

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 to 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,

not recreational boats. This bill will provide the commonsense clarification needed under the longshore act.

A recent survey indicated that employers in the recreational marine industry would save an average of \$99,000 a year if this legislation passes, and 95 percent of those employers said they would use the money to create additional jobs. I urge my colleagues to call my office today to sign on as a cosponsor of H.R. 4811.

TRIBUTE TO DETROIT RED WINGS—STANLEY CUP CHAMPIONS

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

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to own up to a promise I made to my friend, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR), and, equally important, to honor the World Champion Detroit Red Wings.

Later today, I will also deliver the other part of my friendly wager with the gentleman from Michigan, a big spread of traditional North Carolina barbecue from Bullock's in Durham. And for those of you who may not know, let me clarify for the record: barbecue is a noun, not a verb.

Muhammad Ali once said "Champions are made from something they have deep inside them, a desire, a dream, a vision."

Detroit and the entire State of Michigan are a part of that dream today. In the place they call "Hockeytown," the Detroit Red Wings are a team for the ages. Last week, they did more than just win a 10th Stanley Cup. In the end, it was an incredible journey by true legends of the game that will be remembered for a long time to come.

Undaunted by pressure, stoic in the face of defeat, resilient in the fight for glory, the Detroit Red Wings proved once and for all that hockey is a game of confidence and a game of skill. They embody the gritty do-it-yourself spirit that Detroit is known for, and the town embraces them for it.

This series will always hold a special place in my heart. While it ended with the defeat of our Carolina Hurricanes, it will always be remembered as the time when, for a brief moment, hockey amazingly overshadowed basketball in the State of North Carolina.

So congratulations to the Detroit Red Wings, to the city of Detroit, and to the citizens of Michigan.

Now, Mr. Speaker, this speech obviously was written by the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BONIOR). And as a man of my word, I am gladly reading the tribute that he has written, as promised in my wager. But as a defender of Mayberry—that is how the Detroit media refer to us—I would like to add something unscripted here about North Carolina, "Hockeytown of the South," as we prefer to be called.

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Mr. Speaker, the Hurricanes made us proud with their fine performance and their hometown spirit. Excellent in both athletic performance and sportsmanship, they are equally gracious in defeat, setting a good example for their congressman.

I also feel compelled to issue a storm warning. If the gentleman does not know what a "Category 5" is, he had better find out before next season!

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. I yield to the gentleman from Michigan.

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE) for his graciousness and his challenge, but I really look forward to that very tangy, delicious North Carolina barbecue that at this very minute is making its way over the Capitol.

Mr. Speaker, we had 1.2 million people participate in the Red Wings victory parade on Monday. Winning the Stanley Cup has brought our city and State together. As the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE) said, hockey is more than just a sport in Detroit, it is a passion. That is why we call it "Hockeytown." In Hockeytown, we serve breakfast by handing out forks to each kid and then dropping an Eggo in the middle of the table.

In Hockeytown, when the traffic signal turns red, we start cheering because we think Steve Yzerman just scored again.

Every once in a while I would say to my Republican friends, I will throw a body check or two around here, I want Members to know it is not personal, I will wind up in the Cloak Room for 2 minutes, but it is where I come from. I come from Hockeytown; that is what it is about.

Mr. Speaker, the North Carolina Hurricanes fought hard. They are worthy opponents. They are good sports, and they have good hearts. The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE) is a good sport with a great heart. Babe Ruth once said, "You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they do not play together, the club will not be worth a dime." Well, the Hurricanes have stars, and they played together; the Red Wings have stars, and they certainly played together, and that is what makes them both great. We in Hockeytown look forward to many more spirited games with our friends from North Carolina.

ECONOMIC RECOVERY REQUIRES AN ENERGY PLAN

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, America's economic recovery requires an energy plan, and Americans are watching gas prices in preparation for summer

vacations, reminding all of us that oil products are the core of our American economy. If we expect Americans to hop on airplanes and climb into cars, we must immediately implement the House energy plan.

Mr. Speaker, our fellow citizens are also watching for the latest terrorism alerts. If we want our friends to visit our Nation's great cities and landmarks, we must provide them with security. By supporting H.R. 4, we can reduce dependence on foreign oil and make this country safer from unstable rogue nations that consider us their enemy.

H.R. 4 provides for increased domestic oil production, which will increase new jobs and boost economic development. Our economy is growing stronger by the day, but without a new energy plan there is no guarantee that we will have the resources we need to see continued improvement.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 4 provides long-term answers to our Nation's energy needs. We must reject the radical opposition's political games which may appease special interest groups, but do not reflect this Nation's need for jobs, economic security, nor its energy needs.

TITLE IX

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

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise in celebration of the 30th anniversary of title IX, which requires public schools to grant girls the same access to athletic programs as boys.

Before title IX, women were discouraged from participating in many sports, such as basketball, soccer, wrestling and hockey. Title IX legislation created new opportunities for women to explore and excel in sports traditionally limited to men.

Mr. Speaker, 30 years later, title IX has been the foundation of increased funding for female athletic scholarships, parity in salary among female teachers and their male counterparts, and intolerance of discrimination among females.

Title IX has allowed the number of females participating in interscholastic sports to increase from 300,000 in 1971 to approximately 2.4 million at present. It is important for young women to participate in athletics. Even a small amount of daily physical activity can contribute to health benefits that last a lifetime. By leading an active lifestyle, the risk of diseases can be dramatically reduced. Girls and women participating in sports have higher levels of confidence, stronger self-images, and less depression.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to participate in this vital initiative this week and forever more.