

her own illnesses, she taught her children to read in preschool years, raised her children to appreciate life, to love God, to count spiritual blessings, to be strong of heart, always to be grateful, to be kind, honest, respect others and never to quit.

Her name was Virginia, and she was my mother. And today would have been her 85th birthday. Happy birthday, Mom.

#### ALL PAIN AND NO GAIN

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, as we spin in circles here on health care, let's not forget the failed policy of a national energy tax, or cap-and-trade. These coal miners lost their jobs the last time we passed environmental laws, and with their jobs went their health care benefits. I've always said that cap-and-tax is a direct attack on coal by the environmental left.

And if you don't believe me, yesterday's article says Sierra Club opposes transmission lines to link AEP to Allegheny coal fire power plants on the grounds that it would increase coal use. I also say that cap-and-tax is all pain and no gain, especially if China and India do not comply.

Well, we also have a quote by Rajendra Pachauri, who is the Chair of the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. And he says: "India will continue to use coal to meet its energy demands." And finally, the science of climate change is not exact and not conclusive. Channel 2, CBS Chicago, says that Chicago sees coldest July in 67 years.

#### IF IT IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, IT IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR CONGRESS

(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. Mr. Speaker, as Democrats push for a government takeover of health care, I hope they will abide by a very simple standard: if a government-run health plan is good enough for the American people, it's good enough for Congress.

During consideration of the over 1,000-page bill in the Education and Labor Committee, I successfully got an amendment passed that would provide that Congress Members who vote in favor of government-run health care would enroll in the plan themselves. The American people should monitor that this provision is kept in the bill.

I want to commend Congressman JOHN FLEMING, a physician, for originally promoting this concept of fairness. I urge my Democrat colleagues to adopt this standard if they insist on dragging a Big Government bureaucracy between patients and doctors. The

American people deserve better to protect jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

#### THE RECOVERY ACT IS WORKING

(Mr. SCHRADER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, I came to the floor yesterday to talk about 145 teaching jobs that were saved, thanks to the Recovery Act in one community school district alone. Today I'd like to talk about jobs that have been created and saved for Oregon's first responders.

Mr. Speaker, just yesterday, the first wave of COPS grants was announced. That means 21 more police officers patrolling our streets in Oregon thanks to the Recovery Act. A number of those are in Oregon City, a city I know very closely, which desperately needs the assistance for an understaffed police department. These are 21 first responders that would not have been on the job, again, without this recovery package.

The Oregon Department of Corrections also received \$103 million to save guard positions and prevent prisoners from being released from Oregon's prisons. Oregon is in very tough shape with this economic downturn.

These are just a few examples, with more announcements on the way. Over the next couple of weeks, Byrne grants targeted to help local police communities investigate and prosecute criminals and provide revenue for juvenile justice programs that help steer our troubled youth away from a life of crime. The Recovery Act is working.

#### ANOTHER MISSED OPPORTUNITY

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

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, in Monday's Wall Street Journal, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Secretary of the Treasury Geithner co-authored an opinion piece outlining the issues to be discussed in the U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue. No mention of human rights. No mention of the Chinese Government's suppression of journalists. No mention of the dozens of human rights lawyers across China who have been stripped of their licenses, no mention of the 35 Catholic bishops that languish in Chinese prisons and slave labor camps, no mention of the Chinese Government's crackdown on the ethnic Uyghurs, no mention of how China continues to repatriate North Korean refugees, no mention of human rights.

Human rights simply cannot be separated from economic policy. The Obama administration has missed yet another opportunity to make human rights a fundamental component of U.S. foreign policy.

#### GAO MORTGAGE REPORT

(Mrs. MALONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, the Joint Economic Committee just concluded a hearing highlighting a GAO report that analyzed the performance of subprime loans in all 435 congressional districts, as this map illustrates. This report that I requested provides a sobering snapshot of the ongoing foreclosure crisis inherited by the Obama administration. The dark red is where there are high instances of foreclosure.

So we see that California, Florida, and Nevada are the places where the most nonprime loans were originated with noxious prepayment penalties and exploding interest rates. The end results are obvious. The hearing reviewed past Federal regulatory failures and identified the actions that the administration and Congress have taken to reduce foreclosure rates and prevent a future recurrence. The report is online by congressional district with the hearing Web site at the JEC Web site, [www.jec.senate.gov](http://www.jec.senate.gov).

#### SOCIALIZING THE COUNTRY IS NOT THE ANSWER

(Mr. FLEMING asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, recently the President said in a speech: "Folks are skeptical and that is entirely legitimate because they haven't seen a lot of laws coming out of Washington that help." That is an understatement. Americans have found themselves at the mercy of the mass social agenda of this administration and the liberal leadership in Congress.

First it was the \$750 billion stimulus bill that neither created nor saved any jobs; then came cap-and-tax. Both of these bills were passed only minutes after being fully released, but not read, and were the first two installments of this liberal/socialist agenda.

But this health care bill, H.R. 3200, is the mother of all bad bills and seeks to recast America as a new socialist state. If it passes in its current form, we can expect tax increases for all American families, waiting lines with DMV-style medicine, an explosion of taxpayer-funded abortions and a lack of good health care for the elderly.

Americans are urging Democrats to finally reach across the aisle and work with Republicans for a change.

#### HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. BLUMENAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, if you wonder why health care reform is so hard, look at the rhetoric surrounding efforts to help senior citizens and their families cope with end-of-life decisions. It has morphed into something that has been, I think, rather

sad. I was both angry and put off, I must say, in the references to section 1233. Today in the Washington Times they cite a misrepresentation by Republican leadership that talk about this leading the path down to government-encouraged euthanasia.

Yesterday, we heard one of our Republican colleagues talk about actually having the government—I want to be careful about this—that “seniors being in a position of being put to death by their government.”

Mr. Speaker, looking at this legislation that is a result of a bipartisan effort to allow senior citizens and their families to know the choices that face them, nothing mandatory, no government bureaucrat, simply giving them the choice to have information. Shame on people who use senior citizens as a prop to try to scare people.

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#### PAYING FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mrs. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to talk about something everyone, Republicans and Democrats, cares about: paying for health care reform.

There is so much evidence that prevention at the individual and community levels will produce hundreds of billions of dollars of savings. Trust for America's Health has shown, based on existing community prevention programs, that we could get a return of 5.6 to 6.2 times on every dollar spent. Private industry has also shown a similar savings in less than 10 years. Another report will show that we would save \$652 billion over 10 years by getting healthier individuals to Medicare and by reducing advancing disease when they enter the system. This kind of prevention is in the bill.

The CBO will score prevention if we give them reliable data, and that would make the true cost of this bill much less than \$1 trillion. So let's cover the Territories and not cut important programs out of the bill. Let's score prevention, and let's pass a bill that honors health care as a right and that reestablishes the United States as the leader we ought to be.

#### SCIENCE CZAR

(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, the President has appointed over 30 new czars in the Federal bureaucracy, and I'm concerned about the President's new science czar. John Holdren detailed and advocated draconian population control methods in a 1977 textbook that he coauthored.

In it, they state, “Some coercive proposals deserve discussion, mainly be-

cause some countries may ultimately have to resort to them unless current trends in birth rates are rapidly reversed.”

They go on to speculate that a program in India to vasectomize fathers of large families could have been successful with “massive assistance from the developed world.” The same chapter later promotes readily available abortion services as one of the milder methods governments can promote to reduce family size. Some of their ideas are quite bizarre. This is the same man who has the ear of the President on some of the most important decisions of the day.

Clearly, we need to watch the office of the science czar carefully with an eye toward whether Dr. Holdren will promote policies that maintain our cherished liberties or policies that call for the heavy hand of government in our private lives.

#### HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. OLVER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. OLVER. Mr. Speaker, this is our year for health insurance reform. The private health insurance industry has reaped enormous profits over the last 9 years while Americans' wages have barely increased at all. On average, 30 percent of the \$1.8 trillion in premiums that Americans pay to health insurance companies pays for overhead costs—salaries, administrative, lobbying, and profits—rather than for health care. Americans cannot afford that waste of scarce dollars. Our health reform legislation will limit such overhead spending to no more than 15 percent.

We have to focus our priorities on the quality of health care itself. For example, the diabetes epidemic demonstrates dramatically how critical preventative medicine is to America's children. One-third of all children born this decade are expected to develop diabetes in their lifetimes. The prevention of diabetes will make America healthier, and we will avoid the enormous future costs of diabetes treatment.

Now is the time to act on health care reform.

#### THE SUCCESS OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT

(Mr. YARMUTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, our Republican friends, perhaps in a bit of wishful thinking, are trying to convince the American public that the American Recovery Act has been a failure.

Well, they're going to have a hard time convincing my constituents in Louisville, Kentucky, where it was just reported that home sales have increased by 27 percent this month over

last year, almost all due to the \$8,000 first-time home buyer's credit that we put in that act. They're going to have a hard time convincing the people at GE's Appliance Park, where they're about to bring 400 jobs back from China to Kentucky to build a revolutionary, energy-saving water heater. They're going to have a hard time convincing the 95 percent of my constituents who have had their paychecks increased because of the almost \$300 billion in tax cuts that were part of that act.

No, Mr. Speaker, the American Recovery Act is far from a failure. It is succeeding to rebuild the economy of this country.

#### HEALTH CARE IS A HUMAN ISSUE

(Mr. BACA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, families in America deserve a health care system that works. A parent should not have to worry about paying for either high health care insurance premiums or putting food on the table or paying their mortgages.

In fact, each year in my district, 5,200 seniors who hit the doughnut hole are forced to pay their full drug costs despite having part D drug coverage. The Tri-Committee bill provides these seniors with immediate relief by cutting brand-name drug costs in the doughnut hole by 50 percent.

In 2008, my district had 1,490 health care-related bankruptcies, caused primarily by the high health care costs not covered by insurance. The Tri-Committee bill caps out-of-pocket costs at \$10,000 per year, ensuring that no individual will have to face financial ruin because of high health care costs.

For these reasons, I stand here to advocate for American families who are struggling in every corner. I urge my colleagues to stand with me and to support health care reform. This is not a political issue. This is a human issue.

#### JOB CREATION

(Mr. SIREs asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight where some of the stimulus jobs are located. While some States have refused the stimulus money that is available, I want to acknowledge some of the areas that are using the stimulus funds to create jobs today.

In my State of New Jersey, the funding has gone towards good-paying jobs for New Jersey workers. Six thousand summer jobs were created for New Jersey youth using funds allotted under the Workforce Investment Act Youth Recovery Act. Over 60 jobs have been created in transportation, and at least 20 people are currently working on housing improvements for the Woodbridge Public Housing Authority.