the following:  
 “(A) The employee takes leave under section 102(a)(1)(F).  
 “(B) The position held by the employee when the leave commenced does not exist due to economic conditions or other changes in operating conditions of the employer—  
 “(i) that affect employment; and  
 “(ii) are caused by a public health emergency during the period of leave.  
 “(C) The employer makes reasonable efforts to restore the employee to a position

equivalent to the position the employee held when the leave commenced, with equivalent employment benefits, pay, and other terms and conditions of employment.  
 “(D) If the reasonable efforts of the employer under subparagraph (C) fail, the employer makes reasonable efforts during the period described in paragraph (3) to contact the employee if an equivalent position described in subparagraph (C) becomes available.  
 “(3) CONTACT PERIOD.—The period described under this paragraph is the 1-year period beginning on the earlier of—  
 “(A) the date on which the qualifying need related to a public health emergency concludes; or  
 “(B) the date that is 12 weeks after the date on which the employee’s leave under section 102(a)(1)(F) commences.”  
**SEC. 3103. EMPLOYMENT UNDER MULTI-EMPLOYER BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.**  
 (a) EMPLOYERS.—An employer signatory to a multiemployer collective bargaining agreement may, consistent with its bargaining obligations and its collective bargaining agreement, fulfill its obligations under section 110(b)(2) of title I of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as added by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, by making contributions to a multiemployer fund, plan, or program based on the paid leave each of its employees is entitled to under such section while working under the multiemployer collective bargaining agreement, provided that the fund, plan, or program enables employees to secure pay from such fund, plan, or program based on hours they have worked under the multiemployer collective bargaining agreement for paid leave taken under section 102(a)(1)(F) of title I of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as added by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.  
 (b) EMPLOYEES.—Employees who work under a multiemployer collective bargaining agreement into which their employers make contributions as provided in subsection (a) may secure pay from such fund, plan, or program based on hours they have worked under the multiemployer collective bargaining agreement for paid leave taken under section 102(a)(1)(F) of title I of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as added by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.  
**SEC. 3104. SPECIAL RULE FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYERS.**  
 An employer under 110(a)(B) shall not be subject to section 107(a) for a violation of section 102(a)(1)(F) if the employer does not meet the definition of employer set forth at Section 101(4)(A)(i).  
**SEC. 3105. EFFECTIVE DATE.**  
 This Act shall take effect not later than 15 days after the date of enactment of this Act.  
**DIVISION D—EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE STABILIZATION AND ACCESS ACT OF 2020**  
**SEC. 4101. SHORT TITLE.**  
 This division may be cited as the “Emergency Unemployment Insurance Stabilization and Access Act of 2020”.  
**SEC. 4102. EMERGENCY TRANSFERS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATION.**  
 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 903 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1103) is amended by adding at the end the following:  
 “Emergency Transfers in Fiscal Year 2020 for Administration  
 “(h)(1)(A) In addition to any other amounts, the Secretary of Labor shall provide for the making of emergency administration grants in fiscal year 2020 to the accounts of the States in the Unemployment Trust Fund, in accordance with succeeding provisions of this subsection.

“(B) The amount of an emergency administration grant with respect to a State shall, as determined by the Secretary of Labor, be equal to the amount obtained by multiplying \$1,000,000,000 by the same ratio as would apply under subsection (a)(2)(B) for purposes of determining such State’s share of any excess amount (as described in subsection (a)(1)) that would have been subject to transfer to State accounts, as of October 1, 2019, under the provisions of subsection (a).

“(C) Of the emergency administration grant determined under subparagraph (B) with respect to a State—

“(i) not later than 60 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, 50 percent shall be transferred to the account of such State upon a certification by the Secretary of Labor to the Secretary of the Treasury that the State meets the requirements of paragraph (2); and

“(ii) only with respect to a State in which the number of unemployment compensation claims has increased by at least 10 percent over the same quarter in the previous calendar year, the remainder shall be transferred to the account of such State upon a certification by the Secretary of Labor to the Secretary of the Treasury that the State meets the requirements of paragraph (3).

“(2) The requirements of this paragraph with respect to a State are the following:

“(A) The State requires employers to provide notification of the availability of unemployment compensation to employees at the time of separation from employment. Such notification may be based on model notification language issued by the Secretary of Labor.

“(B) The State ensures that applications for unemployment compensation, and assistance with the application process, are accessible in at least two of the following: in-person, by phone, or online.

“(C) The State notifies applicants when an application is received and is being processed, and in any case in which an application is unable to be processed, provides information about steps the applicant can take to ensure the successful processing of the application.

“(3) The requirements of this paragraph with respect to a State are the following:

“(A) The State has expressed its commitment to maintain and strengthen access to the unemployment compensation system, including through initial and continued claims.

“(B) The State has demonstrated steps it has taken or will take to ease eligibility requirements and access to unemployment compensation for claimants, including waiving work search requirements and the waiting week, and non-charging employers directly impacted by COVID-19 due to an illness in the workplace or direction from a public health official to isolate or quarantine workers.

“(4) Any amount transferred to the account of a State under this subsection may be used by such State only for the administration of its unemployment compensation law, including by taking such steps as may be necessary to ensure adequate resources in periods of high demand.

“(5) Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Emergency Unemployment Insurance Stabilization and Access Act of 2020, each State receiving emergency administration grant funding under paragraph (1)(C)(i) shall submit to the Secretary of Labor, the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Finance of the Senate, a report that includes—

“(A) an analysis of the reciprocity rate for unemployment compensation in the State as such rate has changed over time;

“(B) a description of steps the State intends to take to increase such reciprocity rate.

“(6)(A) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of the Treasury shall transfer from the general fund of the Treasury (from funds not otherwise appropriated) to the employment security administration account (as established by section 901 of the Social Security Act) such sums as the Secretary of Labor estimates to be necessary for purposes of making the transfers described in paragraph (1)(C).

“(B) There are appropriated from the general fund of the Treasury, without fiscal year limitation, the sums referred to in the preceding sentence and such sums shall not be required to be repaid.”

(b) EMERGENCY FLEXIBILITY.—Notwithstanding any other law, if a State modifies its unemployment compensation law and policies with respect to work search, waiting week, good cause, or employer experience rating on an emergency temporary basis as needed to respond to the spread of COVID-19, such modifications shall be disregarded for the purposes of applying section 303 of the Social Security Act and section 3304 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to such State law.

(c) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Labor may prescribe any regulations, operating instructions, or other guidance necessary to carry out the amendment made by subsection (a).

**SEC. 4103. TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR STATES WITH ADVANCES.**

Section 1202(b)(10)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1322(b)(10)(A)) is amended by striking “beginning on the date of enactment of this paragraph and ending on December 31, 2010” and inserting “beginning on the date of enactment of the Emergency Unemployment Insurance Stabilization and Access Act of 2020 and ending on December 31, 2020”.

**SEC. 4104. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE FOR SHORT-TIME COMPENSATION PROGRAMS.**

The Secretary of Labor shall assist States in establishing, implementing, and improving the employer awareness of short-time compensation programs (as defined in section 3306(v) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) to help avert layoffs, including by providing technical assistance and guidance.

**SEC. 4105. FULL FEDERAL FUNDING OF EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION FOR A LIMITED PERIOD.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of sharable extended compensation and sharable regular compensation paid for weeks of unemployment beginning after the date of the enactment of this section and before December 31, 2020 (and only with respect to States that receive emergency administration grant funding under clauses (i) and (ii) of section 903(h)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1102(h)(1)(C))), section 204(a)(1) of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note) shall be applied by substituting “100 percent of” for “one-half of”.

(b) TEMPORARY FEDERAL MATCHING FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF EXTENDED BENEFITS FOR STATES WITH NO WAITING WEEK.—With respect to weeks of unemployment beginning after the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on or before December 31, 2020, subparagraph (B) of section 204(a)(2) of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970 (26 U.S.C. 3304 note) shall not apply.

(c) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section—

(1) the terms “sharable extended compensation” and “sharable regular compensation” have the respective meanings given

such terms under section 204 of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970; and

(2) the term “week” has the meaning given such term under section 205 of the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970.

(d) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of Labor may prescribe any operating instructions or regulations necessary to carry out this section.

**DIVISION E—EMERGENCY PAID SICK LEAVE ACT**

**SEC. 5101. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act”.

**SEC. 5102. PAID SICK TIME REQUIREMENT.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—An employer shall provide to each employee employed by the employer paid sick time for any of the following uses:

(1) To self-isolate because the employee is diagnosed with coronavirus.

(2) To obtain a medical diagnosis or care if such employee is experiencing the symptoms of coronavirus.

(3) To comply with a recommendation or order by a public official with jurisdiction or a health care provider on the basis that the physical presence of the employee on the job would jeopardize the health of others because of—

(A) the exposure of the employee to coronavirus; or

(B) exhibition of symptoms of coronavirus by the employee.

(4) To care for or assist a family member of the employee—

(A) who—

(i) is self-isolating because such family member has been diagnosed with coronavirus; or

(ii) is experiencing symptoms of coronavirus and needs to obtain medical diagnosis or care.

(B) with respect to whom a public official with jurisdiction or a health care provider makes a determination that the presence of the family member in the community would jeopardize the health of other individuals in the community because of—

(i) the exposure of such family member to the coronavirus; or

(ii) exhibition of symptoms of coronavirus by such family member.

(5) To care for the child of such employee if the school or place of care has been closed, or the child care provider of such child is unavailable, due to coronavirus.

(b) DURATION OF PAID SICK TIME.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—An employee shall be entitled to paid sick time for an amount of hours determined under paragraph (2).

(2) AMOUNT OF HOURS.—The amount of hours of paid sick time to which an employee is entitled shall be as follows:

(A) For full-time employees, 80 hours.

(B) For part-time employees, a number of hours equal to the number of hours that such employee works, on average, over a 2-week period.

(3) CARRYOVER.—Paid sick time under this section shall not carry over from 1 year to the next.

(c) EMPLOYER’S TERMINATION OF PAID SICK TIME.—Paid sick time provided to an employee under this Act shall cease beginning with the employee’s next scheduled workshift immediately following the termination of the need for paid sick time under subsection (a).

(d) EMPLOYERS WITH EXISTING POLICIES.—With respect to an employer that provides paid leave on the day before the date of enactment of this Act—

(1) the paid sick time under this Act shall be made available to employees of the employer in addition to such paid leave; and

(2) the employer may not change such paid leave on or after such date of enactment to avoid being subject to paragraph (1).

(e) **PROHIBITION.**—An employer may not require, as a condition of providing paid sick time under this Act, that the employee involved search for or find a replacement employee to cover the hours during which the employee is using paid sick time.

(f) **USE OF PAID SICK TIME.**—

(1) **IN GENERAL.**—The paid sick time under subsection (a) shall be available for immediate use by the employee for the purposes described in such subsection, regardless of how long the employee has been employed by an employer.

(2) **SEQUENCING.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—An employee may first use the paid sick time under subsection (a) for the purposes described in such subsection.

(B) **PROHIBITION.**—An employer may not require an employee to use other paid leave provided by the employer to the employee before the employee uses the paid sick time under subsection (a).

**SEC. 5103. NOTICE.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Each employer shall post and keep posted, in conspicuous places on the premises of the employer where notices to employees are customarily posted, a notice, to be prepared or approved by the Secretary of Labor, of the requirements described in this Act.

(b) **MODEL NOTICE.**—Not later than 7 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor shall make publicly available a model of a notice that meets the requirements of subsection (a).

**SEC. 5104. PROHIBITED ACTS.**

It shall be unlawful for any employer to discharge, discipline, or in any other manner discriminate against any employee who—

(1) takes leave in accordance with this Act; and

(2) has filed any complaint or instituted or caused to be instituted any proceeding under or related to this Act (including a proceeding that seeks enforcement of this Act), or has testified or is about to testify in any such proceeding.

**SEC. 5105. ENFORCEMENT.**

(a) **UNPAID SICK LEAVE.**—An employer who violates section 2 shall—

(1) be considered to have failed to pay minimum wages in violation of section 6 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206); and

(2) be subject to the penalties described in sections 16 and 17 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 216; 217) with respect to such violation.

(b) **UNLAWFUL TERMINATION.**—An employer who willfully violates section 4 shall—

(1) be considered to be in violation of section 15(a)(3) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 215(a)(3)); and

(2) be subject to the penalties described in sections 16 and 17 of such Act (29 U.S.C. 216; 217) with respect to such violation.

**SEC. 5106. EMPLOYMENT UNDER MULTI-EMPLOYER BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.**

(a) **EMPLOYERS.**—An employer signatory to a multiemployer collective bargaining agreement may, consistent with its bargaining obligations and its collective bargaining agreement, fulfill its obligations under this Act by making contributions to a multiemployer fund, plan, or program based on the hours of paid sick time each of its employees is entitled to under this Act while working under the multiemployer collective bargaining agreement, provided that the fund, plan, or program enables employees to secure pay from such fund, plan, or program based on hours they have worked under the multiemployer collective bargaining agreement and for the uses specified under section 2(a).

(b) **EMPLOYEES.**—Employees who work under a multiemployer collective bargaining agreement into which their employers make contributions as provided in subsection (a) may secure pay from such fund, plan, or program based on hours they have worked under the multiemployer collective bargaining agreement for the uses specified in section 2(a).

**SEC. 5107. RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.**

Nothing in this Act shall be construed—

(1) to in any way diminish the rights or benefits that an employee is entitled to under any—

- (A) other Federal, State, or local law;
- (B) collective bargaining agreement; or
- (C) existing employer policy; or

(2) to require financial or other reimbursement to an employee from an employer upon the employee's termination, resignation, retirement, or other separation from employment for paid sick time under this Act that has not been used by such employee.

**SEC. 5108. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This Act, and the requirements under this Act, shall take effect not later than 15 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 5109. SUNSET.**

This Act, and the requirements under this Act, shall expire on December 31, 2020.

**SEC. 5110. DEFINITIONS.**

For purposes of the Act:

(1) **CHILD.**—The term “child” means a biological, foster, or adopted child, a stepchild, a child of a domestic partner, a legal ward, or a child of a person standing in loco parentis under 18 years of age.

(2) **CORONAVIRUS.**—The term “coronavirus” has the meaning given the term in section 506 of the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020.

(3) **DOMESTIC PARTNER.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term “domestic partner”, with respect to an individual, means another individual with whom the individual is in a committed relationship.

(B) **COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP DEFINED.**—The term “committed relationship” means a relationship between 2 individuals, each at least 18 years of age, in which each individual is the other individual's sole domestic partner and both individuals share responsibility for a significant measure of each other's common welfare. The term includes any such relationship between 2 individuals that is granted legal recognition by a State or political subdivision of a State as a marriage or analogous relationship, including a civil union or domestic partnership.

(4) **EMPLOYEE.**—The terms “employee” means an individual who is—

(A)(i) an employee, as defined in section 3(e) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(e)), who is not covered under subparagraph (E) or (F), including such an employee of the Library of Congress, except that a reference in such section to an employer shall be considered to be a reference to an employer described in clauses (i)(I) and (ii) of paragraph (5)(A); or

(ii) an employee of the Government Accountability Office;

(B) a State employee described in section 304(a) of the Government Employee Rights Act of 1991 (42 U.S.C. 2000e-16c(a));

(C) a covered employee, as defined in section 101 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (2 U.S.C. 1301), other than an applicant for employment;

(D) a covered employee, as defined in section 411(c) of title 3, United States Code;

(E) a Federal officer or employee covered under subchapter V of chapter 63 of title 5, United States Code; or

(F) any other individual occupying a position in the civil service (as that term is de-

finied in section 2101(1) of title 5, United States Code).

(5) **EMPLOYER.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term “employer” means a person who is—

(i)(I) a covered employer, as defined in subparagraph (B), who is not covered under subclause (V);

(II) an entity employing a State employee described in section 304(a) of the Government Employee Rights Act of 1991;

(III) an employing office, as defined in section 101 of the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995;

(IV) an employing office, as defined in section 411(c) of title 3, United States Code; or

(V) an Executive Agency as defined in section 105 of title 5, United States Code, and including the U.S. Postal Service and the Postal Regulatory Commission; and

(i) engaged in commerce (including government), or an industry or activity affecting commerce (including government), as defined in subparagraph (B)(iii).

(B) **COVERED EMPLOYER.**—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—In subparagraph (A)(i)(I), the term “covered employer”—

(I) means any person engaged in commerce or in any industry or activity affecting commerce that—

(aa) in the case of a private entity or individual, employs fewer than 500 employees; and

(bb) in the case of a public agency or any other entity that is not a private entity or individual, employs 1 or more employees;

(II) includes—

(aa) includes any person acting directly or indirectly in the interest of an employer in relation to an employee (within the meaning of such phrase in section 3(d) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(d)); and

(bb) any successor in interest of an employer;

(III) includes any “public agency”, as defined in section 3(x) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(x)); and

(IV) includes the Government Accountability Office and the Library of Congress.

(ii) **PUBLIC AGENCY.**—For purposes of clause (i)(IV), a public agency shall be considered to be a person engaged in commerce or in an industry or activity affecting commerce.

(iii) **DEFINITIONS.**—For purposes of this subparagraph:

(I) **COMMERCE.**—The terms “commerce” and “industry or activity affecting commerce” means any activity, business, or industry in commerce or in which a labor dispute would hinder or obstruct commerce or the free flow of commerce, and include “commerce” and any “industry affecting commerce”, as defined in paragraphs (1) and (3) of section 501 of the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947 (29 U.S.C. 142 (1) and (3)).

(II) **EMPLOYEE.**—The term “employee” has the same meaning given such term in section 3(e) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(e)).

(III) **PERSON.**—The term “person” has the same meaning given such term in section 3(a) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203(a)).

(6) **FAMILY MEMBER.**—The term “family member”, with respect to an employee, means any of the following:

(A) A parent of the employee.

(B) A spouse of the employee.

(C) A child of the employee.

(D) An individual who is a pregnant woman, senior citizen, individual with a disability, or has access or functional needs and who is—

(i) a sibling of the employee;

(ii) a next of kin of the employee or a person for whom the employee is next of kin; or

(iii) a grandparent or grandchild of the employee.

(7) **FLSA TERMS.**—The terms “employ” and “State” have the meanings given such terms in section 3 of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 203).

(8) **FMLA TERMS.**—The terms “health care provider” and “next of kin” have the meanings given such terms in section 101 of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2611).

(9) **PAID SICK TIME.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—The term “paid sick time” means an increment of compensated leave that—

(i) is provided by an employer for use during an absence from employment for a reason described in any paragraph of section 2(a); and

(ii) is calculated based on the employee’s required compensation under subparagraph (B) and the number of hours the employee would otherwise be normally scheduled to work (or the number of hours calculated under subparagraph (C)).

(B) **REQUIRED COMPENSATION.**—

(i) **IN GENERAL.**—The employee’s required compensation under this subparagraph (B) shall be not less than the greater of the following:

(I) The employee’s regular rate of pay (as determined under section 7(e) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 207(e)).

(II) The minimum wage rate in effect under section 6(a)(1) of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29 U.S.C. 206(a)(1)).

(III) The minimum wage rate in effect for such employee in the applicable State or locality, whichever is greater, in which the employee is employed.

(ii) **SPECIAL RULE FOR CARE OF FAMILY MEMBERS.**—With respect to any paid sick time provided for any use described in paragraph (a)(4) or (a)(5), the employee’s required compensation under this subparagraph (B) shall be two-thirds of the amount described in clause (B)(i).

(C) **VARYING SCHEDULE HOURS CALCULATION.**—In the case of a part-time employee described in section 2(b)(2)(B) whose schedule varies from week to week to such an extent that an employer is unable to determine with certainty the number of hours the employee would have worked if such employee had not taken paid sick time under section 2(a), the employer shall use the following in place of such number:

(i) Subject to clause (ii), a number equal to the average number of hours that the employee was scheduled per day over the 6-month period ending on the date on which the employee takes the paid sick time, including hours for which the employee took leave of any type.

(ii) If the employee did not work over such period, the reasonable expectation of the employee at the time of hiring of the average number of hours per day that the employee would normally be scheduled to work.

(D) **GUIDELINES.**—Not later than 15 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Labor shall issue guidelines to assist employers in calculating the amount of paid sick time under subparagraph (A).

(E) **REASONABLE NOTICE.**—After the first workday (or portion thereof) an employee receives paid sick time under this Act, an employer may require the employee to follow reasonable notice procedures in order to continue receiving such paid sick time.

(10) **PARENT.**—The term “parent”, with respect to an employee, means any of the following:

(A) A biological, foster, or adoptive parent of the employee.

(B) A stepparent of the employee.

(C) A parent-in-law of the employee.

(D) A parent of a domestic partner of the employee.

(E) A legal guardian or other person who stood in loco parentis to an employee when the employee was a child.

(11) **PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.**—The term “public health emergency” means an emergency with respect to coronavirus declared by a Federal, State, or local authority.

(12) **SPOUSE.**—The term “spouse” has the meaning given such term in section 101 of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2611), except that such term also includes a “domestic partner”.

## DIVISION F—HEALTH PROVISIONS

### SEC. 6001. COVERAGE OF TESTING FOR COVID-19.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—A group health plan and a health insurance issuer offering group or individual health insurance coverage (including a grandfathered health plan (as defined in section 1251(e) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act)) shall provide coverage, and shall not impose any cost sharing (including deductibles, copayments, and co-insurance) requirements or prior authorization or other medical management requirements, for the following items and services furnished during any portion of the emergency period defined in paragraph (1)(B) of section 1135(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b–5(g)) beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act:

(1) *In vitro* diagnostic products (as defined in section 809.3(a) of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations) for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 or the diagnosis of the virus that causes COVID-19 that are approved, cleared, or authorized under section 510(k), 513, 515 or 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and the administration of such *in vitro* diagnostic products.

(2) Items and services furnished to an individual during health care provider office visits, urgent care center visits, and emergency room visits that result in an order for or administration of an *in vitro* diagnostic product described in paragraph (1), but only to the extent such items and services relate to the furnishing or administration of such product or to the evaluation of such individual for purposes of determining the need of such individual for such product.

(b) **ENFORCEMENT.**—The provisions of subsection (a) shall be applied by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, Secretary of Labor, and Secretary of the Treasury to group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage as if included in the provisions of part A of title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act, part 7 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, and subchapter B of chapter 100 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as applicable.

(c) **IMPLEMENTATION.**—The Secretary of Health and Human Services, Secretary of Labor, and Secretary of the Treasury may implement the provisions of this section through sub-regulatory guidance, program instruction or otherwise.

(d) **TERMS.**—The terms “group health plan”; “health insurance issuer”; “group health insurance coverage”, and “individual health insurance coverage” have the meanings given such terms in section 2791 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300gg–91), section 733 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (29 U.S.C. 1191b), and section 9832 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as applicable.

### SEC. 6002. WAIVING COST SHARING UNDER THE MEDICARE PROGRAM FOR CERTAIN VISITS RELATING TO TESTING FOR COVID-19.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 1833 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395l) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)(1)—

(A) by striking “and” before “(CC)”; and

(B) by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, and (DD) with respect to a specified COVID-19 testing-related service described in paragraph (1) of subsection (cc) for which payment may be made under a specified outpatient payment provision described in paragraph (2) of such subsection, the amounts paid shall be 100 percent of the payment amount otherwise recognized under such respective specified outpatient payment provision for such service.”;

(2) in subsection (b), in the first sentence—

(A) by striking “and” before “(10)”; and

(B) by inserting before the period at the end the following: “, and (11) such deductible shall not apply with respect to any specified COVID-19 testing-related service described in paragraph (1) of subsection (cc) for which payment may be made under a specified outpatient payment provision described in paragraph (2) of such subsection”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(cc) **SPECIFIED COVID-19 TESTING-RELATED SERVICES.**—For purposes of subsection (a)(1)(DD):

“(1) **DESCRIPTION.**—

“(A) **IN GENERAL.**—A specified COVID-19 testing-related service described in this paragraph is a medical visit that—

“(i) is in any of the categories of HCPCS evaluation and management service codes described in subparagraph (B);

“(ii) is furnished during any portion of the emergency period (as defined in section 1135(g)(1)(B)) (beginning on or after the date of enactment of this subsection);

“(iii) results in an order for or administration of a clinical diagnostic laboratory test described in section 1852(a)(1)(B)(iv)(IV); and

“(iv) relates to the furnishing or administration of such test or to the evaluation of such individual for purposes of determining the need of such individual for such test.

“(B) **CATEGORIES OF HCPCS CODES.**—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the categories of HCPCS evaluation and management services codes are the following:

“(i) Office and other outpatient services.

“(ii) Hospital observation services.

“(iii) Emergency department services.

“(iv) Nursing facility services.

“(v) Domiciliary, rest home, or custodial care services.

“(vi) Home services.

“(2) **SPECIFIED OUTPATIENT PAYMENT PROVISION.**—A specified outpatient payment provision described in this paragraph is any of the following:

“(A) The hospital outpatient prospective payment system under subsection (t).

“(B) The physician fee schedule under section 1848.

“(C) The prospective payment system developed under section 1834(o).

“(D) Section 1834(g), with respect to an outpatient critical access hospital service.

“(E) The payment basis determined in regulations pursuant to section 1833(a)(3) for rural health clinic services.”.

(b) **CLAIMS MODIFIER.**—The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall provide for an appropriate modifier (or other identifier) to include on claims to identify, for purposes of subparagraph (DD) of section 1833(a)(1), as added by subsection (a), specified COVID-19 testing-related services described in paragraph (1) of section 1833(cc) of the Social Security Act, as added by subsection (a), for which payment may be made under a specified outpatient payment provision described in paragraph (2) of such subsection.

(c) **IMPLEMENTATION.**—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Health and Human Services may implement the provisions of, including amendments made by, this section through program instruction or otherwise.

**SECTION 6003. COVERAGE OF TESTING FOR COVID-19 AT NO COST SHARING UNDER THE MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PROGRAM.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1852(a)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-22(a)(1)(B)) is amended—

(1) in clause (iv)—  
(A) by redesignating subclause (IV) as subclause (VI); and

(B) by inserting after subclause (III) the following new subclauses:

“(IV) Clinical diagnostic laboratory test administered during any portion of the emergency period defined in paragraph (1)(B) of section 1135(g) beginning on or after the date of the enactment of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 or the diagnosis of the virus that causes COVID-19 and the administration of such test.

“(V) Specified COVID-19 testing-related services (as described in section 1833(cc)(1)) for which payment would be payable under a specified outpatient payment provision described in section 1833(cc)(2).”;

(2) in clause (v), by inserting “, other than subclauses (IV) and (V) of such clause,” after “clause (iv)”;

(3) by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(vi) PROHIBITION OF APPLICATION OF CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR COVID-19 TESTING.—In the case of a product or service described in subclause (IV) or (V), respectively, of clause (iv) that is administered or furnished during any portion of the emergency period described in such subclause beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this clause, an MA plan may not impose any prior authorization or other utilization management requirements with respect to the coverage of such a product or service under such plan.”.

(b) IMPLEMENTATION.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Health and Human Services may implement the amendments made by this section by program instruction or otherwise.

**SECTION 6004. COVERAGE AT NO COST SHARING OF COVID-19 TESTING UNDER MEDICAID AND CHIP.**

(a) MEDICAID.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1905(a)(3) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(a)(3)) is amended—

(A) by striking “other laboratory” and inserting “(A) other laboratory”;

(B) by inserting “and” after the semicolon; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(B) in vitro diagnostic products (as defined in section 809.3(a) of title 21, Code of Federal Regulations) administered during any portion of the emergency period defined in paragraph (1)(B) of section 1135(g) beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this subparagraph for the detection of SARS-CoV-2 or the diagnosis of the virus that causes COVID-19 that are approved, cleared, or authorized under section 510(k), 513, 515 or 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and the administration of such in vitro diagnostic products;”.

(2) NO COST SHARING.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Subsections (a)(2) and (b)(2) of section 1916 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396g) are each amended—

(i) in subparagraph (D), by striking “or” at the end;

(ii) in subparagraph (E), by striking “; and” and inserting a comma; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

“(F) any in vitro diagnostic product described in section 1905(a)(3)(B) that is administered during any portion of the emergency

period described in such section beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this subparagraph (and the administration of such product), or

“(G) COVID-19 testing-related services for which payment may be made under the State plan; and”.

(B) APPLICATION TO ALTERNATIVE COST SHARING.—Section 1916A(b)(3)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396g-1(b)(3)(B)) is amended by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(xi) Any in vitro diagnostic product described in section 1905(a)(3)(B) that is administered during any portion of the emergency period described in such section beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this clause (and the administration of such product) and any visit described in section 1916(a)(2)(G) that is furnished during any such portion.”.

(C) CLARIFICATION.—The amendments made this paragraph shall apply with respect to a State plan of a territory in the same manner as a State plan of one of the 50 States.

(3) STATE OPTION TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Section 1902(a)(10) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(10)) is amended—

(i) in subparagraph (A)(ii)—

(I) in subclause (XXI), by striking “or” at the end;

(II) in subclause (XXII), by adding “or” at the end; and

(III) by adding at the end the following new subclause:

“(XXIII) during any portion of the emergency period defined in paragraph (1)(B) of section 1135(g) beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this subclause, who are uninsured individuals (as defined in subsection (ss));”;

(ii) in the matter following subparagraph (G)—

(I) by striking “and (XVII)” and inserting “, (XVII)”;

(II) by inserting after “instead of through subclause (VIII)” the following: “, and (XVIII) the medical assistance made available to an uninsured individual (as defined in subsection (ss)) who is eligible for medical assistance only because of subparagraph (A)(ii)(XXIII) shall be limited to medical assistance for any in vitro diagnostic product described in section 1905(a)(3)(B) that is administered during any portion of the emergency period described in such section beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this subclause (and the administration of such product) and any visit described in section 1916(a)(2)(G) that is furnished during any such portion”.

(B) RECEIPT AND INITIAL PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS AT CERTAIN LOCATIONS.—Section 1902(a)(55) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(55)) is amended, in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “or (a)(10)(A)(ii)(IX)” and inserting “(a)(10)(A)(ii)(IX), or (a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXIII)”.

(C) UNINSURED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—Section 1902 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396a) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

“(ss) UNINSURED INDIVIDUAL DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘uninsured individual’ means, notwithstanding any other provision of this title, any individual who is—

“(1) not described in subsection (a)(10)(A)(i); and

“(2) not enrolled in a Federal health care program (as defined in section 1128B(f), a group health plan, group or individual health insurance coverage offered by a health insurance issuer (as such terms are defined in section 2791 of the Public Health Service Act), or a health plan offered under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code.”.

(D) FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE.—Section 1905(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following new sentence: “Notwithstanding the first sentence of this subsection, the Federal medical assistance percentage shall be 100 per centum with respect to (and, notwithstanding any other provision of this title, available for) medical assistance provided to uninsured individuals (as defined in section 1902(ss)) who are eligible for such assistance only on the basis of section 1902(a)(10)(A)(ii)(XXIII) and with respect to expenditures described in section 1903(a)(7) that a State demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Secretary are attributable to administrative costs related to providing for such medical assistance to such individuals under the State plan.”.

(b) CHIP.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 2103(c) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397cc(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following paragraph:

“(9) CERTAIN IN VITRO DIAGNOSTIC PRODUCTS FOR COVID-19 TESTING.—The child health assistance provided to a targeted low-income child shall include coverage of any in vitro diagnostic product described in section 1905(a)(3)(B) that is administered during any portion of the emergency period described in such section beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this subparagraph (and the administration of such product).”.

(2) COVERAGE FOR TARGETED LOW-INCOME PREGNANT WOMEN.—Section 2112(b)(4) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 139711(b)(4)) is amended by inserting “under section 2103(c)” after “same requirements”.

(3) PROHIBITION OF COST SHARING.—Section 2103(e)(2) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1397cc(e)(2)) is amended—

(A) in the paragraph header, by inserting “, COVID-19 TESTING,” before “OR PREGNANCY-RELATED ASSISTANCE”; and

(B) by striking “category of services described in subsection (c)(1)(D) or” and inserting “categories of services described in subsection (c)(1)(D), in vitro diagnostic products described in subsection (c)(9) (and administration of such products), visits described in section 1916(a)(2)(G), or”.

**SEC. 6005. TREATMENT OF PERSONAL RESPIRATORY PROTECTIVE DEVICES AS COVERED COUNTER-MEASURES.**

Section 319F-3(i)(1) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-6d(i)(1)) is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (B), by striking “or” at the end; and

(2) in subparagraph (C), by striking the period at the end and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

“(D) a personal respiratory protective device that is—

“(i) approved by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health under part 84 of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations);

“(ii) subject to the emergency use authorization issued by the Secretary on March 2, 2020, or subsequent emergency use authorizations, pursuant to section 564 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (authorizing emergency use of personal respiratory protective devices during the COVID-19 outbreak); and

“(iii) used during the period beginning on January 27, 2020, and ending on October 1, 2024, in response to the public health emergency declared on January 31, 2020, pursuant to section 319 as a result of confirmed cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV).”.

**SEC. 6006. APPLICATION WITH RESPECT TO TRICARE, COVERAGE FOR VETERANS, AND COVERAGE FOR FEDERAL CIVILIANS.**

(a) TRICARE.—The Secretary of Defense may not require any copayment or other

cost sharing under chapter 55 of title 10, United States Code, for in vitro diagnostic products described in paragraph (1) of section 6001(a) (or the administration of such products) or visits described in paragraph (2) of such section furnished during any portion of the emergency period defined in paragraph (1)(B) of section 1135(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-5(g)) beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(b) **VETERANS.**—The Secretary of Veterans Affairs may not require any copayment or other cost sharing under chapter 17 of title 38, United States Code, for in vitro diagnostic products described in paragraph (1) of section 6001(a) (or the administration of such products) or visits described in paragraph (2) of such section furnished during any portion of the emergency period defined in paragraph (1)(B) of section 1135(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-5(g)) beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) **FEDERAL CIVILIANS.**—No copayment or other cost sharing may be required for any individual occupying a position in the civil service (as that term is defined in section 2101(1) of title 5, United States Code) enrolled in a health benefits plan, including any plan under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, or for any other individual currently enrolled in any plan under chapter 89 of title 5 for in vitro diagnostic products described in paragraph (1) of section 6001(a) (or the administration of such products) or visits described in paragraph (2) of such section furnished during any portion of the emergency period defined in paragraph (1)(B) of section 1135(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-5(g)) beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act.

**SEC. 6007. COVERAGE OF TESTING FOR COVID-19 AT NO COST SHARING FOR INDIANS RECEIVING PURCHASED/REFERRED CARE.**

The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall cover, without the imposition of any cost sharing requirements, the cost of providing any COVID-19 related items and services as described in paragraph (1) of section 6001(a) (or the administration of such products) or visits described in paragraph (2) of such section furnished during any portion of the emergency period defined in paragraph (1)(B) of section 1135(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 320b-5(g)) beginning on or after the date of the enactment of this Act to Indians (as defined in section 4 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act (25 U.S.C. 1603)) receiving health services through the Indian Health Service, including through an Urban Indian Organization, regardless of whether such items or services have been authorized under the purchased/referred care system funded by the Indian Health Service or is covered as a health service of the Indian Health Service.

**SEC. 6008. TEMPORARY INCREASE OF MEDICAID FMAP.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Subject to subsection (b), for each calendar quarter occurring during the period beginning on the first day of the emergency period defined in paragraph (1)(B) of section 1135(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-5(g)) and ending on the last day of the calendar quarter in which the last day of such emergency period occurs, the Federal medical assistance percentage determined for each State, including the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands, under section 1905(b) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(b)) shall be increased by 6.2 percentage points.

(b) **REQUIREMENT FOR ALL STATES.**—A State described in subsection (a) may not receive the increase described in such subsection in the Federal medical assistance

percentage for such State, with respect to a quarter, if—

(1) eligibility standards, methodologies, or procedures under the State plan of such State under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.) (including any waiver under such title or section 1115 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1315)) are more restrictive during such quarter than the eligibility standards methodologies, or procedures, respectively, under such plan (or waiver) as in effect on January 1, 2020;

(2) the amount of any premium imposed by the State pursuant to section 1916 or 1916A of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1396o, 1396o-1) during such quarter, with respect to an individual enrolled under such plan (or waiver), exceeds the amount of such premium as of January 1, 2020;

(3) the State terminates or denies the enrollment of any individual under such plan (or waiver) during such quarter for a reason other than a failure to satisfy financial, categorical, and State residency requirements (as applicable) under such plan (or waiver);

(4) the State does not provide coverage under such plan (or waiver), without the imposition of cost sharing, during such quarter for any testing services and treatments for COVID-19, including vaccines, specialized equipment, and therapies; or

(5) the State conducts during such quarter periodic income checks, including automated income checks, or eligibility redeterminations under such plan (or waiver) at a rate more frequent than once every 12 months.

(c) **REQUIREMENT FOR CERTAIN STATES.**—Section 1905(cc) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396d(cc)) is amended by striking “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.” and inserting “and section 6008 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, except that in applying such treatments to the increases in the Federal medical assistance percentage under section 6008 of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, the reference to ‘December 31, 2009’ shall be deemed to be a reference to ‘March 11, 2020’.”

**SEC. 6009. INCREASE IN MEDICAID ALLOTMENTS FOR TERRITORIES.**

Section 1108(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1308(g)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2)—

(A) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the end;

(ii) in clause (ii), by striking “for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2021, \$126,000,000;” and inserting “for fiscal year 2020, \$128,712,500; and”;

(iii) by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(ii) for fiscal year 2021, \$127,937,500;”;

(B) in subparagraph (C)—

(i) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the end;

(ii) in clause (ii), by striking “for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2021, \$127,000,000;” and inserting “for fiscal year 2020, \$130,875,000; and”;

(iii) by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(iii) for fiscal year 2021, \$129,712,500;”;

(C) in subparagraph (D)—

(i) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the end;

(ii) in clause (ii), by striking “for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2021, \$60,000,000; and” and inserting “for fiscal year 2020, \$63,100,000; and”;

(iii) by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(iii) for fiscal year 2021, \$62,325,000; and”;

(D) in subparagraph (E)—

(i) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the end;

(ii) in clause (ii), by striking “for each of fiscal years 2020 through 2021, \$84,000,000.” and inserting “for fiscal year 2020, \$86,325,000; and”;

(iii) by adding at the end the following new clause:

“(iii) for fiscal year 2021, \$85,550,000.”; and

(2) in paragraph (6)(A)—

(A) in clause (i), by striking “\$2,623,188,000” and inserting “\$2,716,188,000”; and

(B) in clause (ii), by striking “\$2,719,072,000” and inserting “\$2,809,063,000”.

**SEC. 6010. CLARIFICATION RELATING TO SECRETARIAL AUTHORITY REGARDING MEDICARE TELEHEALTH SERVICES FURNISHED DURING COVID-19 EMERGENCY PERIOD.**

Paragraph (3)(A) of section 1135(g) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1320b-5(g)) is amended to read as follows:

“(A) furnished to such individual, during the 3-year period ending on the date such telehealth service was furnished, an item or service that would be considered covered under title XVIII if furnished to an individual entitled to benefits or enrolled under such title; or”.

**DIVISION G—TAX CREDITS FOR PAID SICK AND PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE**

**SEC. 7001. PAYROLL CREDIT FOR REQUIRED PAID SICK LEAVE.**

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—In the case of an employer, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by section 3111(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for each calendar quarter an amount equal to 100 percent of the qualified sick leave wages paid by such employer with respect to such calendar quarter.

(b) **LIMITATIONS AND REFUNDABILITY.**—

(1) **WAGES TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.**—The amount of qualified sick leave wages taken into account under subsection (a) with respect to any individual shall not exceed \$200 (\$511 in the case of any day any portion of which is paid sick time described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of section 5102(a) of the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act) for any day (or portion thereof) for which the individual is paid qualified sick leave wages.

(2) **OVERALL LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF DAYS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.**—The aggregate number of days taken into account under paragraph (1) for any calendar quarter shall not exceed the excess (if any) of—

(A) 10, over

(B) the aggregate number of days so taken into account for all preceding calendar quarters.

(3) **CREDIT LIMITED TO CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT TAXES.**—The credit allowed by subsection (a) with respect to any calendar quarter shall not exceed the tax imposed by section 3111(a) of such Code for such calendar quarter (reduced by any credits allowed under subsections (e) and (f) of section 3111 of such Code for such quarter) on the wages paid with respect to the employment of all employees of the employer.

(4) **REFUNDABILITY OF EXCESS CREDIT.**—

(A) **IN GENERAL.**—If the amount of the credit under subsection (a) exceeds the limitation of paragraph (3) for any calendar quarter, such excess shall be treated as an overpayment that shall be refunded under sections 6402(a) and 6413(b) of such Code.

(B) **TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.**—For purposes of section 1324 of title 31, United States Code, any amounts due to an employer under this paragraph shall be treated in the same manner as a refund due from a credit provision referred to in subsection (b)(2) of such section.

(C) **QUALIFIED SICK LEAVE WAGES.**—For purposes of this section, the term “qualified sick leave wages” means wages (as defined in section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code

of 1986) paid by an employer which are required to be paid by reason of the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act.

(d) SPECIAL RULES.—

(1) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—For purposes of chapter 1 of such Code, the gross income of the employer, for the taxable year which includes the last day of any calendar quarter with respect to which a credit is allowed under this section, shall be increased by the amount of such credit. No credit shall be allowed under this section with respect to wages for which a credit is allowed under section 45S of such Code.

(2) ELECTION NOT TO HAVE SECTION APPLY.—This section shall not apply with respect to any employer for any calendar quarter if such employer elects (at such time and in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary's delegate) may prescribe) not to have this section apply.

(3) CERTAIN TERMS.—Any term used in this section which is also used in chapter 21 of such Code shall have the same meaning as when used in such chapter.

(4) STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.—This credit shall not apply to the Government of the United States, the government of any State or political subdivision thereof, or any agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing.

(e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary's delegate) shall prescribe such regulations or other guidance as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section, including—

(1) regulations or other guidance to prevent the avoidance of the purposes of the limitations and aggregation rules under this section through the use of successor companies or other means,

(2) regulations or other guidance to minimize compliance and record-keeping burdens under this section,

(3) regulations or other guidance providing for waiver of penalties for failure to deposit amounts in anticipation of the allowance of the credit allowed under this section, and

(4) regulations or other guidance for recapturing the benefit of credits determined under this section in cases where there is a subsequent adjustment to the credit determined under subsection (a).

(f) APPLICATION OF SECTION.—This section shall apply only to wages paid with respect to the period beginning on a date selected by the Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary's delegate) which is during the 15-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, and ending on December 31, 2020.

(g) TRANSFERS TO FEDERAL OLD-AGE AND SURVIVORS INSURANCE TRUST FUND.—There are hereby appropriated to the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund established under section 201 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401) amounts equal to the reduction in revenues to the Treasury by reason of this section (without regard to this subsection). Amounts appropriated by the preceding sentence shall be transferred from the general fund at such times and in such manner as to replicate to the extent possible the transfers which would have occurred to such Trust Fund had this section not been enacted.

**SEC. 7002. CREDIT FOR SICK LEAVE FOR CERTAIN SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS.**

(a) CREDIT AGAINST SELF-EMPLOYMENT TAX.—In the case of an eligible self-employed individual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for any taxable year an amount equal to 100 percent (or, with respect to any use described in section 5102(a)(4) or 5102(a)(5) of the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act, 67 percent) of the quali-

fied sick leave equivalent amount with respect to the individual.

(b) ELIGIBLE SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUAL.—For purposes of this section, the term “eligible self-employed individual” means an individual who—

(1) regularly carries on a trade or business within the meaning of section 1402 of such Code, and

(2) would be entitled to receive paid leave during the taxable year pursuant to the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act if the individual were an employee of an employer (other than himself or herself).

(c) QUALIFIED SICK LEAVE EQUIVALENT AMOUNT.—For purposes of this section—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The term “qualified sick leave equivalent amount” means, with respect to any eligible self-employed individual, an amount equal to—

(A) the number of days during the taxable year (but not more than the applicable number of days) that the individual is unable to perform services in the trade or business referred to in section 1402 of such Code for a reason with respect to which such individual would be entitled to receive sick leave as described in subsection (b), multiplied by

(B) the lesser of—

(i) \$200 (\$511 in the case of any day of paid sick time described in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of section 5102(a) of the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act), or

(ii) the average daily self-employment income of the individual for the taxable year.

(2) AVERAGE DAILY SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME.—For purposes of this subsection, the term “average daily self-employment income” means an amount equal to—

(A) the net earnings from self-employment of the individual for the taxable year, divided by

(B) 260.

(3) APPLICABLE NUMBER OF DAYS.—For purposes of this subsection, the term “applicable number of days” means, with respect to any taxable year, the excess (if any) of 10 days over the number of days taken into account under paragraph (1)(A) in all preceding taxable years.

(d) SPECIAL RULES.—

(1) CREDIT REFUNDABLE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The credit determined under this section shall be treated as a credit allowed to the taxpayer under subpart C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of such Code.

(B) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For purposes of section 1324 of title 31, United States Code, any refund due from the credit determined under this section shall be treated in the same manner as a refund due from a credit provision referred to in subsection (b)(2) of such section.

(2) DOCUMENTATION.—No credit shall be allowed under this section unless the individual maintains such documentation as the Secretary may prescribe to establish such individual as an eligible self-employed individual.

(3) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—In the case of an individual who receives wages (as defined in section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) paid by an employer which are required to be paid by reason of the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act, the qualified sick leave equivalent amount otherwise determined under subsection (c) shall be reduced (but not below zero) in the same proportion that the number of days for which such wages are received bears to the number of days described in subsection (c)(1)(A).

(4) CERTAIN TERMS.—Any term used in this section which is also used in chapter 2 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall have the same meaning as when used in such chapter.

(e) APPLICATION OF SECTION.—Only days occurring during the period beginning on a

date selected by the Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary's delegate) which is during the 15-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, and ending on December 31, 2020, may be taken into account under subsection (c)(1)(A).

(f) APPLICATION OF CREDIT IN CERTAIN POSSESSIONS.—

(1) PAYMENTS TO POSSESSIONS WITH MIRROR CODE TAX SYSTEMS.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to each possession of the United States which has a mirror code tax system amounts equal to the loss (if any) to that possession by reason of the application of the provisions of this section. Such amounts shall be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury based on information provided by the government of the respective possession.

(2) PAYMENTS TO OTHER POSSESSIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to each possession of the United States which does not have a mirror code tax system amounts estimated by the Secretary of the Treasury as being equal to the aggregate benefits (if any) that would have been provided to residents of such possession by reason of the provisions of this section if a mirror code tax system had been in effect in such possession. The preceding sentence shall not apply unless the respective possession has a plan, which has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, under which such possession will promptly distribute such payments to its residents.

(3) MIRROR CODE TAX SYSTEM.—For purposes of this section, the term “mirror code tax system” means, with respect to any possession of the United States, the income tax system of such possession if the income tax liability of the residents of such possession under such system is determined by reference to the income tax laws of the United States as if such possession were the United States.

(4) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For purposes of section 1324 of title 31, United States Code, the payments under this section shall be treated in the same manner as a refund due from a credit provision referred to in subsection (b)(2) of such section.

(g) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary's delegate) shall prescribe such regulations or other guidance as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section, including—

(1) regulations or other guidance to prevent the avoidance of the purposes of this section, and

(2) regulations or other guidance to minimize compliance and record-keeping burdens under this section.

**SEC. 7003. PAYROLL CREDIT FOR REQUIRED PAID FAMILY LEAVE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an employer, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by section 3111(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for each calendar quarter an amount equal to 100 percent of the qualified family leave wages paid by such employer with respect to such calendar quarter.

(b) LIMITATIONS AND REFUNDABILITY.—

(1) WAGES TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.—The amount of qualified family leave wages taken into account under subsection (a) with respect to any individual shall not exceed—

(A) for any day (or portion thereof) for which the individual is paid qualified family leave wages, \$200, and

(B) in the aggregate with respect to all calendar quarters, \$10,000.

(2) CREDIT LIMITED TO CERTAIN EMPLOYMENT TAXES.—The credit allowed by subsection (a) with respect to any calendar quarter shall not exceed the tax imposed by section 3111(a) of such Code for such calendar quarter (reduced by any credits allowed under subsections (e) and (f) of section 3111 of such

Code, and section 9001 of this Act, for such quarter) on the wages paid with respect to the employment of all employees of the employer.

(3) REFUNDABILITY OF EXCESS CREDIT.—If the amount of the credit under subsection (a) exceeds the limitation of paragraph (2) for any calendar quarter, such excess shall be treated as an overpayment that shall be refunded under sections 6402(a) and 6413(b) of such Code.

(c) QUALIFIED FAMILY LEAVE WAGES.—For purposes of this section, the term “qualified family leave wages” means wages (as defined in section 3121(a) of such Code) paid by an employer which are required to be paid by reason of the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act (including the amendments made by such Act).

(d) SPECIAL RULES.—

(1) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—For purposes of chapter 1 of such Code, the gross income of the employer, for the taxable year which includes the last day of any calendar quarter with respect to which a credit is allowed under this section, shall be increased by the amount of such credit. No credit shall be allowed under this section with respect to wages for which a credit is allowed under section 45S of such Code.

(2) ELECTION NOT TO HAVE SECTION APPLY.—This section shall not apply with respect to any employer for any calendar quarter if such employer elects (at such time and in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary’s delegate) may prescribe) not to have this section apply.

(3) CERTAIN TERMS.—Any term used in this section which is also used in chapter 21 of such Code shall have the same meaning as when used in such chapter.

(4) STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.—This credit shall not apply to the Government of the United States, the government of any State or political subdivision thereof, or any agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing.

(e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary’s delegate) shall prescribe such regulations or other guidance as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section, including—

(1) regulations or other guidance to prevent the avoidance of the purposes of the limitations and aggregation rules under this section through the use of successor companies or other means,

(2) regulations or other guidance to minimize compliance and record-keeping burdens under this section,

(3) regulations or other guidance providing for waiver of penalties for failure to deposit amounts in anticipation of the allowance of the credit allowed under this section, and

(4) regulations or other guidance for recapturing the benefit of credits determined under this section in cases where there is a subsequent adjustment to the credit determined under subsection (a).

(f) APPLICATION OF SECTION.—This section shall apply only to wages paid with respect to the period beginning on a date selected by the Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary’s delegate) which is during the 15-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, and ending on December 31, 2020.

(g) TRANSFERS TO FEDERAL OLD-AGE AND SURVIVORS INSURANCE TRUST FUND.—There are hereby appropriated to the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund established under section 201 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401) amounts equal to the reduction in revenues to the Treasury by reason of this section (without regard to this subsection). Amounts appropriated by the preceding sentence shall be transferred from

the general fund at such times and in such manner as to replicate to the extent possible the transfers which would have occurred to such Trust Fund had this section not been enacted.

**SEC. 7004. CREDIT FOR FAMILY LEAVE FOR CERTAIN SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUALS.**

(a) CREDIT AGAINST SELF-EMPLOYMENT TAX.—In the case of an eligible self-employed individual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by subtitle A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for any taxable year an amount equal to 100 percent of the qualified family leave equivalent amount with respect to the individual.

(b) ELIGIBLE SELF-EMPLOYED INDIVIDUAL.—For purposes of this section, the term “eligible self-employed individual” means an individual who—

(1) regularly carries on a trade or business within the meaning of section 1402 of such Code, and

(2) would be entitled to receive paid leave during the taxable year pursuant to the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act if the individual were an employee of an employer (other than himself or herself).

(c) QUALIFIED FAMILY LEAVE EQUIVALENT AMOUNT.—For purposes of this section—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The term “qualified family leave equivalent amount” means, with respect to any eligible self-employed individual, an amount equal to the product of—

(A) the number of days (not to exceed 50) during the taxable year that the individual is unable to perform services in the trade or business referred to in section 1402 of such Code for a reason with respect to which such individual would be entitled to receive paid leave as described in subsection (b), multiplied by

(B) the lesser of—

(i) the average daily self-employment income of the individual for the taxable year, or

(ii) \$200.

(2) AVERAGE DAILY SELF-EMPLOYMENT INCOME.—For purposes of this subsection, the term “average daily self-employment income” means an amount equal to—

(A) the net earnings from self-employment income of the individual for the taxable year, divided by

(B) 260.

(d) SPECIAL RULES.—

(1) CREDIT REFUNDABLE.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—The credit determined under this section shall be treated as a credit allowed to the taxpayer under subpart C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of such Code.

(B) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For purposes of section 1324 of title 31, United States Code, any refund due from the credit determined under this section shall be treated in the same manner as a refund due from a credit provision referred to in subsection (b)(2) of such section.

(2) DOCUMENTATION.—No credit shall be allowed under this section unless the individual maintains such documentation as the Secretary may prescribe to establish such individual as an eligible self-employed individual.

(3) DENIAL OF DOUBLE BENEFIT.—In the case of an individual who receives wages (as defined in section 3121(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986) paid by an employer which are required to be paid by reason of the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act, the qualified family leave equivalent amount otherwise determined under subsection (c) shall be reduced (but not below zero) in the same proportion that the number of days for which such wages are received bears to the number of days described in subsection (c)(1)(A).

(4) CERTAIN TERMS.—Any term used in this section which is also used in chapter 2 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 shall have the same meaning as when used in such chapter.

(5) REFERENCES TO EMERGENCY FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE EXPANSION ACT.—Any reference in this section to the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act shall be treated as including a reference to the amendments made by such Act.

(e) APPLICATION OF SECTION.—Only days occurring during the period beginning on a date selected by the Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary’s delegate) which is during the 15-day period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act, and ending on December 31, 2020, may be taken into account under subsection (c)(1)(A).

(f) APPLICATION OF CREDIT IN CERTAIN POSSESSIONS.—

(1) PAYMENTS TO POSSESSIONS WITH MIRROR CODE TAX SYSTEMS.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to each possession of the United States which has a mirror code tax system amounts equal to the loss (if any) to that possession by reason of the application of the provisions of this section. Such amounts shall be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury based on information provided by the government of the respective possession.

(2) PAYMENTS TO OTHER POSSESSIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury shall pay to each possession of the United States which does not have a mirror code tax system amounts estimated by the Secretary of the Treasury as being equal to the aggregate benefits (if any) that would have been provided to residents of such possession by reason of the provisions of this section if a mirror code tax system had been in effect in such possession. The preceding sentence shall not apply unless the respective possession has a plan, which has been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, under which such possession will promptly distribute such payments to its residents.

(3) MIRROR CODE TAX SYSTEM.—For purposes of this section, the term “mirror code tax system” means, with respect to any possession of the United States, the income tax system of such possession if the income tax liability of the residents of such possession under such system is determined by reference to the income tax laws of the United States as if such possession were the United States.

(4) TREATMENT OF PAYMENTS.—For purposes of section 1324 of title 31, United States Code, the payments under this section shall be treated in the same manner as a refund due from a credit provision referred to in subsection (b)(2) of such section.

(e) REGULATIONS.—The Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary’s delegate) shall prescribe such regulations or other guidance as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section, including—

(1) regulations or other guidance to prevent the avoidance of the purposes of this section, and

(2) regulations or other guidance to minimize compliance and record-keeping burdens under this section.

**SEC. 7005. SPECIAL RULE RELATED TO TAX ON EMPLOYERS.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—Any wages required to be paid by reason of the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act and the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act shall not be considered wages for purposes of section 3111(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(b) TRANSFERS TO FEDERAL OLD-AGE AND SURVIVORS INSURANCE TRUST FUND.—There are hereby appropriated to the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund established under section 201 of the Social

Security Act (42 U.S.C. 401) amounts equal to the reduction in revenues to the Treasury by reason of this section (without regard to this subsection). Amounts appropriated by the preceding sentence shall be transferred from the general fund at such times and in such manner as to replicate to the extent possible the transfers which would have occurred to such Trust Fund had this section not been enacted.

#### DIVISION H—BUDGETARY EFFECTS

##### SEC. 8001. BUDGETARY EFFECTS.

(a) STATUTORY PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budgetary effects of division B and each succeeding division shall not be entered on either PAYGO scorecard maintained pursuant to section 4(d) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010.

(b) SENATE PAYGO SCORECARDS.—The budgetary effects of division B and each succeeding division shall not be entered on any PAYGO scorecard maintained for purposes of section 4106 of H. Con. Res. 71 (115th Congress).

(c) CLASSIFICATION OF BUDGETARY EFFECTS.—Notwithstanding Rule 3 of the Budget Scorekeeping Guidelines set forth in the joint explanatory statement of the committee of conference accompanying Conference Report 105-217 and section 250(c)(8) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the budgetary effects of division B and each succeeding division shall not be estimated—

(1) for purposes of section 251 of such Act; and

(2) for purposes of paragraph (4)(C) of section 3 of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 as being included in an appropriation Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. LOWEY) and the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GRANGER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New York.

##### GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 6201, currently under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act builds on the \$8.3 billion supplemental enacted last week to meet the needs of the American people, by:

Guaranteeing free coronavirus testing;

Providing paid leave; and

Strengthening food security initiatives through additional investments in WIC, food banks, and senior nutrition.

The bill also makes sure that children who depend on free and reduced-price meals have access to food during school and childcare closures.

Mr. Speaker, we must help ensure the physical safety and financial security of our Nation's working families during this time of crisis.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in support of this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 6201, the second coronavirus relief bill.

Fiscal year 2020 appropriations bills were enacted less than 3 months ago, which included record levels of spending on our public health infrastructure. This allowed the administration to respond immediately to the coronavirus when the threat became clear.

Last week, the House and Senate voted almost unanimously on an \$8 billion emergency supplemental, giving the administration new resources to respond to the virus. Unfortunately, the threat we face has grown more complex and costly in only a week's time.

The bill before us will provide a second installment of supplemental funds and combat the negative economic effects of this disease that has now been called a pandemic.

This legislation builds off of last week's bill, where we expanded the availability of tests for the coronavirus to ensure that everyone who needs to be tested, gets tested.

Mr. Speaker, in his remarks today, the President reaffirmed his commitment to distribute millions of tests and speed up how they are processed. This bill takes the next step to include more than \$1 billion to cover the cost of taking these tests, including for service-members and veterans. We must ensure tests are administrated so that people know if they are infected. This is the only way we can stop the spread of this virus.

Emergency food assistance is provided in the bill for seniors, women, children, and low-income families. That includes additional help for children whose schools are being closed as a precautionary measure to keep them safe.

Tax incentives are included to encourage American businesses to allow employees to take emergency leave to limit the spread of the virus. No one should have to choose between getting a paycheck or infecting other people.

Mr. Speaker, we have heard many concerns about the needs of small businesses. In addition to the tax incentives in the bill, more than \$37 billion is already available from prior appropriations for the Small Business Administration to make loans. As we watch the impact of this virus on our Nation's job creators, I will continue working with the administration and my colleagues to ensure they get the help they need.

While bringing this bill to the floor has taken much longer than I had hoped, it is time for Congress to pass it. This bill will give the President and our public health officials the tools that are needed right now to respond to this quickly changing threat.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in voting for this measure. We must pass this bill today to help lessen the devastating impact of this global pandemic on the American people.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. NEAL), the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this important legislative package to protect Americans' health and financial security as our Nation confronts the coronavirus crisis.

I want to highlight quickly three policies that the Ways and Means Committee contributed to the measure before us this evening.

First, we are ensuring that the coronavirus testing is provided free of charge. It is imperative that anyone who needs to be tested for coronavirus is able to afford that testing. If individuals worry that they can't afford the cost of the test, they will forgo it and risk endangering themselves and their community.

To provide Americans with the necessary confidence they need to seek testing, we have included a provision that ensures free coronavirus testing in Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP, as well as for people enrolled in private insurance, the uninsured, Tribal communities receiving care outside of Indian health facilities, and our military families.

Second, we are making a historic emergency commitment to paid leave for the American family members affected by coronavirus. One of our top priorities was to get Americans affected by coronavirus emergency paid leave so that they can pay their bills. After intense negotiation with Treasury, we have agreed that this is an emergency.

We will require employers to provide the leave and reimburse them for the full cost via tax credits. Affected self-employed workers would be eligible for refundable tax credits.

In the long run, we need a comprehensive paid leave program like the one in the FAMILY Act. If we had that now, we would be in a far better place with options available to us as workers confront these challenges.

Finally, we are implementing measures to stabilize the unemployment insurance system and make sure that workers can access their earned benefits. These provisions will immediately help States deal with spikes in unemployment and prepare them for any future local or national recessions.

These provisions give States necessary flexibility to provide unemployment insurance to coronavirus-affected individuals without delays caused by waiting periods and work search requirements.

I want to acknowledge, in closing, that despite the urgency with which we have worked, this legislation had the benefit of extensive bipartisan negotiations and thoughtful consideration. My

staff has worked around the clock, as always, working with Ranking Member BRADY's staff to get bipartisan input into these provisions.

The Speaker and I have spent much time on the phone with the Secretary of the Treasury to ensure, along with Mr. Mnuchin, that this bill is a solution that the administration and both parties in this institution can support.

As a result, we have a very good product here. I am confident this measure will pass Congress with full bipartisan support and reach the President's desk without issue.

As we face this challenge, Americans are looking to their government leaders to come together and present real solutions. Today, we are doing that. We are taking decisive action to help limit the spread of coronavirus, allow Americans critical access to testing, and provide families financial security in the near and the long term.

Lastly, let me acknowledge the committee staff at the Ways and Means Committee for the work that they have put into this legislative achievement. Legislative counsel truly put in a Herculean effort to assemble this bill, along with leadership staff. They worked around the clock, all hours of the day and night, to create the immediacy of this legislation that will slow the spread of this virus, support American workers and families, and save lives.

In particular, I want to acknowledge the teams on our Health, Worker and Family Support, Select Revenue Measures, and Social Security Subcommittees for their excellent contributions. The American people will be better equipped to weather this crisis thanks to their important bipartisan work.

Mr. Speaker, I urge full support of this legislation.

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I yield to 4 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BRADY).

Mr. BRADY. Mr. Speaker, President Trump's declaration of a national emergency is a call to action to protect American's health and well-being and protect the economy.

This bill, thanks to the leadership of Secretary Mnuchin and Leader MCCARTHY, and working with both sides of the aisle, meets many of these goals.

The President has succeeded in working with the private sector to achieve free testing, and now our bill builds on that. Americans in need of lab tests for the coronavirus will get them free.

We are making good on President Trump's promise to provide financial assistance for working Americans who are "ill, quarantined, or caring for others due to coronavirus," and it does so using our Tax Code rather than by creating a new entitlement.

The original bill contained provisions that would create undue burdens on America's small businesses. I have spoken directly with President Trump, the champion of small business, who agrees that America's small businesses need flexibility and cash flow when pro-

viding emergency leave for workers so that they can operate and survive during this economic challenge.

In order to help small businesses and their workers, language has been added to this bill, and President Trump is directing the Secretaries of the Treasury and Labor to write rules to ensure that small businesses do have the flexibility to provide paid leave for their employees.

They shouldn't have to be concerned about cash flow when they work to retain the workers they need to operate and keep serving their customers and our communities. This is vital to America's economic rebound.

This bill also protects seniors and those with severe medical conditions by ensuring that the Social Security Administration is not running a new permanent mandate.

We were also able to stop some misguided demands. In this bill, the health provisions are now limited to COVID-19 without including unrelated treatments, ensuring that pro-life Hyde amendment protections remain intact to prevent taxpayer funds being used for abortions.

Republicans were able to block efforts to add new burdens on hospitals that would have overruled the CDC's science-based guidelines and prevented critical flexibility for our local healthcare providers.

These are temporary, targeted measures. They are temporary because we have seen what happens when a bill that is supposed to be "timely, targeted, and temporary" drags on for years. It prolongs economic hardship.

We will rebound, and we will rebound strongly. Good policies—ones that strengthen our local communities—result in speedy recoveries.

In America, we know we are blessed, even when faced with great adversity. We are blessed by an abundance not only of resources but of spirit. It is that very spirit that will get us through the coronavirus and the other challenges we face in the future.

While today's bill is not perfect, it is another step in the right direction toward safety and security and a revitalized economy.

I encourage my colleagues to vote for this bill and then come back to the table so we can continue our work to keep American workers and families prepared, safe, and healthy.

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I urge a "yes" vote on this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, the hour is late, vote "yes," and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, we have once again been called to respond to a crisis.

In the past, we have faced national security threats and natural disasters. But today, it is something radically different: A pandemic.

What started half a world away has now spread to more than 100 countries, including the United States. Layoffs have begun, schools have cancelled classes, and large gatherings have been banned.

The impacts of this virus are cascading across society. People's health is at risk. And for many their economic reality has changed overnight.

People need to get tested. Quarantined workers are wondering how they will pay their bills. Healthcare workers are putting their own health at risk. And children are missing their school lunches.

They need help.

They need help now.

The coronavirus knows no border. It knows no political party. And Mr. Speaker, our response shouldn't either.

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which will provide the crucial support for our workforce and economy amid the current public health emergency associated with COVID-19. It is our duty to care for all members of our society, and this stimulus package will do so. We will ensure that hourly workers and families have access to emergency paid sick leave, food security, and—most importantly—free testing for corona virus regardless of insurance status.

For families' economic security, we have secured paid emergency leave, with two weeks of paid sick leave and up to three months of paid family and medical leave. We have also secured enhanced Unemployment Insurance, a step that will extend protections to furloughed workers.

For families' food security, we have strengthened nutrition security initiatives, including SNAP, student meals, seniors' nutrition and food banks. For the twenty-two million children who rely on free or reduced-price school meals for their food security, we must ensure that they have food to eat.

For families' health security, we have increased federal funds for Medicaid to support our local, state, tribal and territorial governments and health systems, so that they have the resources necessary to combat the coronavirus.

As representatives of Americans from all corners of our country, we have a responsibility to protect the health and well-being of our communities in times of crisis. I urge my colleagues to support the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support this bill.

As Chairman of the Agriculture, Rural Development, and FDA Subcommittee of Appropriations, I want to acknowledge the tremendous cooperation between the Appropriations and authorizing committees in producing this bill so quickly.

It takes a truly multi-jurisdictional approach to addressing the urgent needs, many families will have, as we face this pandemic.

[The fight against this scourge will be tough and we must be prepared.]

Last week we provided \$61 million to FDA for the development and review of medical countermeasures, devices, therapies, and vaccines to combat the coronavirus.

Today, we work to protect our families.

Cancellation of conferences, sporting events and other gatherings is having a major impact on the hospitality, transportation, and related industries, resulting in layoffs that will likely cause families to turn to WIC and food banks for help.

Schools are closing, leaving children without free and reduced-price meals.

But I am pleased this bill would allow households with eligible children to receive emergency SNAP assistance to put food on the table.

Three programs get additional funds in this bill.

First, we provide \$500 million for WIC to provide nutritious foods for low-income pregnant women or mothers with young children who lose their jobs or are laid off due to the coronavirus emergency.

Second, we provide \$400 million for The Emergency Food Assistance Program—TEFAP—to help local food banks meet increased demand during the emergency.

Third, we provide \$100 million for Nutrition Assistance for the U.S. Territories. Puerto Rico, American Samoa, and the Northern Mariana Islands rely on Congress to block grant their SNAP funds in an emergency and these funds will support their pandemic response.

Thanks to the Chairs and staffs of the Appropriations and authorizing committees who worked so hard over the last 72 hours on this bill. It will bring relief, consolation, and hopefully food security to our constituents.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, the spread of COVID-19 will present increasingly severe challenges for students, workers, and families. Communities across the country are counting on this Congress to deliver a bold, immediate, and targeted response.

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act—which is the result of careful bipartisan negotiations—is an important step toward providing the American people the support they need to confront this national emergency.

This bill ensures that all Americans can access cost-free COVID-19 testing.

It provides states and schools the flexibility they need to ensure that students do not go hungry during school closures. It also provides child and adult care providers additional support to make sure people are getting the nutrition they need.

It provides women, infants, and children with the flexibility to access WIC food benefits and infant formula without the need to make unsafe visits to clinics.

It provides workers 14 days of emergency paid sick leave, so they are not forced to choose between their paycheck and their health.

And it also provides enhanced unemployment compensation and paid family and medical leave so that workers can take time off to care for themselves and their loved ones without losing their jobs.

By passing this legislation, we protect the health and financial security of millions of students, workers, and families.

But we must recognize that this package alone is not sufficient. In the coming weeks, we must be willing to take further action to address the consequences of this epidemic.

For example, I am particularly concerned that this bill does not include important safety protections for our front-line health care workers, who will be called upon to perform heroic work in the months ahead. I will continue to work with my colleagues to pass necessary legislation to protect their safety.

Additionally, at the last minute, provisions were inserted into the bill that regrettably denied some workers paid leave benefits. But millions of workers will have access to paid leave that is not available to them today.

So, I urge all Members to support the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act which is designed to put families first, protect and stabilize our economy, and provide Americans with assurance that this House has their needs and interests at the top of our priority concerns.

I support this measure because—during this period of uncertainty—it helps provide critical paid sick and family leave for workers affected by this public health crisis.

Approximately 80 million workers aged 16 and older are paid hourly, which means they typically lack paid sick and family leave.

Around 75 percent of workers live paycheck to paycheck.

These benefits will help cover employees who are sick, quarantined, or caring for loved ones who must remain at home.

If a worker is furloughed, laid off, or exhausts their paid leave, it provides enhanced unemployment benefits and flexibility in eligibility requirements to help.

The bill provides free testing to determine who is affected.

It provides substantial dollars to nutrition for low-income individuals—including pregnant women, mothers with young children, food banks, students receiving free and reduced lunch whose schools have closed, and seniors.

It safeguards Medicare benefits and payments, protects frontline health care workers, and directs special attention to the hardest hit communities.

I am pleased to support this bill because it is an important step by our country's leaders to say to the American people that we've got your back. We are not done. This House will take further action when needed to help our residents weather this crisis.

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the bill. The American people are rightly concerned about coronavirus, and as a Congress, we have a responsibility to help them deal with this crisis. Many Americans—sick or not—will need to stay home from work. Many will need access to testing and care. Our state and local health care providers and first responders are on the front lines of this fight. We're all in this together. That's how I'm thinking about it as a citizen—for my family—and as United States Congressman working for you, for Oregon, and for our nation.

Last week, we approved over \$8 billion to get more tests out into our communities, reimburse local entities for the work they are doing, and to find a vaccine and treatments. We need to do more, and that's what we will do today.

By working together, our efforts will leave our country better prepared to address this crisis. But I must note that more could have been done.

First, we all know hospitals across the nation are preparing to treat a surge of patients and health care providers are already running low on crucial respirator masks. We need to make more of these masks available to protect our health workers who are on the front lines of this pandemic. By making common-sense changes to the PREP Act, we could boost the availability and supply of critically needed respirators. This is a missed opportunity, but I'm going to keep pushing. We need to get these crucial pieces of protective equipment out to communities who need them most.

Second, our front-line needs reinforcements. We currently have provider shortages; to win this next stage of the fight we must maintain sufficient hospital staffing. Dr. Burgess and Representative ESHOO have a bipartisan bill that would improve the "Ready Reserve" of the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps. The "Ready Reserve's" purpose is to fulfill the need for additional personnel on short notice for public health and emergency response. We must improve the surge capacity of our health care workforce. Why this was left out is maddening; it makes no sense.

Of course, we all know there will be more work to do in the coming weeks. We must get ready. We need to turn our attention to our medical product supply chain—both for this pandemic and future ones.

For me, this is not a new concern, prior to the coronavirus outbreak, I've raised concern about our country's overreliance on foreign pharmaceutical manufacturing. If a country monopolizes the production of a drug and wishes to retaliate against the U.S., they could substantially increase drug prices or reduce supply in an attempt to cause shortages, limiting access to critical medications. This could put American lives at risk in a time of crisis.

Finally, I still believe the Medicaid policies in the bill could have been designed more effectively and better-targeted to the immediate challenge presented by COVID-19. With that said, states and localities are on the front lines and this enhanced funding will help states immediately address public health needs as well as handle an expected surge in new patients.

Even with these concerns, I do rise in support of the bill because we need to make sure people can get tested, help those who have to stay home from work and their families, and ensure our health professionals have the support they need from the federal government.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill. To the American people, our country is strong. Our economy is resilient. Do not panic but be smart and vigilant and we can overcome this challenge.

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

I want to thank our Speaker for her remarkable and steady leadership, our entire leadership team, the committee chairs, and our Appropriations Chair, Nita Lowey who helped to craft this package.

We must boldly fight this pandemic with all the science-based tools and resources we have. And we must put families first.

The bill before us does exactly that by:

Providing free coronavirus testing for everyone who needs it,

Establishing an emergency paid leave program,

Enhancing state unemployment benefits, Strengthening food assistance programs for seniors and school kids.

I urge all members to support this critical legislation to help address the needs of families across this nation facing the impact of this pandemic.

Lastly, I want to thank the Governor, State Officials, our Mayor, Local Officials, Port of Oakland, our workers, Federal Partners, and our residents who have pulled together so that public health protocols were put in place to ensure the health and safety of everyone including the West Oakland community.

The West Oakland community has been significantly challenged by environmental racism and injustice in the past. I am proud of the community their compassion and competence and for stepping up during these challenging times.

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, as we respond to the Coronavirus pandemic, it's crucial that we don't forget the 22 million children who rely on free or reduced-priced school lunches.

For many kids, it is the only meal they get each day. It is our responsibility to ensure that kids continue to get the meals they need.

I'm proud that the package the House is passing today includes my legislation—the Maintaining Essential Access to Lunch for Students Act.

My bill gives schools that are forced to close during a public health emergency the flexibility to implement alternate options—like home delivery of meals—in order to ensure their students are fed.

I urge my colleagues to vote yes on this bill and ensure that no child goes hungry due to school closures in times of crisis.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak in strong support of H.R. 6201, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020, which provides much needed protections for American families from the worst conditions that might arise as the nation fights the spread of COVID-19.

My thoughts and prayers are with the families who have lost loved ones and the thousand who are sick, and the many others who will struggle with the effects of COVID-19 over the coming days, weeks, and months.

We owe a special debt to First Responders who will be the lifeline for those who will need medical care to overcome this coronavirus designated as COVID-19.

The legislation includes:

- Health Care Worker Protections;
- Emergency Paid Leave;
- Emergency Unemployment Insurance; and
- Paid Sick Days for Public Health Emergencies and Personal and Family Care.

This bill provides immediate help to American families that are now on the frontline of this fight to defeat COVID-19.

Yesterday, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, which has reached at least 114 countries, sickening over 139,000 people, and killing more than 5,116 worldwide.

The first presumptive COVID-19 positive case was reported in the Houston area occurred in Montgomery County, Texas, which borders Harris County, the location of Houston, Texas.

Montgomery County, Texas officials confirmed that the man has not traveled out of the state or country recently.

Currently, the 20 people he had been in close contact with are in self-quarantine.

If the case is confirmed by the CDC, this could be the first community-spread case in the Houston area.

Community-spread occurring is the reason why we need tests in enough supply that everyone can be tested so that we know the state of COVID-19 in each community.

While the Houston area has other cases that are linked to travel outside of the state, this is the first case not linked to travel outside of the state.

The Montgomery County, Texas Public Health officials took steps to protect children

by closing schools two days before spring break to do a deep clean, and they are expecting to resume classes after the break.

The person is being treated at an undisclosed hospital and is reported to be under observation and doing well.

COVID-19 is more contagious than the flu. The contagious score is 1.5 and COVID-19 is 2.3.

Although symptoms are compared to the flu, COVID-19 is not the flu.

Because there is no immunity, vaccine, or widely agreed upon treatment there are only a few options for protecting the public and limiting its spread.

This is a time in our nation that historians will write about and anthropologists will study, but for us—living today—we are in a fight against a foe that we have never faced before, but we must defeat.

The army before us are our medical researchers, doctors, nurses, first responders, and sanitation workers, but they cannot defeat this enemy alone.

Each of us, not just in the United States but around the world must join the fight by paying attention to facts and not spread rumors.

The weapons for slowing the spread of COVID-19 are simple and they work:

- Washing hands;
- Sanitizing surfaces;
- Social Distance;
- Isolation; and
- Quarantines.

These tools for controlling the spread of infectious diseases are as old as civilization and are still used today because they work.

Some of the first records of the use of cleaning, washing, and isolation of the sick and those thought to be ill is found in the Bible in the Book of Leviticus Chapter 13.

It provides detailed instructions to the community about leprosy, a dreaded contagious disease.

To defeat COVID-19, we must practice hand washing, social distance, isolation, and quarantine.

Hand washing sounds simple but it involves much more attention and time to do it right—and remove germs.

To get accurate instructions on what is needed to know visit <https://coronavirus.gov>, where information can be found on cleaning and personal care.

Social distance means limiting physical contact and having at least six feet separating persons while in public spaces.

Social distance practices can include not shaking hands, or touching surfaces where the virus can be picked up.

Social distance can also involve limiting the number of people who may be in an enclosed space.

Isolation for at least 14 days is for persons who may have been in contact with a person who tests positive for COVID-19.

Quarantine is for persons who are suspected of having COVID-19 or tested positive for having COVID-19.

Given the fluid nature of the events unfolding each person should be informed and ready to support efforts to prevent or slow the spread of the illness.

The National Institutes of Health, the CDC, university researchers, and private companies are working on a vaccine, which will take a year to produce in enough quantities to inoculate people from becoming infected with COVID-19.

In the meantime, we must do all that we can to protect the elderly; those with serious pre-existing health conditions, and our health care workers from contracting COVID-19.

I believe that we must do more to prepare the public for what may be localized, household, or individual quarantines to address the spread of COVID-19.

We must vastly increase the number of tests and make sure that everyone presenting with mild cold or flu like symptoms is tested to accurately gauge the spread of COVID-19 in communities.

I saw news reports in early January on the novel Coronavirus's rapid spread and the numbers of infected expanding so quickly, I knew this was not something to be taken lightly and that time was not on our side to mount an effective defense.

On February 10, 2020, I held the first press conference on the issue of the novel coronavirus at Houston Intercontinental Airport.

I was joined by public health officials, local unions, and advocates to raise awareness regarding the virus and the implications it might have for travel to the United States from China and to combat early signs of discrimination targeting Asian businesses in the United States.

On February 24, 2020, I held a second press conference on the International Health Regulations Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization declaration of a "public health emergency from the outbreak of the Coronavirus."

At that time, I formally requested the President of the United States by letter to immediately suspend any health-related cuts that impact efforts to contain and treat the coronavirus, including the \$3.3 billion in cuts to the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the discretionary budget cuts for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) of nearly 19 percent at \$678 million, severely threatening the CDC's ability to respond to this and other epidemics in the future.

Additionally, I requested the President to suspend cuts in both the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

On February 26, 2020, I sent a letter to the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Homeland Security seeking a meeting with Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Chad Wolf to gain insight into the Preparedness of the Agency to address a possible pandemic.

On February 28, 2020, I spoke on the Floor of the House and announced plans to form a Congressional Coronavirus Task Force.

I thank Congressmen BRIAN FITZPATRICK and Dr. RAUL RUIZ for joining me as co-chairs of the Congressional Coronavirus Task Force.

Today, March 13, 2020, the House of Representatives is offering additional tools to help the American public during this crisis, the second relief package in less than a week.

I want to impress upon the American people that if they have not been paying attention to the issue of the virus, they need to stop and learn all that they can.

First, do not panic—get informed with facts by visiting <https://coronavirus.gov>, this website is maintained by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (<https://cdc.gov>).

They must prepare for what is coming—if it has not officially arrived in their community—do not assume that it will not make its presence known.

The earlier bill provided \$8.3 billion in funding in emergency supplemental appropriations, which included:

More than \$3 billion for research and development of vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics;

\$2.2 billion in public health funding for prevention, preparedness, and response, \$950 million of which is to support state and local health agencies;

Nearly \$1 billion for procurement of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies, to support healthcare preparedness and Community Health Centers, and to improve medical surge capacity;

\$435 million to support health systems overseas to prevent, prepare, and respond to the coronavirus;

\$300 million to respond to humanitarian needs;

\$61 million to facilitate the development and review of medical countermeasures, devices, therapies, and vaccines, and to help mitigate potential supply chain interruptions; and

Allows for an estimated \$7 billion in low-interest loans to affected small businesses.

On, Thursday, March 12, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported the coronavirus outbreak has now infected more than 1,000 people in nearly 40 U.S. states—and the country's top authority on infectious diseases reports that things will only get worse.

The World Health Organization reports a 3.4 percent mortality rate for COVID-19.

The challenge with this new coronavirus is that it is highly contagious, and of those infected, 15–20 percent contract pneumonia

And 5 percent of these cases may develop Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS), which is a rapidly progressive disease occurring in critically ill patients.

The main complication in ARDS is that fluid leaks into the lungs making breathing difficult or impossible.

This virus is a serious public health threat, but this does not mean that we should have a public health panic.

There are knowledgeable and trained virologists, public health experts, and physicians who need the funding provided by this bill.

I ask that my colleagues join me in voting in support of H.R. 6201.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. LOWEY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 6201, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 363, nays 40, answered “present” 1, not voting 26, as follows:

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Mr. RICHMOND changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, the House has now spoken in a clear voice and approved this bipartisan bill. If there are any developments that would require Members to return before our scheduled return date of March 23, 24 hours' notice will be provided.

I want to thank all Members for their patience as leaders on both sides worked hard to negotiate the coronavirus response legislation the House has now adopted. Much remains to be done, but we have done good work last week on behalf of the American people and good work this week on behalf of the American people.

RANKING A MEMBER OF A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 903

*Resolved*, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, ranked as follows on the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY: Mr. Jordan, to rank before Mr. Collins of Georgia.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 6201, FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT**

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill, H.R. 6201, the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes to the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

**EXTENDING CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM STANDARDS PROGRAM**

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Homeland Security and the Committee on Energy and Commerce be discharged from further consideration of the bill (H.R. 6160) to extend the chemical facility anti-terrorism standards program of the Department of Homeland Security, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Mississippi?

There was no objection.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 6160

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

**SECTION 1. EXTENSION OF CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM STANDARDS PROGRAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.**

Section 5 of the Protecting and Securing Chemical Facilities from Terrorist Attacks Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-254; 6 U.S.C. 621 note) is amended by striking “5 years and 3 months” and inserting “6 years and 9 months”.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

**HONORING RUBY ANN WHITTLE SMITH ON HER 100TH BIRTHDAY**

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ruby Ann Whittle

Smith on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Ms. Smith has been a district resident for 95 years. She was born in South Hill, Virginia, on March 15, 1920, and moved to Orange, New Jersey, 5 years later.

Ms. Smith graduated from Orange High School and later the New York Institute of Dietetics. She started her career as a hospital dietician and worked at Community Hospital in Newark, New Jersey, then she spent 30 years as a clerk at Western Electric.

But she is known and loved for her passions: her dedication to New Hope Baptist Church in East Orange, her enjoyment of Denzel Washington movies, and her love of peppermints and bingo.

Happy birthday to Ruby Ann Whittle Smith. She is truly 100 years young.

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**NO WAY TO HANDLE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS**

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

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, it is quite sad that something this important had this kind of procedure.

Now, I got a bill at around 9 o'clock or so. I was told it was the most recent draft. I read through that, and I got through it in time to have a number of questions highlighted, tagged.

I wasn't able—my staff was trying—to get a copy of the bill we were going to vote on. I got it right before the buzzer goes off that we are going to have a vote in 15 minutes.

This is no way to handle something so important. Part of my problem, my concerns and questions I couldn't get answered: Is this going to put some people out of business? I get over here, and people hadn't read it, so they can't answer my questions.

This is no way to handle billions and billions of dollars when we are trying to help people, and we don't even know whether we will help them or hurt them.

**TOGETHER, OUR COUNTRY WILL SURVIVE CORONAVIRUS**

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

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, the hour is late, but I wanted to rise to speak to my constituents.

We are facing a novel illness in the coronavirus. I know that many are feeling nervous and uncertain with this type of disease, but I want to remind my community in northern Illinois that we have some tools at our disposal, commonsense solutions, like making sure to wash our hands and use hand sanitizer, to sanitize frequently touched surfaces, and to refrain from touching our faces. But we also need to make sure that we are extending common courtesies, kindness, and respect to our neighbors.

If you are feeling sick, stay home. If you are really feeling sick, please call ahead to your healthcare provider so that they can be ready to accommodate you.

Together, our country will survive the coronavirus and make it through this challenging time.

**VOTING TO SAVE LIVES**

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, as I stand before the words “In God We Trust,” tonight we took a vote to save the lives of our fellow Americans.

I am very glad that what we did today was for families, healthcare worker protections, emergency paid leave, emergency unemployment insurance, paid sick days for public health emergencies, and personal and family care.

I will go home to my district and convene meetings regarding those who are dealing with education, healthcare, and testing, but the main thing that we must do is test every single American who is showing signs or needs.

What we have in this bill is to provide free testing. In addition, we have organized the bipartisan Congressional Coronavirus Task Force. We are doing that to engage with Members as they are away in their districts.

This is more contagious than the flu and more deadly.

Let us be assured that we take care of the American people. I intend to do so in my State of Texas and intend to make sure that resources go to save lives.

In God we trust.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. LEWIS (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

**ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED**

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1365. An act to make technical corrections to the Guam World War II Loyalty Recognition Act.

H.R. 4334. An act to amend the Older Americans Act of 1965 to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2020 through 2024, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4803. An act to facilitate the automatic acquisition of citizenship for lawful permanent resident children of military and Federal Government personnel residing abroad, and for other purposes.

**SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED**

The Speaker announced her signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 760.—An act to enable registered apprenticeship programs to better serve veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 893.—An act to require the President to develop a strategy to ensure the security of next generation mobile telecommunications systems and infrastructure in the United States and to assist allies and strategic partners in maximizing the security of next generation mobile telecommunications systems, infrastructure, and software, and for other purposes.

S. 1678.—An act to express United States support for Taiwan's diplomatic alliances around the world.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 7(b) of House Resolution 891, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 16, 2020, at 11 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4154. A letter from the Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Department of Energy, transmitting a letter reporting a violation of the Antideficiency Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; Public Law 97-258; (96 Stat. 926); to the Committee on Appropriations.

4155. A letter from the Chairman, Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission, transmitting the Buy American Act Report for the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission for fiscal year 2019, pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 10a(b); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

4156. A letter from the President and CEO, National Safety Council, transmitting the Council's Audit Report, pursuant to Public Law 259-83 Congress, 36 U.S.C.; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

4157. A letter from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense, transmitting the Annual Joint Report for Fiscal Year 2019 regarding the activities and accomplishments of the Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Joint Executive Committee, pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 8111(f)(1); Public Law 96-22, Sec. 301(a) (as amended by Public Law 97-174, Sec. 3(a)(3)); (96 Stat. 73); jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[Omitted from the Record of 3/12/2020]

Ms. WATERS: Committee on Financial Services. H.R. 5332. A bill to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to ensure that consumer reporting agencies are providing fair and accurate information reporting in consumer reports, and for other purposes, with an amendment (Rept. 116-416). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. JACKSON LEE:

H.R. 6271. A bill to provide certain unemployment assistance for individuals impacted by quarantine order for a national or State public health emergency, including a virus threat or other health pandemic; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE:

H.R. 6272. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to make grants to eligible entities to train elementary and secondary school nurses on how to respond to a biological or chemical attack or an outbreak of pandemic influenza in a school building or on school grounds; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BUTTERFIELD:

H.R. 6273. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to increase allotments under the Medicaid program for territories of the United States, to provide for a temporary increase in the Federal medical assistance percentage for States under the Medicaid program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. HAALAND (for herself and Mr. GALLEGOS):

H.R. 6274. A bill to improve State, local, and tribal public health security; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. SCOTT of Virginia:

H.R. 6275. A bill to support children and students in responding to safety and health risks presented by qualifying emergencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself, Mr. LAHOOD, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, Mr. PASCRELL, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. ZELDIN, Mr. ESTES, and Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 6276. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit treatment of student loan payments as elective deferrals for purposes of employer matching contributions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. ESCOBAR (for herself and Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 6277. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to provide for a cause of action by the family of a military service member who dies from an accident on the high seas, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KELLY of Mississippi:

H.R. 6278. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 500 West Main Street, Suite 102 in Tupelo, Mississippi, as the "Colonel Carlyle 'Smitty' Harris Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York (for herself and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H.R. 6279. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require certain companies to disclose information describing any measures the company has taken to identify and address conditions of forced labor, slavery, human trafficking, and the worst forms of child labor within the company's supply chains; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. PANETTA (for himself and Mr. WENSTRUP):

H.R. 6280. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the differential

wage payment credit; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PASCRELL (for himself, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. MALINOWSKI, Mr. LANGEVIN, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. SIREN, Mr. KIM, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. PAYNE, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Ms. SHERRILL):

H.R. 6281. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to codify and permanently extend the Medicare hospital wage index imputed rural floor; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. RUIZ (for himself, Ms. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee):

H.R. 6282. A bill to establish a commission to assess, evaluate, and address the dependence of the United States on medications, devices, and medical equipment from foreign countries; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. RUIZ (for himself, Mr. BUCHSON, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. BERA, Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. HILL of Arkansas, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. PALAZZO, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. GIBBS, and Mr. HARRIS):

H.R. 6283. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to limit the liability of health care professionals who volunteer to provide health care services in response to a disaster; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 6284. A bill to amend subchapter II of chapter 301 of title 49, United States Code, to require crash avoidance technologies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. STEUBE:

H.R. 6285. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide eligibility for TRICARE Select to veterans with service-connected disabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BURGESS:

H.R. 6286. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify rules relating to health savings accounts; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CURTIS (for himself, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. SIREN, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. YOHO, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. WALTZ, Ms. SPEIER, Mr. GALLEGOS, and Mr. CRENSHAW):

H.R. 6287. A bill to permit visiting dignitaries and service members from Taiwan to display the flag of the Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. RICHMOND:

H.R. 6288. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to include a public health emergency in the definition of a major disaster, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. GARCIA of Texas (for herself and Mr. CURTIS):

H. Res. 902. A resolution commemorating March 17, 2020, as the 40th anniversary of the Refugee Act of 1980, and the amendments made by that Act, at a time when the need for bipartisan support of the refugee resettlement program of the United States is critical to the survival of the program; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. CHENEY:

H. Res. 903. A resolution ranking a Member of a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

### CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE:

H.R. 6271.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1, 3, 17, and 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. JACKSON LEE:

H.R. 6272.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clauses 1, 3, 17, and 18 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. BUTTERFIELD:

H.R. 6273.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the Constitution, Congress has the power to collect taxes and expend funds to provide for the general welfare of the United States. Congress may also make laws that are necessary and proper for carrying into execution their powers enumerated under Article I.

By Ms. HAALAND:

H.R. 6274.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. SCOTT of Virginia:

H.R. 6275.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois:

H.R. 6276.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I of the Constitution and its subsequent amendments and further clarified and interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

By Ms. ESCOBAR:

H.R. 6277.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Constitutional Authority—Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. I, Sec. 8, Clause 18)

THE U.S. CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE I, SECTION 8: POWERS OF CONGRESS  
CLAUSE 18

The Congress shall have power . . . To make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers, and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the government of the United States, or in any department or officer thereof.

By Mr. KELLY of Mississippi:

H.R. 6278.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Congress has the power to enact this bill pursuant to Clause 7 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution, which provides Congress with the ability to enact legislation necessary and proper to effectuate its purposes in taxing and spending.

By Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of

New York:

H.R. 6279.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. PANETTA:

H.R. 6280.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 18

By Mr. PASCRELL:

H.R. 6281.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 18

By Mr. RUIZ:

H.R. 6282.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of Congress.

By Mr. RUIZ:

H.R. 6283.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8, Clauses 1 and 18, of the United States Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of Congress.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 6284.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

The Congress shall have Power . . . To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

By Mr. STEUBE:

H.R. 6285.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;

To establish an uniform Rule of Naturalization, and uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States;

To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures;

To provide for the Punishment of counterfeiting the Securities and current Coin of the United States;

To establish Post Offices and Post Roads;

To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries;

To constitute Tribunals inferior to the supreme Court;

To define and punish Piracies and Felonies committed on the high Seas, and Offenses against the Law of Nations;

To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make Rules concerning Captures on Land and Water;

To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer Term than two Years;

To provide and maintain a Navy;

To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces;

To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions;

To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the Militia, and for governing such Part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States, reserving to the States respectively, the Appointment of the Officers, and the Authority of training the Militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress;

To exercise exclusive Legislation in all Cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten Miles square) as may, by Cession of particular States, and the acceptance of Congress, become the Seat of the Government of the United States, and to exercise like Authority over all Places purchased by the Consent of the Legislature of the State in which the Same shall be, for the Erection of Forts, Magazines, Arsenals, dock-Yards, and other needful Buildings; And

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. BURGESS:

H.R. 6286.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution, which grants Congress the power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States; but all duties, imposts and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3, of the United States Constitution, which grants Congress the power to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes.

By Mr. CURTIS:

H.R. 6287.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8

By Mr. RICHMOND:

H.R. 6288.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is introduced pursuant to the powers granted to Congress under the General Welfare Clause (Art. 1 Sec. 8 CL 1), the Commerce Clause (Art. 1 Sec. 8 CL 3), and the Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. 1 Sec. 8 CL 18).

Further, this statement of constitutional authority is made for the sole purpose of compliance with clause 7 of Rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives and shall have no bearing on judicial review of the accompanying bill.

### ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 1032: Mr. ENGEL.

H.R. 1461: Mr. ARRINGTON.

- H.R. 1530: Mr. CARTWRIGHT.  
H.R. 1549: Mr. FOSTER.  
H.R. 1679: Mr. BLUMENAUER.  
H.R. 1762: Mr. COMER.  
H.R. 1767: Mr. CLAY.  
H.R. 1784: Mrs. AXNE.  
H.R. 1858: Mr. TIMMONS.  
H.R. 1922: Ms. DEAN.  
H.R. 2086: Mr. LUETKEMEYER.  
H.R. 2117: Mr. MITCHELL, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. GONZALEZ of Ohio, Mr. HURD of Texas, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. WITTMAN.  
H.R. 2150: Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania.  
H.R. 2166: Mr. ALLRED.  
H.R. 2279: Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. LONG, and Ms. BARRAGAN.  
H.R. 2686: Mr. KENNEDY.  
H.R. 2733: Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Ms. JACKSON LEE, and Ms. ADAMS.  
H.R. 2825: Mr. KILMER.  
H.R. 2903: Mr. KING of Iowa.  
H.R. 3215: Mr. EVANS.  
H.R. 3330: Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas.  
H.R. 3497: Mr. LAHOOD.  
H.R. 4098: Mr. ROUZER.  
H.R. 4104: Mr. WEBSTER of Florida and Mr. MOOLENAAR.
- H.R. 4347: Mr. NEGUSE.  
H.R. 4549: Ms. SANCHEZ.  
H.R. 4560: Mr. LEVIN of Michigan.  
H.R. 4702: Mr. COOK.  
H.R. 4733: Mr. PHILLIPS.  
H.R. 4764: Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, and Mr. HUDSON.  
H.R. 4870: Mr. WALDEN.  
H.R. 4982: Mr. PHILLIPS.  
H.R. 5028: Ms. DELAURO.  
H.R. 5055: Mr. HILL of Arkansas.  
H.R. 5076: Mrs. WALORSKI and Ms. CLARKE of New York.  
H.R. 5265: Mr. SHERMAN.  
H.R. 5327: Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL.  
H.R. 5390: Mr. GUEST.  
H.R. 5534: Mr. KILDEE and Mrs. BEATY.  
H.R. 5552: Mr. SARBANES.  
H.R. 5739: Mr. STEUBE, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. NEGUSE, and Mr. LUETKEMEYER.  
H.R. 5823: Ms. ESHOO, Ms. SEWELL of Alabama, and Ms. JACKSON LEE.  
H.R. 5845: Mr. GARCIA of Illinois.  
H.R. 6034: Ms. NORTON.  
H.R. 6035: Mr. MCADAMS.  
H.R. 6064: Mr. QUIGLEY.  
H.R. 6083: Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina.  
H.R. 6120: Mr. KENNEDY.
- H.R. 6121: Mr. LYNCH, Mrs. BEATY, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.  
H.R. 6139: Mr. ENGEL.  
H.R. 6192: Mr. MCADAMS.  
H.R. 6194: Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. BOST, Mr. WALDEN, Mr. DUNN, Mr. ROY, and Mr. ZELDIN.  
H.R. 6198: Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
H.R. 6200: Mrs. HAYES.  
H.R. 6202: Ms. BONAMICI.  
H.R. 6219: Mr. PHILLIPS.  
H.R. 6233: Mr. CARSON of Indiana.  
H.R. 6241: Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee, Mr. BARR, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. RIGGLEMAN, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, and Mr. TIMMONS.  
H.R. 6242: Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee, Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee, Mr. LUCAS, and Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina.  
H.R. 6268: Mr. EVANS, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. SCHNEIDER, and Mr. CROW.  
H. Res. 214: Mr. SWALWELL of California.  
H. Res. 224: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY.  
H. Res. 862: Mr. KIM.  
H. Res. 893: Mrs. LEE of Nevada.

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CELEBRATING THE LIFE, LEGACY,  
AND MEMORY OF PATRICIA  
"TRISH" BERRY-BELL

**HON. SUZAN K. DELBENE**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Patricia "Trish" Berry-Bell, a treasured friend and constituent, who passed away peacefully on January 19, 2020 after a courageous battle with glioblastoma. Trish was a retired registered nurse. She began her career at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago in the Neuro-Intensive Care Unit. After moving to Washington in 1983, she became a staple of our health care community. She first worked as an ICU nurse, then later in Recovery and Research, at the University of Washington Medical Center. Though she retired in 2016, she certainly did not remove herself from the health care world. Trish was a strong advocate for both nurses and patients during her career and after her retirement.

Trish was a jack-of-all-trades, receiving a degree in fashion design in addition to her degree in nursing. She exemplified the strong sense of community Washington is known for in so many aspects of her life, and any of us could count on her to be the first to step up if we needed help. Trish was loyal (a member of the same book club for twenty-seven years), loving, caring (my daughter's godmother), and was known for her quick wit and sense of humor. Her favorite holiday was St. Patrick's Day when we would gather at her house for a corned beef dinner. She was easily recognizable from her flaming red hair and her clear zest for life. I know her husband John, daughters Caitlin and Maeve, son-in-law John and all of us whose lives were better because we knew her will keep her memory alive. My family and I will miss her dearly.

**RICK ENGLER**

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and commend Washington, District of Columbia resident, Mr. Rick Engler, for his retirement from the Chemical Safety Board.

In February of 2020, Mr. Rick Engler retired from his position on the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, a position he held since President Barack Obama nominated him in January of 2014 and was confirmed by the United States Senate in December 2014.

Prior to his appointment to the United States Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, Mr. Engler spent more than four decades helping to prevent chemical hazards. Mr. Engler advocated for New Jersey Worker and

Community Right to Know and Toxic Catastrophe laws that increased government transparency and the public's "right to know" about potential chemical dangers they may have been exposed to on the job and in the community.

Moreover, he advocated for national 1990 Clean Air Act amendments which enabled workers and management representatives to fully participate during Environmental Protection Agency and Chemical Safety Board investigations of facilities that use highly hazardous chemicals. He also advocated for several state and federal public policies that promote hazard communication, workforce development, chemical incident prevention, inherently safer processes, and whistleblower protection.

Mr. Engler has consistently been a leader in collaborative labor-management-community initiatives to help investigate and prevent chemical incidents. Among Rick's accomplishments and contributions during his tenure include his role as the Director of the New Jersey Work Environment Council, his founding of the Philadelphia Area Project on Occupational Safety and Health, his service as an elected Vice President of the New Jersey Industrial Union Council, AFL-CIO, as well as his service on the New Jersey Department of Health Occupational Health Surveillance Advisory Committee.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Mr. Rick Engler, a dedicated public servant who has fought tirelessly for the safety of our communities and of all workers.

HONORING WRESTLING CHAMPION  
HEAVEN FITCH

**HON. MARK WALKER**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Mr. WALKER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Heaven Fitch on winning the wrestling state championship for North Carolina's 106-pound weight class. Competing against all boys, Heaven's win makes her the first female athlete in North Carolina to win a wrestling state championship.

She and her three brothers first became interested with wrestling at an early age after watching the sport on television. When Heaven and her brothers joined the local wrestling club, she was the only girl. Heaven wrestled wherever she could, often practicing up to five days a week. Despite being smaller than almost all her high school opponents, Heaven's agility and speed has led her to dominate on the mat finishing the season with a 54-4 record. Heaven currently goes to Uwharrie Charter Academy in Asheboro, North Carolina, where she has gotten support from her classmates, teammates, coaches and parents Ryan and Stacey.

Each March, we come together to celebrate women who have broken barriers, defied stereotypes, and contributed to our country's

history. While we recognize trailblazing women over the course of history, it is our great honor to recognize women making history today in our backyards.

Congratulations to Heaven for all her accomplishments and serving as an inspiration to girls across the country.

IN HONOR OF THE SAN CARLOS  
CHICKEN'S BALL

**HON. JACKIE SPEIER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 80th anniversary of a San Carlos school fundraiser known as the Chicken's Ball. The name is taken from a tradition of San Francisco's Barbary Coast when local music halls would hold an annual charity fundraiser. Chorus performers wore costumes with a lot of feathers, hence the name Chicken's Ball.

The first ball in San Carlos was held in 1940 and it was organized by Howard J. Demeke, a teacher at Central School. The money benefited the PTA milk fund. Its stated purpose was to build the "unification of a lasting community fellowship." Every two years since, shows have been produced, including this one in March of 2020.

Approximately 250 volunteers and business sponsors produce the ball every two years. It is an "all-consuming effort," to quote a local historian, Linda Garvey, and may be the longest running PTA fundraiser in the country. The show features three melodramas and three variety skits based on people and events of the Barbary Coast era of 1890 to 1918. Since the 1940's, more than 60 PTA and civic groups have contributed original skit ideas. Music is provided by the Poultry (Paltry) Philharmonic.

Humor and the unexpected are a big part of the charm of the Chicken's Ball. While skit writers often produce shows with great laughs, some of the best moments come when the lines are forgotten and actors ad lib to get over an awkward moment.

Watching community members in novel parts is also fun. Children in the audience love seeing siblings and friends on stage, particularly if the part calls for a child to boss around an adult. A lot of the fun comes from the imaginative sets, all locally produced by skilled residents.

Performers range in age from 14-94. Singers, dancers, choreographers, designers, writers and stage crew are all volunteers and accepted regardless of talent. The theme of the 2020 Chicken's Ball is "The Night They Invented Champagne." The year's show opens on March 13th and runs through March 22nd.

This is a chance for San Carlos, a small town with a great deal of talent and charm, to come together for several months of skit development, costume design, set construction,

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rehearsals, and finally theatrical production. I want to extend my congratulations to all who make this event possible. San Carlos is a special place where humor, a love of education, and copious amounts of talent combine to produce a beloved community tradition. Every two years San Carlos lights up the stage to support its schools. Learning to celebrate as a community of Americans is also a profound act of education. I wish this year's Chicken's Ball a spectacular season.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF  
HAMILTON COUNTY ENGINEER  
TED HUBBARD

**HON. BRAD R. WENSTRUP**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize Hamilton County Engineer Ted Hubbard for his 38 years of service at the county engineer's office and congratulate him on his recent retirement.

Ted is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati who has committed his career to enhancing Southwest Ohio. He holds deeply the belief that honest public service is key to bettering civil society. Mr. Hubbard is right; our republic is built on the hard work and service of devoted men and women. Ted Hubbard is one such public servant.

Ted's tenure at the Hamilton County engineer's office was marked by a keen ability to forge relationships with the people, groups, and governments around him. Throughout his time at the office, whether as a design engineer, in permitting and construction, or as a deputy engineer, Ted had a positive impact on Hamilton County. Ted's leadership on projects such as Colerain Ave, Montgomery Ave, Fields-Ertel Road, Winton Road, and the Cross County Highway will benefit our community for years to come.

I wish Ted the best as he moves on to a new chapter of his life and thank him for his service.

May God bless Ted and his family.

HONORING KERISA BAEDKE AS  
IOWAN OF THE WEEK

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Kerisa Baedke, teacher and educator at Prairieview School in Waukee, as this week's Iowan of the Week.

Kerisa is a foreign language teacher at Prairieview School in Waukee, Iowa. In her Spanish classes, she has built an immersive, vibrant environment in which her students feel comfortable and confident learning a new language. By combining a bright, colorful array of decorations with interactive lessons—taught almost entirely in Spanish—Kerisa brings a world of art, culture, and history to Prairieview School.

Kerisa has a passion for teaching foreign languages and promoting different cultural ex-

periences in her classes. Her whole family speaks three or four languages, she says, and it's where she first discovered love and passion for language. She also comes from a family of educators; her parents both dedicated themselves to teaching. Kerisa said she was born to be a teacher and couldn't imagine doing anything else.

Prairieview School students look forward to Mrs. Baedke's class each year, including her well-known projects like creative cultural dances or the "Día de los Muertos" shoebox. Kerisa has made a lasting impression on her students, cultivating a passion for language and for learning. In fact, it was one of her students that nominated her for the Iowa State Education Association's Excellence in Education Award—and Kerisa won.

The accolades don't stop there. I am proud to say that Kerisa was also awarded with the National Education Association's Horace Mann Award. This prestigious national honor is awarded to only five teachers each year for their outstanding contributions to their students and to the teaching profession. Kerisa is the first ever teacher from Iowa to receive the Horace Mann Award, and I know the entire Prairieview School community is delighted by her achievement.

As a mom, I know that education is the single most important investment we can make in our children. I am proud to know that our children have teachers like Kerisa helping them learn and grow. It is her commitment to creating an engaging, nurturing, and most importantly exciting environment for students to learn that makes her a pillar of our community. It is my honor to celebrate Kerisa Baedke and recognize her as the Iowan of the Week.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DANIEL  
(DAN) DILL

**HON. JARED HUFFMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in memory of Daniel Dill, who passed away on September 17, 2019 at the age of 48 after a lifetime of public service to his community.

Born on June 11, 1971, to Danny and Grace Dill, Dan attended Fortuna High School, then studied wildlife management at Humboldt State University. After graduating, Dan worked for the Pacific Lumber Co., where he became a senior wildlife biologist in 1995. In 2008, he went to work as a wildlife biologist at Six Rivers National Forest, and he was named deputy district ranger for the Orleans/Ukonom Ranger District in 2012. He then became district ranger for the Mad River Ranger District in 2015. Dan also was a member of the Scotia and Fortuna volunteer fire departments, and the Scotia School Board.

Dan's commitment to the U.S. Forest Service and the communities it serves was particularly apparent during the 2015 wildfires on Six Rivers National Forest where he displayed tremendous leadership. Recognized for being in tune with residents' needs during and following the fires, he worked diligently to address critical forest fuels management and restoration projects in the area. Dan knew how to bring diverse groups of people together to

bring these efforts to fruition. Even during trying times, Dan remained a cheerful and understanding individual focused on doing good work for the forest and the people who live in it.

Dan is survived by his wife Dawn, his daughters Emily and Ava, his parents Danny and Grace, and his brother Brett. His tremendous service to the country through his work in the U.S. Forest Service is a legacy that will improve the Six Rivers National Forest for generations to come. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Daniel Dill and his many important contributions to Northern California and the U.S. Forest Service.

RECOGNIZING THE REMARKS OF  
AMBASSADOR MARTHA BÁRCENA

**HON. HENRY CUELLAR**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Mr. CUELLAR. Madam Speaker, I am honored to include in the RECORD remarks made by Her Excellency, Martha Bárcena Coqui after she was recognized for the prestigious Mr. South Texas Award for the 123rd Washington's Birthday Celebration on February 22nd, 2020 in Laredo, Texas. The Mr. South Texas designation is presented to a deserving individual who has made a significant and lasting contribution to the growth and development of Laredo and the South Texas region. Ambassador Bárcena is a distinguished career diplomat and noted for being the first woman appointed Ambassador of Mexico to the United States.

AMBASSADOR MARTHA BÁRCENA'S REMARKS AT  
MR. SOUTH TEXAS LUNCHEON

I am humbled and honored to receive this recognition that showcases the closeness of our ties at a very important time.

I want to thank the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association and the International Bank of Commerce for putting together this great event.

I also want to thank Mayor of Laredo, Pete Saenz, the officials that work at the City of Laredo and the rest of the business community leaders and special guests that join us here today.

American writer James Baldwin used to say that "the past is all that makes the present coherent". Today, I believe that the present of Laredo and the U.S. cannot be understood without its shared history with Mexico.

Texas is close to us because its history is closely intertwined with Mexico and with Mexican and Latino immigrants in this country.

As the first female Ambassador of Mexico to the U.S., I have proudly repeated that the Latino community, and among them, the Mexican community, are the past, the present and the future of this country.

In fact, my own personal story reflects the stories of millions that live on either side of the border but comprise one close-knit community. My grandmother's ancestors arrived from Europe in the Mayflower and finally settled in Texas. They were what Emma Lazarus brilliantly described as the "huddled masses yearning to breathe free".

My great great grandfather, Leonard Pierce Jr., from Maine, served as President Lincoln's Consul in Matamoros, where he cared for the Confederate territory refugees and enlisted Union sympathizers. His family

finally settled in Laredo, where my grandfather, a French immigrant, married Rachel Pierce Cushman. My grandmother, Claire Jannet Pierce was born here in 1904. The family migrated to Mexico later on, but other part of the family stayed here.

That is why, the last time I was here I got to visit a school that bears the name of my great aunt, Alma Allerton Pierce Elementary.

I can feel this sense of fellowship, supported by a binational, bilingual and bicultural community, that is so characteristic of Laredo.

Our border is one of the busiest and most frequently crossed international borders in the world, but it is way more than a customs and immigration checkpoint.

When we talk about the border, we are also talking about us. We are talking about people that move, that invest, that shop and that socialize across the boundary line.

When we talk about the border we talk about ranchers, railroad builders, miners, investors and immigrants. We talk about thousands of people who cross the border every single day in both directions to work, conduct business, attend school or get medical treatment.

When I come to the border, I see an environment of opportunity defined by social and commercial exchanges, and of common natural landscapes. I also see it as the symbol of our economic stature as a region. Together, the 10 Border States would constitute the world's 4th largest economy.

Dear friends:

We are neighbors by geography, but partners and allies by choice. In less than a century, we transformed mistrust into a strong, collaborative and mutually beneficial relationship.

Our special partnership has made us grow together and prosper together. Today, the great state of Texas has witnessed firsthand the benefits of the close trade with Mexico, twenty-eight years after NAFTA was signed here in San Antonio.

Under NAFTA, exports from Texas to Mexico increased 350%. In a striking comparison, Texas' exports to Mexico are greater than all U.S. exports to Japan and India combined.

Mexico is Texas main trading partner, its first export destination and its number one source of imports.

Our bilateral trade rose to more than 200 billion dollars in 2019 and there are almost half a million Texans whose jobs depend on trade with Mexico.

Moving forward, we are confident that NAFTA successor, the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement, USMCA or TMEC, will be a strategic component for economic growth in North America and the ongoing creation of opportunities in cities like Laredo.

With the passing of USMCA, we accomplished three additional objectives:

(1) To support North America's competitiveness, with rules of origin that strengthen regional value chains

(2) To increase trade and investments, and

(3) To restore certainty and stability

Now is the time for implementation and as Laredo is the main port for bilateral trade we have multiple challenges ahead, particularly in the area of infrastructure and personnel for the port, to be able to grasp the opportunities that we have ahead of us.

But when I talk about infrastructure is not only the ports of entry, it's water sanitation, and it is also realizing that we share a common environment and discussing how are we going to deal with the challenges that a border wall will bring to that environment.

We have shared this environment for centuries, and this construction can change it permanently. This is something that we have to reflect on, because, above all, the wall

will be a symbol that will separate us, while our rivers, our landscape and our bridges had united us.

Dear all,

Mexico is well aware that all of the opportunities that stand before us cannot be fully seized, and will not be fully seized, without a careful reconsideration of the difficulties that lie ahead.

There is no silver bullet that will resolve all of our challenges overnight, but we are confident that we are moving in the right direction.

Today, the U.S.-Mexico relationship is at a crossroads, and the decisions that we take from now on will impact the direction of both our countries and the lives of millions of people.

We have sensitive pending issues like migration, where reality requires that we see it, not as a national security problem, but as a phenomenon that can allow us to establish a link between demographic profiles and labor markets.

We are convinced of the necessity of a continuous dialogue, especially on divisive issues, because as long as we remain neighbors, American and Mexican futures will be intertwined.

The role of cities like the two Laredos, its community and its values are key in this shared future. Thank you very much.

HONORING JUSTIN MITCHELL

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2020

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Justin Mitchell of Franklin-Simpson Middle School, located in Franklin, Kentucky. As an 8th Grade Social Studies teacher, Justin received the American History Teacher of the Year Award from the Kentucky Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

This prestigious honor is a testament to the professionalism Justin demands of himself every day and a recognition of the great influence he has had and will continue to have within Franklin-Simpson Middle School.

Active at the state level, working to push education into the future, Justin serves as the Vice Chair of the Education Professional Standards Board and the Assessment and Accountability Council. He continues to organize enriching trips for students to Colonial Williamsburg, VA, and teach at Western Kentucky University's Center for Gifted Studies.

He has committed his career to working with community leaders to improve opportunities for the next generation and ushering in a brighter future for the Commonwealth.

His impact on Simpson County, and public education, cannot be overstated. I've seen the great work Justin Mitchell has done, and join with all of my constituents in the 1st Congressional District of Kentucky in congratulating him.

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO ROBERT E. HILL

HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2020

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, I would like to wish Mr. Robert E. Hill a happy 100th birth-

day and recognize his service to our nation as a citizen and veteran. After graduating from Paulett High School in Cooksville, Mississippi in 1939, Mr. Hill joined the United States Army. After completing Basic Training, Mr. Hill served our nation for over four years and saw service during World War II. Mr. Hill served his country honorably on the Italian Peninsula and was a part of the Rome-Arno, Northern Appennines, and Po Valley campaigns. At the end of his service, Mr. Hill held the rank of sergeant. On behalf of our country and state, I would like to thank Mr. Hill for his service to our great nation and wish him a happy birthday.

HONORING AMORY "AMO" HOUGHTON JR.

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, March 13, 2020

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, Amo Houghton was a dear friend and for many of us, probably the most respected member of Congress from either party. He was thoughtful, positive and constructive. When Congress was bitterly divided during the Newt Gingrich era, it seems almost quaint now, Amo stepped up to bring us together. He was always the voice for civility, thoughtful policy and bipartisanship before that became merely a talking point.

Amo was a modest, quiet, unassuming gentleman. You would never know that he was the only fortune 500 CEO to ever serve in Congress, coming from a distinguished family long successful in business, politics and philanthropy. Yet, he was unpretentious. He cared about good policy and more important than the institution, he cared about the people . . . members and staff.

He was a thoughtful conservative who voted against gimmicks like a balanced-budget amendment despite its popularity with his Republican colleagues. He was against the Iraq war when it had overwhelming support from not just the Bush administration and fellow Republicans, but the majority of the American public.

Amo was ahead of his time in so many ways.

He was deeply concerned about the human dynamic. He didn't just care about "people." He cared about you. He was a strong supporter of the "Faith and Politics" program and efforts at racial reconciliation. His was a unique voice. His positions would be almost unimaginable in today's Congress, but anyone who knew Amo would respect him and more than a few would quietly agree with him.

When I was first elected, I luckily moved into an office next to Amo's. He helped this former freshman member in innumerable ways. His wife Priscilla was herself an amazing person: strong, thoughtful, understated, and civil. She was a dedicated bike rider and was cremated in her favorite dress, wearing a bike pin as did all the ushers at the funeral.

Amo was a consistent voice for people in Congress to do the right thing. He and Priscilla touched many of our lives and made us better people. His participation and example can, and should, live on in this Congress and beyond. His friends, family, neighbors, colleagues, and admirers share a profound sense

of loss in the wake of his passing. But we are all better people for having known him and the influence he had on our lives.

CELEBRATING THE 33RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE JAMES TATUM FOUNDATION

**HON. RASHIDA TLAIB**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the James Tatum Foundation for the Arts on the occasion of its thirty third anniversary.

The James Tatum Foundation for The Arts was founded in 1987 by a coalition of concerned educators and civic leaders who recognized vast numbers of artistically talented young people in the Metropolitan Detroit area and the lack of opportunities to nurture that talent. Since then, the James Tatum Foundation, under the leadership of James Tatum, a world-renowned jazz musician and educator, has carried out its mission to provide opportunities to young artists to develop and display their talents. Furthermore, through its Youth Scholarship Program, the Foundation works to award young people with financial assistance to help attain performing art studies beyond high school.

Over the years, the James Tatum Foundation has blossomed into one of Detroit's most distinguished nonprofit organizations, nurturing students with diverse talents by providing scholarships, mentoring and exposure. The Foundation has awarded hundreds of thousands of dollars in performing arts scholarships to graduating seniors who are advancing to some of the most prestigious colleges and universities, including Juilliard School of Music, New England Conservatory of Music, Curtis Music Institute, Yale University, Oberlin Music School, and the University of Michigan School of Music.

Please join me in celebrating the thirty third anniversary of the James Tatum Foundation for the Performing Arts and the countless young people who have been able to pursue their dreams in the performing arts.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF MRS. VERLIA HOGGARD

**HON. STEVEN HORSFORD**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, I ask that this body recognize the life of Mrs. Verlia Hoggard, who recently passed away.

Ms. Hoggard dedicated her life to serving Las Vegas, and her consistent work to better the lives of those around her made her a fixture in our community.

As the former Director of Clark County Social Services, she dedicated her career to social work, including spending 32 years as the Director of Welfare.

Whereas most people may become bogged down after such a long career in social work—a notoriously tiring profession that asks so much of those in it—Ms. Hoggard remained

focused on those she served, demonstrating her steadfast commitment and boundless dedication to her community.

Additionally, she was active in many local, county, and state governments, as well as organizations including the NAACP, Clark County Library Board, Women's Democratic Club, the Links, Incorporated, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Even after her official work ended with her retirement in 2003, her involvement did not. She continued her longtime participation in various organizations, served on the Steward Board and Hospitality Committee.

She also remained an active member of the First African Methodist Episcopal Church, serving her community through it as well.

Beyond her work as a public official, Ms. Hoggard was known for her kind spirit, her selflessness, and her fortitude. Put simply, it was a privilege to know her.

Las Vegas is lucky to have been the place that Ms. Hoggard called home and to have benefitted tremendously from her years of service.

I am proud of the work my dear friend accomplished and honored to continue her legacy of service—pushing forward with her contributions alongside my colleagues in the Nevada delegation here in the House of Representatives, as well as those serving in the state and local governments back home.

2020 GIRL SCOUTS BIRTHDAY

**HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Girl Scouts of the USA and its 108 years of building girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place.

On March 12, 1912, Juliette Gordon Low founded the first Girl Scout troop with just 18 girls. More than 100 years later, Girl Scouts is 2.5 million strong—more than 1.7 million girls and 750,000 adults who believe in the power of every girl to change the world.

By developing girls' leadership potential—helping girls identify their passions, take the lead, and pursue their dreams—Girl Scouts has shaped generations of girls and women. Today, more than 50 million women are Girl Scout alumni, including 57 percent of women currently serving in the U.S. House of Representatives and 69 percent in the U.S. Senate.

Girl Scouts is committed to ensuring all girls develop to their full potential. The inclusive, all-female environment of a Girl Scout troop gives girls the change to try new things, develop a range of skills, take on leadership roles, and just be themselves. Girl Scouts is proven to help girls thrive in five key ways, as they develop a strong sense of self; seek challenges and learn from setbacks; display positive values; form and maintain healthy relationships; and identify and solve problems in the community. As we celebrate Girl Scouts' 108th birthday, I applaud the Girl Scout councils that serve in my community for encouraging girls to dream big and do bigger to achieve their extraordinary goals.

FEDERALLY REQUIRING EARNED EDUCATION-DEBT DISCHARGES FOR VETS ACT

SPEECH OF

**HON. SUSIE LEE**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 10, 2020*

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I would like to correct the Record. Earlier in my remarks, I stated that the Department of Education's automated loan discharge for these loans had been stalled. While they were stalled for three months, the department has resumed forgiving hundreds of millions of dollars in student loans owed by veterans with severe disabilities. This bill will require the Secretary to continue matching borrowers with data from Veterans Affairs to identify and automatically discharge the debt of matched individuals, eliminating burden on our veterans.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

**HON. SUSAN A. DAVIS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate Women's History Month—and specifically, this year's Women's History Month.

In 2020, we celebrate 100 years since the passage of the 19th Amendment and the beginning of women's suffrage.

This is also the year in which 38 states finally ratified the Equal Rights Amendment and we held a vote on the House floor to extend the deadline for passage.

These historic milestones remind us of how hard women have worked and fought in the streets, in the courts, and in political office for the rights we have today.

But even as we celebrate the role of courageous trailblazers, we remember, too, the hidden figures whose contributions are not in our history books.

I think about the knowledge we cannot pass down, and about the women we will never know because their history was not recorded.

We've made gains in the home, in the workplace, in military service, across civil and reproductive rights, and as global leaders.

Despite that, we know that there are many places where young girls do not see what they can be—shattering elusive glass ceilings will change that.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, March 13, 2020*

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Madam Speaker, on Wednesday I was delayed on my way to votes and unfortunately I missed the first vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 95.

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

The Senate was not in session and stands adjourned until 3 p.m., on Monday, March 16, 2020.

### Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

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## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 18 public bills, H.R. 6271–6288; and 2 resolutions, H. Res. 902–903, were introduced. **Pages H1693–94**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages H1694–95**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative DelBene to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1673**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 9:16 a.m. and reconvened at 12:11 a.m. **Page H1675**

**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

*Families First Coronavirus Response Act:* H.R. 6201, amended, making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 363 yeas to 40 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 102. **Pages H1675–91**

**Committee Ranking:** The House agreed to H. Res. 903, ranking a Member of a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Pages H1691–92**

**Clerk to Correct Engrossment:** Agreed by unanimous consent that in the engrossment of H.R. 6201, the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to the bill. **Page H1692**

**Extending the chemical facility anti-terrorism standards program of the Department of Homeland Security:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 6160, to extend the chem-

ical facility anti-terrorism standards program of the Department of Homeland Security. **Page H1692**

**Presidential Message:** Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of his declaration of a national emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID–19) outbreak—referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 116–108). **Page H1675**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H1691.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 1:03 a.m.

### Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

### Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No hearings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

3 p.m., Monday, March 16

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

11 a.m., Monday, March 16

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Monday:** Senate will resume consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of H.R. 6172, USA FREEDOM Reauthorization Act of 2020, and vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at 5:30 p.m.

## House Chamber

**Program for Monday:** House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.

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