

The Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES), At Large.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4355(a), of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the United States Military Academy:

The Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), from the Committee on Appropriations (reappointment).

The Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU), from the Committee on Appropriations (reappointment).

The Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), designated by the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services.

The Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SANTORUM), At Large.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 9355(a), of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the United States Air Force Academy:

The Senator from Colorado (Mr. ALLARD), At Large.

The Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND), designated by the Chairman of the Committee on Armed Services.

The Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS), from the Committee on Appropriations (reappointment).

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain 15 one-minutes per side.

RECOGNIZING SISTER JEANNE O'LAUGHLIN

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sister Jeanne O'Laughlin, President of Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida.

During her 21-year tenure as President, Sister Jeanne has resuscitated a once-dormant campus with limited resources into a thriving, world-class institute of higher learning.

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Setting ambitious goals for the university, Sister Jeanne has been a poised and relentless leader in seeing them through to fruition. Once a struggling university with only 2,000 students, Barry now boasts a student population of 8,500. Barry's student body represents more than 70 countries and has earned the distinction of being the most diverse southern regional university.

Sister Jeanne's contributions, however, are not limited to the boundaries of Barry's campus. As a woman of faith and compassion, Sister Jeanne has dedicated herself to serving those in needs. We count children, the home-

less, and women among the many lives she has touched.

Please join me in recognizing Sister Jeanne for her selfless commitments to our community and for turning Barry University into a factory of men and women who graduate better prepared to serve their fellow man.

STOP PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES FROM ROBBING AMERICAN PEOPLE

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

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, the great country western music singer Merle Haggard has a song he sings called "Rainbow Stew." One of the lines in that song says, "One of these days, when the air clears up and the sun comes shining through, we will all be drinking that free Bubble-up and eating that rainbow stew."

Tonight, the pharmaceutical manufacturers and the insurance companies are going to have a big rainbow stew banquet for the Republicans. They are going to serve free Bubble-up. The pharmaceutical manufacturers in this country are going to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars to do this, and they are pledging millions more in another attempt to deceive the senior citizens in this country and make them think that they are going to get a prescription drug benefit.

Corporate greed in America has gone too far. It is time for this Congress to fulfill its obligation and stop the pharmaceutical companies from robbing the American people.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND PARTISANSHIP

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, Republicans have been working hard to design a plan to help America's seniors get the prescription drugs that they need. No senior should ever have to choose between putting food on the table and getting the medicine they need. American seniors need our help.

Now we have a plan that is working its way through the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Ways and Means and should be voted on soon. The Democrats have their plan, too. The Democrats plan may be too expensive and inefficient, but I think we in the majority are willing to work with them.

Unfortunately, it looks like our friends on the other side of the aisle are not willing to reciprocate. The Washington Post reported on Tuesday, and I quote, "Democratic strategists are advising candidates to tout the Democrats' plan and are encouraging them to take shots at the Republicans."

Mr. Speaker, that story was written on the same day our plan was unveiled; before even reading it, already attacking it. Looks to me like our friends on the other side of the aisle are just out for political points, not to solve problems. I hope they will prove me wrong.

AMERICANS NEED PRESCRIPTION DRUG RELIEF

(Ms. SOLIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, this morning in The Washington Post, I read with alarm: "Drug Firms Among Big Donors at GOP Event Tonight." Thirty million dollars is going to be raised.

In lieu of trying to provide a prescription drug benefit for seniors, why can we not do the right thing today and stay as long as it is going to take to make sure that we do the right thing for our seniors?

Every weekend that I go home and speak to my seniors, most of them say, Congresswoman SOLIS, what is it going to take for the Congress to listen to the needs of senior citizens? And I tell them that right now our House is not working in the democratic mode. We are not allowing for discussion and debate so that we can provide assistance and benefits that are much needed by our senior citizens.

This is a sham that is occurring here today, and it is unfortunate that we cannot come together and work in a bipartisan manner to see that our seniors and those that are on fixed incomes receive the kind of relief that is due them.

Many people save their money for their retirement. Right now they are faced with some major hardships. I would ask that Republicans meet with us until after 5 o'clock today, before they go to their fundraiser, and let us get the work done for our seniors on prescription drug relief.

NEW BILL BRINGS HOPE TO SENIORS FACING SKYROCKETING DRUG BILLS

(Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, for years, seniors have been saying that they need help with their prescription drug bills. None of us anticipated prescription drugs would be the backbone of modern medicine, and we certainly did not anticipate that the cost would be so high.

I am proud of this new bill that has just emerged which brings a new hope to all seniors who face skyrocketing drug prices. The Medicare Modernization and Prescription Drug Act will ensure that all Medicare beneficiaries will be covered.

Not only that, but those who want to stay with their current coverage may

do that as well. For as little as just over \$1 a day, seniors will have the ability to choose among plans to find what works best for their prescription drug needs. Additionally, seniors will enjoy immediate savings through a prescription drug discount card which will be accepted by local pharmacies.

These are just two major components of this groundbreaking new drug bill, and I am glad Congress has answered seniors' call for help.

DRUG FIRMS AMONG BIG DONORS AT GOP EVENT

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, while the purported Republican benefit would total 16 percent of the first \$4,500 of prescription drug costs, it would not reduce the outrageous and obscene charges of the pharmaceutical companies. Why? Because they are the sponsors of the big fundraiser tonight.

Mr. Robert Ingram of GlaxoSmithKline, the chief operating officer, is the chief corporate fundraiser. His company has given one quarter of a million dollars to the Republicans, and they have delivered a bill that will do nothing to deal with the outrageous extortionist cost of prescription drugs in the United States of America.

People will still be able to go to Canada and buy drugs manufactured in this country by their major contributors for half the cost, or Mexico for 40 percent of the cost, or Europe for a third of the cost. But, no, not here at home. Our seniors will be offered a Trojan horse benefit, 16 percent of the first \$4,500 of their prescription drug cost. Boy, that is really going to help my seniors a lot.

Do my Republican colleagues have no sense of shame, or is it just a sense of humor, to adjourn the House early to go to an event sponsored and paid for by the pharmaceutical companies while offering this phony Trojan horse benefit?

SLAVE MEMORIAL LEGISLATION

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

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, today I am joining the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. HALL) in introducing legislation to develop a memorial to American slaves. It must not be forgotten that each slave was an individual and a child of God. Not only do they deserve our remembrance, we owe them our respect.

The legacy of our Nation includes many people, including those who were victims but who chose not to be victimized. As Americans, we naturally understand this universal story of resilience and strength, and with this

memorial we have the opportunity to honor those who suffered in bondage yet maintained their humanity.

With this memorial we will remember those who endured slavery and those who fought to end their slavery. In addition, this legislation will educate the current and future generations on the evils of slavery. This discussion cannot stop with the troubles of those who were enslaved, but must continue on to celebrate their deliverance into freedom.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFIT FOR ALL SENIORS

(Ms. SANCHEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, for months now, as I have gone home, I have listened to my seniors. They continue to talk about the high cost of drugs. About 6 months ago, I began to receive early-morning phone calls from my 77-year-old dad. That is when I know things have really gotten out of hand.

He continues to tell me that every place he goes, to the senior center, to the little food banks that he goes to to help out and volunteer, et cetera, that everybody is out of food and, worse, they are paying all their money for drugs, for prescription medication that they need. Every week he tells me a new story about somebody that he knows and how they have to choose between their rent or their doctors' visits or their prescription drugs, and how some people are taking their dose of drugs and halving them or taking one quarter of what they are supposed to take in order to make it last for the month.

Many seniors on fixed incomes have been forced to cut back on basic needs and others have chosen to travel to other countries because the prices are lower. It is shameful that we have not done something about this, and we must work together to do it right. We must do it for all of our seniors.

PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT OF 2002

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, throughout the history of Western civilization, we have evaluated the justice of societies by how they treat the most vulnerable and the weakest among them. This is a biblical principle best expressed in the verse, "Whatsoever you do for the least of these, you do to me."

Several thousand times a year in the United States, mostly on healthy babies and healthy mothers in the fifth and sixth month of pregnancy, a procedure known as partial-birth abortion takes place, forcibly turning the child to a breach position, pulling the living

child out of the mother by the leg, stabbing the child in the base of the skull, removing its brains with a vacuum, and pulling the dead child out of the mother.

We will introduce today the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2002. It should break the heart of America. I know, Mr. Speaker, that it breaks the heart of God. Let us bring an end to this devious and evil practice in the United States of America.

REPUBLICAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLAN IS ILLUSION FOR SENIORS

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, the Republican leadership has developed a prescription drug plan for seniors, but it is an illusion. The pharmaceutical industry is pleased: they win, seniors lose under the Republican plan.

Seniors rely on Medicare for their health care, but they are going to have to get their prescription drug coverage from an insurance company, if any company is willing to provide it, and that is not likely in rural America or perhaps anywhere in this country.

No guaranteed benefits, no guaranteed premium, no guaranteed reduction in price. The Republican plan is a vaccine to inoculate Republicans for yet another election against the truth that they continue to protect the pharmaceutical industry at the expense of seniors.

Why did they do it? Today's Washington Post: "Drug Firms Among Big Donors at GOP Event." Today's New York Times: "Drug Makers Sponsor Event for GOP As Bill Is Debated." Corporate greed and political self-interest are married in this Republican bill, and it should be rejected.

RECREATIONAL MARINE EMPLOYMENT ACT

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

Mr. KELLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Recreational Marine Employment Act, which I recently introduced with broad bipartisan support.

The purpose of this legislation is to create thousands of jobs in the recreational marine industry by ensuring that marinas, boat builders, and recreational boaters will not have to pay the unnecessary and exorbitant insurance premiums under the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act.

Individuals who work in the recreational marine industry are already covered under State worker's compensation laws, and Congress never intended that these jobs also be covered under the longshore act, which is supposed to apply to commercial ships,