CONTRACT FOR USPS FLEET VEHICLES

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise with great concern regarding the recently announced contract between the United States Post Office and Oshkosh Defense for the construction of 165,000 postal vehicles over the next decade, all new.

There is no doubt our postal fleet is aging. The Grumman LLV, in service since 1994, is gas powered and lacks basic safety equipment like airbags or air conditioning.

Unfortunately, this contract lacks any commitment to make these vehicles new age, either electric, hybrid, or advanced biofuels.

While new vehicles are said to be capable of incorporating an electric drivetrain, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, who has been a disaster for the Postal Service, recently indicated only 10 percent of the new fleet will be electric. Ten percent? That makes no sense and flies in the face of the Biden administration's recent order to electrify the Federal fleet.

DeJoy's failed tenure calls into question the awarding of this contract.

As such, the administration and the Postal Service must delay the contract until a review is conducted to determine that there was not inappropriate political influence in the process and that the proposed contract is consistent with Biden's Executive Order on tackling the climate crisis.

This contract is a multi-billion-dollar opportunity to reimagine the Federal fleet and develop this critical domestic supply chain. We can't fumble this opportunity.

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HONORING CENTENNIAL OF THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER

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

Mr. MAST. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of the centennial of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The following is the resolution this body passed 100 years ago tomorrow, H.J. Res. 426.

''Providing for the bringing to the United States of the body of an unknown American, who was a member of the American Expeditionary Forces, who served in Europe and lost his life during the World War, and for the burial of the remains with appropriate ceremonies.

''Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed, under regulations to be prescribed by him, to cause to be brought to the United States the body of an American, who was a member of the American Expeditionary Forces who served in Europe, who lost his life during the World War and whose identity has not been established, for burial in the Memorial Amphitheater of the National Cemetery at Arlington, Virginia.

''Such sum as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the joint resolution is hereby authorized to be expended by the Secretary of War.''

Madam Speaker, they will not be forgotten.

DELIVERING RELIEF TO COMMUNITIES AND ESSENTIAL WORKERS

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

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to have been able to vote ''yes'' last week for the American Rescue Plan Act and join my House colleagues in sending this critically important legislation to the Senate.

It is past time that we enact bold relief that delivers critical resources to individuals, families, and communities throughout our Nation so that we can get back to work and past this health crisis.

I am pleased that this legislation includes vital health care provisions to support community vaccination sites, scale up testing and tracing, and address care disparities.

Further, this legislation includes significant resources to assist schools in reopening. We must continue to do all we can to support our intrepid teachers and the critical work that they are doing in this challenging time to engage students and prepare them with the life skills they need for their career endeavors.

Madam Speaker, the momentum is on our side to defeat this virus. I encourage my Senate colleagues to take the next step in approving this legislation as soon as possible so that we can provide all of our communities and our valiant essential workers with the resources they need.

CELEBRATING HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK CENTENNIAL

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

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Hot Springs National Park.

Nearly 5,500 acres of forested hills settle just above historic downtown Hot Springs, Arkansas, protecting 47 thermal water springs. Hot Springs National Park attracts millions of tourists each year with its rich multigenerational legacy of preserving history and conserving natural resources for public health, wellness, and enjoyment.

First named Hot Springs Reservation in 1832, the land was one of the first federally protected parcels of land in the country. Its official National Park designation on March 4, 1921, led to the park quickly becoming a source of national intrigue. Bathhouse Row drew millions of people seeking health remedies in the thermal spring waters. Many of these bathhouses still stand today, offering visitors a glimpse into local history, art, and culture.

I take this time to honor the National Park Service's century of caretaking of one of Arkansas' most valuable natural treasures. I look forward to the next 100 years, and I invite the world to come to experience my home, beautiful Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas.

FIXING AN ALREADY SECURE ELECTION

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, my Democrat colleagues say that the 2020 election was the least corrupt and most secure in our Nation's history. But if that is true, Madam Speaker, then why are they pushing an 800-page bill to fix it?

ONE DOSE OF THE PFIZER VACCINE

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

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, thanks to Operation Warp Speed, we now have a pathway out of the pandemic using anti-COVID vaccines, but I want to share some more good news.

A new study published in the New England Journal of Medicine shows that just one dose of the Pfizer vaccine has an efficacy of close to 93 percent. The clinical difference between 92 percent and 95 percent of the two-dose regimen is minuscule.

If we gave everyone, except possibly the most vulnerable, just the first dose, we could possibly double our supply immediately and thus inoculate our citizens much faster. Using this strategy, we could possibly prevent the spread of new variants and mutants and effect a quicker end to this tragic pandemic, which has already cost hundreds of thousands of lives in this country.

Yesterday, I joined some of my fellow physician colleagues, asking the Health and Human Services Department to consider adopting this strategy.

Acting now could prevent the spread of new variants and the further spread of this tragedy, the kind of tragedy already felt and continuing to be felt by thousands across this country.

Madam Speaker, I strongly urge the Health Secretary to follow the science.