minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, this month is not only Women's History Month, but it is also Virgin Islands History Month, and what better way to celebrate it than today for me to salute Virgin Islands' native and basketball upcoming star, Aliyah Boston, who had another dominant performance in South Carolina's 67–62 win over Georgia in the SEC tournament final.

Boston put up 27 points and 10 rebounds for her 15th double-double of the year, and was named the tournament MVP as South Carolina captured its sixth championship in the last 7 years.

''Aliyah was huge,'' said Coach Dawn Staley after the game. ''She has to be that dominant in order for us to win these kind of basketball games.''

Aliyah, you are huge. You are dominant. And what better way to recognize Women's History Month and Virgin Islands History Month by a Virgin Islander and a woman making history.

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IT IS TIME TO PUT STUDENTS FIRST

(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, just over 1 year ago, we entered a COVID crackdown. Businesses and schools shut their doors—some of them, sadly, for good. Communities across the Nation continue to feel this pain.

For more than 365 days, far too many of our Nation's school children have been confined to virtual learning—forced to sit at home behind a computer instead of a classroom.

The implications of students being left out of the classroom are much bigger than parents being inconvenienced or students missing their friends. Every day that we wait to reopen our schools is another day we look the other way as youth mental health continues to plummet.

Every day we wait to reopen our schools is another day our students fall behind.

Mr. Speaker, allowing American school children to return to the classroom is long overdue.

It is time to listen to the science. It is time to put the students first. And it is time to reopen our schools.

A PLEA TO ALL TEXANS

(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, this morning I make a personal plea to my fellow Texans.

I recognize that there has been an overload of tiredness and desire to go back to work and maybe a desire to party.

Unfortunately, with bad advice and political emphasis, the mask order will be lifted today on March 10 in our State.

Our State is being plagued by the United Kingdom variant. We are still on the hot list for the number of deaths. We have not reached a certain number in terms of lowering the infection rate, and we haven't reached any kind of level in terms of vaccination.

Removing the restrictions and having remove-mask parties is going to be a disaster.

I make this plea: Wear your mask, socially distance. Restaurants and other businesses be responsible.

We are on the way with a rescue, but I beg of my fellow Texans, let us not go backwards to create more deaths, to create more hospitalizations, more loved ones that we will not have at the dinner table.

This is not a time to go backwards. This is a time to go forward. Wear your mask. Let's be responsible.

I ask my constituents on Washington Avenue: Do not have a remove-mask party tonight because you will be walking into a destiny of death.

EXCUSES

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

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, after enactment of five bipartisan COVID relief bills last year totaling $4 trillion in assistance for healthcare workers, businesses, schools, testing, and vaccines, with over $1 trillion in already appropriated funds still unspent, with an unprecedented level of monetary stimulus from the Fed already in the pipeline with no end in sight, with massive pent-up demand and an economy poised for full recovery, with the success of Operation Warp Speed delivering multiple safe and effective vaccines in record time, with literally millions of Americans benefiting from the mass distribution of those vaccines every single day, with all of these heroic efforts to defeat this virus already in place, why is it that Democrats in Congress are so determined at all costs to ram through this hyperpartisan $2 trillion spending spree with zero bipartisan support?

The answer is that they are exploiting this pandemic as an excuse:

An excuse to force passage of this budget-busting monstrosity, 90 percent of which is totally unrelated to COVID–19:

An excuse to bail out mismanaged State and local governments for liabilities unrelated to COVID.

An excuse to use taxpayer funds to fund Planned Parenthood.

An excuse to send stimulus checks to prisoners and illegal immigrants.

An excuse to expand the welfare state and pay people not to work.

In sum, an excuse to advance an unrelated liberal agenda Democrats call the ''most progressive bill in American history'' that will lead to huge tax increases.

I urge all my colleagues to vote ''no.''

REOPEN AMERICA

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

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague and the good gentleman here for explaining why $1.9 trillion in spending is reckless, irresponsible, and the wrong thing to do.

We still have $1 trillion set aside for COVID relief and spending. There is no need to enslave the American people, our children, our grandchildren, our great grandchildren, and generations going forward in more debt.

We are $28 trillion in debt. This Congress is ramming through unbelievable things at a rapid pace.

This must be stopped. We have to give pause and consideration to what we are doing. This is a waste of money and a complete waste of time.

Reopening America is a much better way to go.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentlewoman from Georgia (Mrs. GREENE).

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mrs. GREENE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 149, nays 235, not voting 47, as follows:

[Roll No. 71]

YEAS—149

Aderholt	Clyde	Gonzales, Tony
Allen	Cole	Good (VA)
Armstrong	Comer	Gooden (TX)
Arrington	Crawford	Graves (LA)
Baird	Davidson	Graves (MO)
Balderson	Davis, Rodney	Greene (GA)
Barr	DesJarlais	Griffith
Bentz	Diaz-Balart	Grothman
Bergman	Donalds	Guest
Biggs	Duncan	Guthrie
Bilirakis	Dunn	Hagedorn
Bishop (NC)	Emmer	Harshbarger
Boebert	Estes	Hartzler
Bost	Fallon	Hern
Brady	Feenstra	Herrell
Brooks	Ferguson	Hice (GA)
Bucshon	Fischbach	Hill
Budd	Fitzgerald	Hollingsworth
Burchett	Fleischmann	Hudson
Cammack	Franklin, C. Scott	Huizenga
Carl	Fulcher	Jackson
Carter (GA)	Garbarino	Johnson (OH)
Cawthorn	Garcia (CA)	Johnson (SD)
Chabot	Gimenez	Jordan
Cline	Gohmert	Joyce (PA)
Cloud		Keller