COMMUNICATION FROM THE SERGEANT AT ARMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 26, 2020.

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

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 1(b)(2) of House Resolution 965, following consultation with the Office of Attending Physician, I write to provide you further notification that the public health emergency due to the novel coronavirus SARS–CoV–2 remains in effect.

Sincerely,

PAUL D. IRVING,
Sergeant at Arms.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RIK PAULSEN

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to commemorate the life and legacy of Rik Paulsen.

Rik Paulsen was a committed community leader, a dedicated sailor, and a dear friend of mine for many years. He passed away on Sunday, May 24, at the age of 78.

Mr. Speaker, a graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy, Rik truly lived up to the academy's motto, Acta Non Verba, or Deeds Not Words.

I have had the pleasure of working with Rik as he served on the Service Academy Selection Board in my district for more than 30 years. It was an honor to have his input and his help while choosing the best and brightest men and women to nominate for service to our Nation's Armed Forces. Rik was truly passionate about service and was committed to helping these students fulfill their dreams of serving this country.

Mr. Speaker, Rik's wife, Pamela, and the rest of the Paulsen family are in my thoughts and prayers. He will truly be missed.

ACT NOW TO SAVE OUR ESSENTIAL WORKERS

(Mr. ROSE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ROSE of New York. Mr. Speaker, over 125,000 Americans dead, economic destruction all around us, and cases spiking across the country.

States and cities are facing budget gaps that are going to force our essential workers to get kicked to the curb, all because MITCH MCCONNELL feels zero sense of urgency.

Rent and mortgage payments due tomorrow.

Taxes due in a few weeks.

Small businesses hanging on for their dear life.

And MITCH MCCONNELL, sitting on his hands, caring only about politics.

Mr. Speaker, what happened in my city is happening in Texas, Arizona, and Florida. These States need our help, too. This is about the people who saved our country, our essential workers, doctors, nurses, cops, firefighters.

We passed the HEROES Act. Where is your bill, MITCH? Do something. Do your job because the rest of America is doing theirs right now.

MARKING TODAY'S PPP DEADLINE

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the Paycheck Protection Program, PPP, which has been crucial to helping families, small businesses, and communities maintain and promote jobs.

President Donald Trump's leadership of achieving record job growth, and now job recovery, is appreciated.

This program has helped 4.4 million small businesses procure loans, and over $511 billion has been processed in aid. The deadline to apply for the loans is today, and so far, these loans have been great news for small businesses making a difference for jobs. I am thankful that the Paycheck Protection Program has been so widely successful to support small businesses and maintain jobs in the midst of the global pandemic of the Wuhan virus.

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

CONGRESS NEEDS ANSWERS ON RUSSIAN BOUNTIES FOR U.S. TROOPS

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, it was reported that U.S. officials were aware more than a year ago of Russian bounties on the lives of our troops and, further, that President Trump received written intelligence in February, 4 months ago. If true, this represents a gross dereliction of duty.

I shudder at the idea that the men and women defending our Nation might not have the full confidence that their Commander in Chief has their back.

Mr. Speaker, I am the father of a young Navy officer. I represent Naval Station Great Lakes, where every enlistee receives basic training on their journey from recruit to sailor. I feel a great personal responsibility for everyone who volunteers to risk their lives in service to our Nation. I wish I had confidence that the President felt the same.

Mr. Speaker, Congress needs answers as to the truth. Every Member of Congress needs to be briefed by the CIA and the intelligence community. With the truth, Congress can better protect our troops, fulfill America's role as a global leader, and make sure that Russia is held to account for their heinous actions.

HIGHLIGHTING VOTER FRAUD AND ALL-MAIL BALLOTS

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, voter fraud and all-mail ballots are going to be quite a problem this year if we don't have safeguards in place.

In my home State of California, more needs to be done in order to clean up the voter rolls. That doesn't mean voter suppression, as all the caterwauling we hear around here. It means that you are taking people off who are no longer at a particular address or deceased. That way, you will have more confidence in who is voting.

Look at what happened recently in Paterson, New Jersey, where voter fraud caused 19 percent of the ballots being tossed out, by four different people being involved with that, including a city council member.

So, what do we have? An issue where all-mail ballots are going to be the solution this year? No.

In many States, including my own, you can request an absentee ballot, but at least there is some type of a paper trail of a person asking for a ballot and receiving it, versus willy-nilly sending ballots to every name that is on the rolls that are not cleaned up.

If you have ever campaigned in an apartment complex, for example, so many people are no longer even at the name that is on the list on the door. So, you have ballots being sent in heaps to these areas where no one is even living anymore. So, you have a big problem with the availability of fraud when you have that.

CALLING FOR IMPEACHMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL BARR

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, we have been experiencing a very unusual pattern of behavior by the Attorney General of the United States, behavior that has scared many, and should scare all, for he has abused his power; he has obstructed justice; and he has violated the First Amendment.