

and for which no other insurance company would take her because of her preexisting condition.

People like Stacie, who had cancer of her thyroid and had it surgically cured, and yet, because of a preexisting condition, would be denied access to the care she needs.

And, finally, people like a 6-day-old child named Hope, who at 6 days of age, through no fault of her own, had to have heart surgery to correct a heart deformity.

We are going to change this health care system and guarantee that no one shall suffer from discrimination any longer in this country.

WRONG BILL AT WRONG TIME

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

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Madam Speaker, all across this country there are families that are waking up concerned about their future. They are concerned about their jobs. They are concerned about what the direction of this country is. We read a new statistic that showed that only 2,500 of the supposed 640,000 jobs that were created or saved by the stimulus were manufacturing jobs. Only 2,500. Manufacturing is good. We need that in this country.

At the same time, we hear this morning that the unemployment now has risen to 10.2 percent. At a time when our Nation is suffering, it is not the time, it is not the place to implement the proposed Nancy Pelosi health care bill.

We need health care reform, but this is the wrong bill at the wrong time. It raises taxes on businesses and individuals. It raises taxes on medical manufacturers. I urge my colleagues to strike this down and kill that bill.

HONORING COLONEL TODD HIXSON

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

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise today to honor the life and memory of Colonel Todd Hixson. Colonel Hixson passed away tragically and unexpectedly on Sunday, November 1, 2009, in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Along with so many other brave men and women, Colonel Hixson served for many years in the United States Marine Corps. Just a few weeks ago, he returned from his most recent tour of duty in Iraq. I feel privileged to honor such a courageous son of the State of Maryland.

With a heavy and sad heart, I offer my sincere condolences to the family of Colonel Todd Hixson. He was the son of the Honorable Sheila E. Hixson, Maryland State Delegate; and my thoughts and prayers are with her and all of Colonel Hixson's family and friends at this time.

I would also like to call attention to the flag flying over our Capitol today in honor of Colonel Hixson, and it is with great pride that I stand here before my colleagues to pay tribute to him. His courage, bravery, and dedication to his country and family serve as an inspiration to us all. I wish peace to the family and friends of Colonel Todd Hixson, and I thank him for his service to the United States and the State of Maryland.

On this Friday before Veterans Day, we honor Colonel Hixson's memory and all our veterans and service men and women and their families who make their greatest sacrifice for each of us.

PROTECT OUR JOBS

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, a number of years ago, a prominent Democratic political consultant coined the phrase, "It's the economy, stupid." What that meant was, after the issues of national security and personal security, the state of the economy is number one in the minds and hearts of the American people.

We have just heard disturbing news: The unemployment rate is now 10.2 percent, the highest rate in decades. At this point in time when our constituents are worried about jobs, worried about the economy, worried about how they are going to pay their bills, does it make sense for us to rush to judgment on a bill that has been analyzed to show that it is a job killer bill? I refer to the Pelosi health care plan that we are going to be kept in this place this weekend to vote on. Let us hear what the American people are saying. Make sure we protect our jobs, not destroy our jobs.

TOMORROW IS THE DAY

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

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, here's what you are hearing from opponents to health care reform: Nothing scares Members of Congress more than freedom-loving Americans. We should surround the Capitol Building until they give us freedom. This bill is legislative malpractice.

Now these are all catchy phrases. They are catchy phrases that are purposely designed to hide the fact that the Republicans have no viable alternative health care plan. Critics have panned the plan that they have offered. Headlines in The New York Times screamed, "Budget monitor says GOP bill leaves many uninsured." Headlines from The Washington Post booms, "Congressional Budget Office thrashes the Republican health care plan."

The verdict is in: The Republican plan is woefully inadequate. It is not a

cheap alternative. It would cover only three million uninsured. It maintains the status quo for insurance companies. It has no serious reforms to eliminate the perverse incentives in our present payment system.

So the Republican are left with catchy phrases. The American people see through it. That is why they are still supporting this bill. The American people know that the time to enact quality health care is now. Tomorrow is the day.

AMERICAN PEOPLE KNOW BEST

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, yesterday was an exciting day for those of us who believe the American people know best. Thousands of people came to Capitol Hill to tell Speaker PELOSI that they do not want her tax increase government takeover of health care. They said that this bill is a bill the American people cannot afford. Republicans in the House agree with them.

Hardworking Americans do not want to pay for abortions and illegal aliens and should not have to pay for them.

Unemployment is now 10.2 percent, and this bill will make it worse. Like other ill-conceived bills such as the wrongly named stimulus bill that the Democrats have crammed down the throats of the American people, the so-called health reform bill will do more harm than good.

Speaker PELOSI, listen to the voices of the American people. My colleagues on the other side, listen to the voices of the American people. Do not vote for more taxes, more government control, and an erosion of our freedoms. Remember, the first three words of the Constitution are, "We the people."

HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, a lot of us think we represent the people. With unemployment now over 10 percent, the second biggest issue if you don't have a job is that you don't have health care. We have a lot of problems in our country, unemployment and health care, and hopefully Congress will take that.

We made a step early in the year with a stimulus bill to try and create jobs. It hasn't done what we wanted. We need to do something, but we also need to deal with health care.

Let me take the last part of my time to say our country lost 12 brave soldiers yesterday at Fort Hood, Texas. They were prepared to be deployed to defend our country. I think that is what this House ought to be thinking about today, those families and those soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas.

HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, included in the 2,000 pages of the Pelosi takeover bill are massive cuts in Medicare that will hurt seniors across the country. According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, these cuts are \$162 billion, causing many seniors to lose their current coverage or limit their choices. But that is not all. The Pelosi takeover also increases seniors' Medicare prescription drug premiums by 20 percent over the next decade.

These negative policies hurt seniors. That is why I am pleased that senior organizations like Sixty Plus Association and the Senior Citizens League stand tall for seniors against the Pelosi takeover.

Squeezing Medicare and Medicaid half a trillion dollars is an attack on senior citizens. A better bill is H.R. 3400 for affordability and accessibility. Our bill will save jobs, while the Pelosi takeover will kill jobs with record 10.2 unemployment.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September 11th in the global war on terrorism. Our prayers and sympathy are with the families of Fort Hood, Texas.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.

CONGRATULATING THE NEW YORK
YANKEES

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 893) congratulating the 2009 Major League Baseball World Series Champions, the New York Yankees.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 893

Whereas the New York Yankees are the most successful franchise in the history of Major League Baseball;

Whereas prior to this year the Yankees had won 26 World Series Championships, the most in the Major Leagues;

Whereas this historic franchise is located in the Bronx and is known as the "Bronx Bombers";

Whereas the Yankees franchise has included all-time great players;

Whereas for many years the Yankees played baseball in the historic Yankee Stadium;

Whereas this year the Yankees opened a new stadium and hope to emulate the success achieved in the "House that Ruth Built";

Whereas during the 2009 regular season, the Yankees had the best record in baseball, going 103-59;

Whereas the Yankees finished at the top of the American League East Division;

Whereas the Yankees went on to beat the Minnesota Twins 3 games to 0;

Whereas the Yankees then faced off against the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim in the American League Championship Series, and emerged victorious in 6 games;

Whereas that victory represented the 40th American League Pennant that the Yankees have won;

Whereas the Yankees were matched up against a valiant Philadelphia Phillies squad for the World Series title;

Whereas the Yankees were able to defeat the defending World Series Champions by 4 games to 2;

Whereas this victory represents the Yankees' 27th World Series Championship win;

Whereas this number of championship wins is 17 more than their next closest competitor;

Whereas the contributions of the Yankees' players throughout the season were all vital in securing the title; and

Whereas the Yankees were guided to victory by Manager Joe Girardi, General Manager Brian Cashman, President Randy Levine, and the leadership of Hank and Hal Steinbrenner: Now therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulate—

(1) the 2009 Major League Baseball World Series Champions, the New York Yankees, for an outstanding season and a record 27th World Series Championship win; and

(2) the players, coaches, staff and leadership of the Yankees organization for their great success.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. TOWNS) and the gentleman from Utah (Mr. CHAFFETZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. TOWNS. I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise today as a proud New Yorker to call up this resolution honoring the New York Yankees on the occasion of their victory in the 2009 World Series.

With this win, the Yankees once again have broken their own record as the most successful Major League Baseball franchise, and of course the most successful professional sports franchise in our Nation's history.

The achievements of the Yankees are made even more remarkable by the high caliber of the teams they faced throughout the season and in the playoffs. The defending champions, the Philadelphia Phillies, had an outstanding season and performed well during the World Series. But Wednes-

day night, the Yankees once again returned the World Series trophy to New York City, the 27th time they have done this.

We are proud of our Yankees, and I could go on and on for hours discussing the Yankees. I recall just last weekend I spent time with friends of mine, Dr. Witherspoon and Dr. Brown, talking about the Yankees of yesteryear and today. And of course we talked about the long line of outstanding players and the great success that they have had. We talked about Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle, and of course now we can talk about Matsui as well.

We have important business to consider in this House today and tomorrow, but it is fitting that we take a small amount of time now to congratulate the New York Yankees on their World Series victory.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today in support of House Resolution 893, congratulating the 2009 Major League Baseball World Series champions, the New York Yankees.

For the 27th time in the history of the World Series, the Yankees have once again proven to be the champions by defeating the Philadelphia Phillies to win the World Series. Again they have distinguished themselves as the dominant team in baseball.

On a cold November evening, the game kept fans riveted to their seats until nearly midnight in the sixth game of the series with the Phillies until Mariano Rivera threw his 41st and final pitch of the game to end the game.

The Yankees, also affectionately known as the "Bronx Bombers" because of their stadium's location in the Bronx, achieved another exciting victory for the storied franchise. After finishing the regular season with baseball's best record of 103 wins, they showed their consummate professionalism by winning it all.

They finished the regular season by defeating the Minnesota Twins and then the Angels to capture the American League Championship. Moving on to the World Series, the Yankees defeated the National League's champion Phillies by winning four out of six games in the series even though the Phillies gave it their all to the very end.

It is of particular note that the Yankees' 27th World Series wins puts them in an unequalled place in baseball history. They have now won 17 more World Series than their closest competitor.

I also want to congratulate the rest of the Yankees organization, all of whom deserve credit for providing a terrific season for so many devoted fans. I would also like to congratulate the Philadelphia Phillies, their fans and their players for putting together an exciting season.