

want it to be the best thing, not something that's rushed through, not something that's in a 1,990-page bill.

Mr. AKIN. Here we go again. It's this tremendously long, complicated bill, a complicated plan, and it almost looks like just another attempt where we already determined when we started that what we really want is the government to run it all.

We've got the government firing the president of General Motors, running General Motors, running the insurance companies, running the banks, deciding what executive salaries are going to be, and that's not good enough to have the government doing that. We want the government to take over student loans, so we passed that this year, still letting private people do the student loans. There's \$1 trillion in extra spending to cover all of these student loans. Now what we want to do is take over all of health care.

I mean, this is kind of ambitious. You know, this is a little overwhelming. My constituents are a combination of scared and angry about what's going on down here. I think it's important for us to offer simple solutions, and we've got a simple solution if you want something immediately that you can do, and that is, tomorrow at noontime, Americans are coming from all over this country to meet on the steps to talk about this whole thing and to express their opinions of whether they really think that a bill that raises premiums, that reduces health choices, that delays and denies care, that costs \$500 billion in Medicare cuts and \$729 billion in new taxes is the solution that they want to this problem.

People who want to say "no"—at least I think a lot of them want to say "no." I don't know what they're going to say because they're coming here tomorrow at noontime to this Capitol to express their opinions. They were invited by a bunch of us who are just plain old Congressmen, not leadership. They were just invited. You all come. Come talk to us about what's going on here. If people kind of get upset, this is the place to express your opinion.

I would yield.

Mr. LATTA. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Again, that's what happened during the month of August and when we were back home. We were out in our districts, and the people got to see us and talk to us face-to-face, and that's what they really want to do. They want that opportunity to say, I want a piece of my voice to be heard on this.

One of the things, I think, that has been missing in this is that I came from the Ohio legislature, and I chaired a couple of committees in the house and the senate. One of the things that, I think, is very important is that we have people come in, be able to testify and be able to face the members.

Mr. AKIN. Yes.

Mr. LATTA. I think what we ought to have been doing during this whole

period of time here is that we should have taken this back onto the road, and we should have had committee hearings across this country so that Americans could have gone to their States and to wherever it would be that the Members would be holding the hearings for the three different committees here in the House which were hearing this piece of legislation. I think that's what we should have been doing because, again, people feel left out. The most dangerous place for me to go, for my wife to send me, is to the grocery store after church.

Mr. AKIN. After church to the Rotary Club, that's dangerous?

Mr. LATTA. Well, it's the grocery store.

Mr. AKIN. Oh, the grocery store. I'm sorry.

Mr. LATTA. Because what happens is that people come up to me, and they want to talk. I go home every weekend, and I don't care if it's at the grocery store or at the gas pump. You know, it could take 45 minutes to an hour sometimes.

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Mr. AKIN. They are saying, BOB, wait just a minute before you walk out with that loaf of bread. The loaf of bread is stale by the time you get out of the store.

Mr. LATTA. The American people want to be heard, and I think that is one of the things they are really saying here is wait a minute, I don't think we are being heard in this discussion.

Mr. AKIN. Well, a lot of us are going to go out on the steps and we are going to listen to what those people have to say. I think you committed to be going out there too and be available. And we are going to talk. There are going to be a lot of interesting people, people doing some singing and all kinds of things, people making some little short talks and discussion. And that is a healthy thing in America, to have that freedom to have free speech, to talk, and to come to the Capitol building and to let people know what you think about this.

Of course, there is a different philosophy than this kind of take everything apart and rebuild it, and that is that there are some specific things that can be done that reduce health care costs that Republicans almost uniformly support.

One of them is tort reform, limiting the punitive damages. We know that in other States where that has been tried it reduces the cost of health care. We also know in other States where the government takes over health care, that the costs go out of sight. We have seen that in Massachusetts and in Tennessee. But we have seen in my own State of Missouri and Texas and other States, there is a distinct reduction in health care costs when you limit some of those punitive damages.

It doesn't mean that doctors don't make mistakes and shouldn't be held accountable. But the other thing is you

don't rape the system and run the costs up so that every doctor is forced to practice defensive medicine.

Mr. LATTA. If the gentleman will yield, when we are talking about punitives, we are not going to say to people limit the economic damages. It is the noneconomic damages. Because it took us quite a few years in the Ohio legislature to finally get a small portion of that passed, but we saw changes almost within a year in what was happening out there.

Mr. AKIN. Did you pass one in Ohio? Did you limit the punitive damages in Ohio?

Mr. LATTA. That is one of the things we had to do on some of the noneconomic damages, and, again, it was only a small portion, because we had to pick certain areas and we picked the one area, and we watched those things come down. Because what happened was as soon as we passed the legislation, as soon as it was signed into law, it was challenged in the Ohio Supreme Court and it was upheld for being constitutional. But those are the things you have to do.

Those are the things when you are talking about doctors not having to practice that defensive medicine, instead of running four, five or six tests, maybe they only have to run the two. But they are going to run the four, five or six tests. Why? Because if it is in your neighborhood and the courts have been saying why haven't you done this, you have got a problem. That is why these doctors say I have to do it, because otherwise I am going to get sued and my malpractice insurance is going to say you didn't do what you should have done, and now you are in trouble.

Mr. AKIN. So there is the problem. That is one place that Republicans have talked about where there is a specific thing that you can do. And there are other things. We talked about the idea of letting people buy their medical insurance across State lines.

The other thing in this 2,000 pages, there are a lot of loopholes and trapdoors. One of the things that is amazing to me is they do the opposite of tort reform and they say any State that has passed any tort reform, that that gets waived in order to get this government insurance. So you are going to be taxed whether you take it or not, but if you want the benefits of your citizens being taxed, you have to basically back off from tort reform. That is kind of a weird trapdoor.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend from Ohio, Congressman LATTA. It has been a treat having you here.

#### THE COST OF NOT HAVING HEALTH CARE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GRAYSON) is recognized for 60 minutes.

Mr. GRAYSON. Mr. Speaker, during the Civil War, Abraham Lincoln, our

President, often pardoned people who had been convicted of treason. You may wonder why he did that. The answer is he saw death all around him in the Civil War, and he wanted to make sure he did nothing to add to it, so he pardoned people who had been found guilty of the most grievous crime one could commit in this country simply because he loved life.

In the same way, I would like to think whether I leave here after 2 years or 20 years, that there will be no blood on my hands. That is why I am against the war in Iraq, that is why I am against the war in Afghanistan, and that is why I am so much in favor of health care reform that saves lives in America.

We had a different kind of President for 8 years recently, and we had a different kind of administration, an administration that was willing to bear any degree of suffering and pain as long as it was somebody else's. If you were homeless, it was your fault; if you were jobless, it was your fault; and if you died because you had no health insurance, that was your fault.

Now that administration is out of power. We, the American people, removed them because they abused it. But they have left behind in the House and in the Senate people who feel much the way that they did.

Recently, a Harvard study published in a peer review journal, the American Journal of Public Health, announced that 44,789 Americans die every single year because they have no health insurance.

In America today, if you find two people who are physically identical, same race, same age, same gender, same smoking habits, same weight, if you find two people who are physically identical, and one of them has insurance and the other one does not, then the one without insurance, that American who has the misfortune simply not to have health coverage, that American is 40 percent more likely to die.

This bill that we are considering now to reform health care in America would end that. It covers 96 percent of all Americans. It ends this grievous national tragedy where, day after day, week after week, month after month, 122 of us die every single day because they have no health insurance.

Now, I am sure that if we learned that al Qaeda was going to launch an attack on the United States and kill 44,789 Americans at any time next year, I am sure that we would do anything in our power to prevent that. I submit to you we should do the same about this. We should do exactly the same here, because we face the same threat. It is a less visible threat, it has gone on for generations, but it is a threat nevertheless. If you don't let people see the doctor, then a certain number of them are going to die.

To bring this point home in the face of united opposition by that side of the aisle, what we have done is something

very simple. The Urban Institute has published the number of uninsured people in each district, each congressional district in this country. The American Journal of Public Health has told us what percentage of those uninsured people will die next year because they have no health insurance. So what we have done is very simple. We have taken one number and the other number, and through the magic of multiplication, we know how many of those people will die, and I think it is time we called attention to that.

So what we have done is for each Republican Member, since they are united in opposition to this bill, and apparently proud of it, for each Republican Member we have identified in each district the number of dead.

They are as follows:

Alabama District 1, Congressman Jo Bonner, 114 dead.  
 Alabama District 3, Congressman Mike Rogers, 88 dead.  
 Alabama District 4, Congressman Robert Aderholt, 114 dead.  
 Alabama District 6, Congressman Spencer Bachus, 69 dead.  
 Alaska, Congressman Don Young, 128 dead.  
 Arizona, District 2, Congressman Trent Franks, 150 dead.  
 Arizona District 3, Congressman John Shadegg, 132 dead.  
 Arizona District 6, Congressman Jeff Flake, 140 dead.  
 Arkansas District 3, Congressman John Boozman, 151 dead.  
 California District 2, Congressman Wally Herger, 139 dead.  
 California District 3, Congressman Daniel Lungren, 68 dead.  
 California District 4, Congressman Tom McClintock, 77 dead.  
 California District 19, Congressman George Radanovich, 124 dead.  
 California District 21, Congressman Devin Nunes, 159 dead.  
 California District 22, Congressman Kevin McCarthy, 110 dead.  
 California District 24, Congressman Elton Gallegly, 75 dead.  
 California District 25, Congressman Howard McKeon, 124 dead.  
 California District 26, Congressman David Dreier, 85 dead.  
 California District 40, Congressman Edward Royce, 125 dead.  
 California District 41, Congressman Jerry Lewis, 144 dead.  
 California District 42, Congressman Gary Miller, 74 dead.  
 California District 44, Congressman Ken Calvert, 150 dead.  
 California District 45, Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack, 181 dead.  
 California District 46, Congressman Dana Rohrabacher, 78 dead.  
 California District 48, Congressman John Campbell, 74 dead.  
 California District 49, Congressman Darrell Issa, 151 dead.  
 California District 50, Congressman Brian Bilbray, 103 dead.  
 California District 52, Congressman DUNCAN Hunter, 84 dead.  
 Colorado District 5, Congressman Doug Lamborn, 107 dead.

Colorado District 6, Congressman Mike Coffman, 69 dead.

Delaware, Congressman Mike Castle, 90 dead.

Florida District 1, Congressman Jeff Miller, 130 dead.

Florida District 4, Congressman Ander Crenshaw, 116 dead.

Florida District 5, Congressman Ginny Brown-Waite, 200 dead.

Florida District 6, Congressman Cliff Stearns, 152 dead.

Florida District 7, Congressman John Mica, 143 dead.

Florida District 9, Congressman Gus Bilirakis, 129 dead.

Florida District 10, Congressman Bill Young, 138 dead.

Florida District 12, Congressman Adam Putnam, 133 dead.

Florida District 13, Congressman Vern Buchanan, 160 dead.

Florida District 14, Congressman Connie Mack, 159 dead.

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Florida District 15, Congressman Bill Posey, 152 dead.

Florida District 16, Congressman Thomas Rooney, 165 dead.

Florida District 18, Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, 199 dead.

Florida District 21, Congressman Lincoln Diaz-Balart, 195 dead.

Florida District 25, Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, 195 dead.

Georgia District 1, Congressman Jack Kingston, 123 dead.

Georgia District 3, Congressman Lynn Westmoreland, 102 dead.

Georgia District 6, Congressman Tom Price, 100 dead.

Georgia District 7, Congressman John Linder, 156 dead.

Georgia District 9, Congressman Nathan Deal, 159 dead.

Georgia District 10, Congressman Paul Broun, 120 dead.

Georgia District 11, Congressman Phil Gingrey, 113 dead.

Idaho District 2, Congressman Michael Simpson, 126 dead.

Illinois District 6, Congressman Peter Roskam, 73 dead.

Illinois District 10, Congressman Mark Kirk, 55 dead.

Illinois District 13, Congresswoman Judy Biggert, 45 dead.

Illinois District 15, Congressman Timothy Johnson, 67 dead.

Illinois District 16, Congressman Donald Manzullo, 69 dead.

Illinois District 18, Congressman Aaron Schock, 62 dead.

Illinois District 19, Congressman John Shimkus, 67 dead.

Indiana District 3, Congressman Mark Souder, 119 dead.

Indiana District 4, Congressman Steve Buyer, 85 dead.

Indiana District 5, Congressman Dan Burton, 73 dead.

Indiana District 6, Congressman Mike Pence, 104 dead.

Iowa District 4, Congressman Tom Latham, 54 dead.

Iowa District 5, Congressman Steve King, 59 dead.

Kansas District 1, Congressman Jerry Moran, 86 dead.  
 Kansas District 2, Congresswoman Lynn Jenkins, 80 dead.  
 Kansas District 4, Congressman Todd Tiahrt, 87 dead.  
 Kentucky District 1, Congressman Ed Whitfield, 113 dead.  
 Kentucky District 2, Brett Guthrie, 102 dead.  
 Kentucky District 4, Geoff Davis, Congressman, 83 dead.  
 Kentucky District 5, Congressman Harold Rogers, 130 dead.  
 Louisiana District 1, Congressman Steve Scalise, 111 dead.  
 Louisiana District 2, Congressman Joseph Cao, 98 dead.  
 Louisiana District 4, Congressman John Fleming, 115 dead.  
 Louisiana District 5, Congressman Rodney Alexander, 132 dead.  
 Louisiana District 6, Congressman Bill Cassidy, 105 dead.  
 Louisiana District 7, Congressman Charles Boustany, 112 dead.  
 Maryland District 6, Congressman Roscoe Bartlett, 68 dead.  
 Michigan District 2, Congressman Peter Hoekstra, 71 dead.  
 Michigan District 3, Congressman Vernon Ehlers, 76 dead.  
 Michigan District 4, Congressman David Camp, 83 dead.  
 Michigan District 6, Congressman Fred Upton, 87 dead.  
 Michigan District 8, Mike Rogers, Congressman, 63 dead.  
 Michigan District 10, Candice Miller, Congresswoman, 64 dead.  
 Michigan District 11, Congressman Thaddeus McCotter, 64 dead.  
 Minnesota District 2, Congressman John Kline, 44 dead.  
 Minnesota District 3, Congressman Erik Paulsen, 43 dead.  
 Minnesota District 6, Congresswoman Michele Bachmann, 50 dead.  
 Mississippi District 3, Congressman Gregg Harper, 117 dead.  
 Missouri District 2, Congressman Todd Akin, 48 dead.  
 Missouri District 6, Congressman Sam Graves, 74 dead.  
 Missouri District 7, Congressman Roy Blunt, 120 dead.  
 Missouri District 8, Congresswoman Jo Ann Emerson, 110 dead.  
 Missouri District 9, Congressman Blaine Luetkemeyer, 78 dead.  
 Montana, Congressman Denny Rehberg, 179 dead.  
 Nebraska District 1, Congressman Jeff Fortenberry, 61 dead.  
 Nebraska District 2, Congressman Lee Terry, 68 dead.  
 Nebraska District 3, Congressman Adrian Smith, 69 dead.  
 Nevada District 2, Congressman Dean Heller, 172 dead.  
 New Jersey District 2, Congressman Frank LoBiondo, 71 dead.  
 New Jersey District 4, Congressman Chris Smith, 65 dead.  
 New Jersey District 5, Congressman Scott Garrett, 52 dead.  
 New Jersey District 7, Congressman Leonard Lance, 45 dead.

New Jersey District 11, Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen, 44 dead.  
 New York District 3, Congressman Peter King, 42 dead.  
 New York District 26, Congressman Christopher Lee, 40 dead.  
 North Carolina District 3, Congressman Walter Jones, 100 dead.  
 North Carolina District 5, Congresswoman Virginia Foxx, 97 dead.  
 North Carolina District 6, Congressman Howard Coble, 103 dead.  
 North Carolina District 9, Congresswoman Sue Myrick, 82 dead.  
 North Carolina District 10, Congressman Patrick McHenry, 101 dead.  
 Ohio District 2, Congresswoman Jean Schmidt, 69 dead.  
 Ohio District 3, Congressman Michael Turner, 78 dead.  
 Ohio District 4, Congressman Jim Jordan, 74 dead.  
 Ohio District 5, Congressman Robert Latta, 59 dead.  
 Ohio District 7, Congressman Steve Austria, 73 dead.  
 Ohio District 8, Congressman John Boehner, 70 dead.  
 Ohio District 12, Congressman Patrick Tiberi, 66 dead.  
 Ohio District 14, Congressman Steven LaTourette, 58 dead.  
 Oklahoma District 1, Congressman John Sullivan, 125 dead.  
 Oklahoma District 3, Congressman Frank Lucas, 128 dead.  
 Oklahoma District 4, Congressman Tom Cole, 121 dead.  
 Oklahoma District 5, Congresswoman Mary Fallin, 155 dead.  
 Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I request that the gentleman's words be taken down.

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#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has not yet conferred recognition for that demand. Accordingly, there being no question pending before the House, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I. Accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 56 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SCHAUER) at 9 o'clock p.m.

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#### THE COST OF NOT HAVING HEALTH CARE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair understands that the gentleman from Georgia does not seek to proceed with a call to order pursuant to clause 4 of rule XVII. As such, the gentleman from Florida is recognized for 37 minutes.

Mr. GRAYSON. We now return to our regularly scheduled program. The ef-

forts to keep me from doing what I'm doing here have failed, and now I'm going to continue. So, for those of you who are joining, let me explain what is happening here.

The American Journal of Public Health published a study a month ago, identifying the fact that 44,789 Americans die each year from not having health insurance. If you have two identical Americans, one of whom has health insurance, one of whom doesn't—we're talking about people who are the same age, the same gender, the same race, with the same smoking habits, the same weight—the one who does not have health insurance is 40 percent more likely to die.

We also have statistics from the Urban Institute, identifying how many uninsured people there are in each district, and we all know that the Republicans have promised to vote against the Democrats' health care bill. So what we're doing here tonight is the remarkably simple exercise of A times B equals C—A times B equals C—and identifying for each Republican district what that actually means.

When I was interrupted before, I had just said the following: Ohio District 12, Congressman Patrick Tiberi, 66 dead.

Now I'm going to continue until the end.

Ohio District 14, Congressman Steve LaTourette, 58 dead.

Ohio District 1, Congressman John Sullivan, 125 dead.

Oklahoma District 3, Congressman Frank Lucas, 128 dead.

Oklahoma District 4, Congressman Tom Cole, 121 dead.

Oklahoma District 5, Congressman Mary Fallin, 155 dead.

Oregon District 2, Congressman Greg Walden, 150 dead.

Pennsylvania District 5, Congressman Glenn Thompson, 64 dead.

Pennsylvania District 6, Congressman Jim Gerlach, 49 dead.

Pennsylvania District 9, Congressman Bill Shuster, 83 dead.

Pennsylvania District 15, Congressman Charles Dent, 54 dead.

Pennsylvania District 16, Congressman Joseph Pitts, 77 dead.

Pennsylvania District 18, Congressman Tim Murphy, 40 dead.

Pennsylvania District 19, Congressman Todd Platts, 51 dead.

South Carolina District 1, Congressman Henry Brown, 157 dead.

South Carolina District 2, Congressman Joe Wilson, 118 dead.

South Carolina District 3, Congressman Gresham Barrett, 112 dead.

South Carolina District 4, Congressman Bob Inglis, 133 dead.

Tennessee District 1, Congressman David Roe, 110 dead.

Tennessee District 2, Congressman John Duncan, 85 dead.

Tennessee District 3, Congressman Zach Wamp, 94 dead.

Tennessee District 7, Congressman Marsha Blackburn, 71 dead.

Texas District 1, Congressman Louie Gohmert, 155 dead.