This process is a perfect example of that insanity. Patients want research which will restore their health. Their voice and the voice of the clinicians must be given the necessary weight to legitimize the research agenda and the research process. Truth in science can be achieved through open debate in an independent process free from bias and conflicts of interest. The scientific process fails when one side of a debate controls the arena and sets the rules to ensure that its viewpoint prevails.

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EXPLANATION REGARDING COSPONSORING A BILL
HON. BRAD SHERMAN
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. SHERMAN. Madam Speaker, I wish to clarify that when I cosponsor a bill, it does not necessarily mean that I agree with every part of it. At a minimum, my cosponsorship indicates that I support moving the bill forward through the legislative process, including being marked up in committee, and if sent to the floor by the relevant committee(s), then subject to consideration and amendment on the floor.

TRIBUTE TO CORDY WILLIAMSON
HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a rare find these days—a man who has dedicated 50 years to the same employer. Cordy Williamson has worked for Progress Energy since 1960, and says about contemplating retirement, “I love going to work and I love Progress Energy. Why should I retire when I have all this going for me?”

Mr. Williamson first joined Progress Energy when it was known as Carolina Power & Light, working on the line crew. Sometimes, that meant digging ditches with his bare hands and a shovel. It did not seem hard for him, having grown up on a farm in Aynor, South Carolina where manual labor was a part of his every day life.

Even though he was comfortable with the physical aspects of the job, his supervisors saw promise in Mr. Williamson’s leadership abilities. He moved up the ladder, assuming positions such as lineman, meter reader, and Line and Service Supervisor. These jobs took him to Laurinburg and Lumberton, North Carolina, and Kingstree and Florence, South Carolina.

In 1987, Mr. Williamson became a distribution inspector, inspecting work performed by the progress energy crews as well as tree trimming crews.

I believe this letter by Mrs. L.B. White written to the District Manager’s office in Florence in 1973 sums up Mr. Williamson’s 50 years of dedication to his work:

“... Last Saturday I went in to fix lunch—no heat, no lights, and a complete power failure. I immediately called your service department ... and in about twenty minutes Mr. Cordy Williamson was here. It was quite a job. He was so courteous and patient with me (an old woman). I wanted you to know what a wonderful fellow he is and how fortunate you are to have such a man with your company. I tried to pay him—no pay would he accept. Such an honest, upright man (sic). Hope everything good possible will come to him. I am a widow and live alone and he meant much to me.”

Mr. Williamson is the father of two daughters, Amanda and Margaret, and two sons, Jamie and Cordy. He enjoys fishing, motorcycling, and flying. He served the Civil Air Patrol in South Carolina and also flew assignments for the Civil Air Patrol in South Carolina and also flew assignments for the Civil Air Patrol in South Carolina and also flew assignments for the Civil Air Patrol in South Carolina and also flew assignments for the Civil Air Patrol in South Carolina.

Mr. Williamson exemplifies our town’s culture. A culture of pride in one’s craft is embodied in the pasta and meat prepared. Restaurant critic to the wait staff, the friendly atmosphere makes even first time visitors feel like regulars. Luigi’s has had a long standing reputation of hospitality, dating back to the early twentieth century, when Joe Lemurchci would rent out small cottages he constructed himself to bachelor Italian immigrants who had just moved into the area. Luigi’s is one of Bakersfield’s iconic locations, bringing together a community of different backgrounds and perspectives to enjoy delicious cuisine.

I have been going to Luigi’s my whole life. Growing up in Bakersfield, Luigi’s is one of the best restaurants around. I always order a ½ & ½—it is a true taste of Bakersfield, as it is a humble combination of pasta and meat sauce with Luigi’s Italian beans. My wife Judy loves Luigi’s Monica’s Salad. To top it off, everyone must have the Butterfinger Pie for dessert. It is an icy delight that perfectly blends candy bar, ice cream, and biscotti cookie crust to make one of my favorite desserts. Luigi’s is a gathering place filled with friendly faces and great food.

Luigi’s is one of the bedrocks of our small business community that measures success in its loyalty from generations of local customers. It is a family run institution in the Kern County community and I thank Luigi’s for its 100 years of service to the people of Bakersfield, and wish them the very best in the next 100 years.

TRIBUTE TO JULIEN E. MARX
HON. JO BONNER
OF ALABAMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, September 29, 2010

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the memory of a highly respected entrepreneur and philanthropist from my district who recently passed away at the age of 68.

On August 10, Mobile lost a dear friend with the death of Mr. Julien E. Marx. Mr. Marx was the epitome of a model citizen—a veteran, a successful businessman, a gentleman, a compassionate humanitarian and lover of animals, and a devoted benefactor of higher education.