

plan that is almost completely crafted here in the House of Representatives and probably poised to go before this House on a vote sometime after Labor Day, presuming that there are enough Members of Congress still standing after the public shows up at their town hall meetings, at their offices, at their house, wherever they might be able to encounter their Member of Congress or their staff, presuming that there are enough Members of Congress still willing to walk this path, we're likely to see a vote here on the floor, and the result will be all of these things that we're not supposed to say now.

If it passes, it will be a government-run, single-payer, socialized medicine, ObamaCare, rationed care, government-mandate care. If not the first day, it will be over time when everybody's health insurance has to requalify and be run through the qualifications that will be drafted by the new health insurance czar, the commissioner, the comisarissioner of health insurance in America. That's where we are, Mr. Speaker.

And so I will quote Congressman JOHN SHADEGG who articulated this as well as anyone in this Congress when he said, if you like your health insurance that you have today, get ready to lose it. That's what will happen. The American people understand that it is their freedom, that their discretion is at risk, and there are people who want to create a complete nanny state, who have privatized—excuse me—who have nationalized eight huge entities here and moved us on a leftward lurch off the abyss into socialism in the private sector; three huge investment banks, AIG, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, General Motors, Chrysler, all now under the control of the White House. And this White House now wants to take over all the health care in America, eventually. And we understand that was President Obama's original policy. He has just moved to try to set up health insurance in such a way that he can promise you you get to keep it.

And I promise you that it will not look like anything you have today if the government's going to write new regulations that it has to qualify for. And I will submit that Republicans have good solutions to this. I'll submit also that what we're trying to fix here is this. Here's where I agree, Mr. Speaker.

I believe that we have a very, very difficult economic situation to work our way out of. I believe that it may be as serious as anything that we have seen since the Great Depression, but I'm not certain of that because I lived through the eighties during the farm crisis and the other, the housing crisis that we had and the banking crisis that we had during that period of time. We lost 3,000 banks in the eighties. Those were tough times. I want to measure this after it's over and look back before I would commit that this is the worst time since the Great Depression. But it's not a very good time. It's a bad time.

And we have our challenges ahead of us, and we have to fix this economy. With that, I agree with the President. But the President says that health care in America is broken. I don't agree. I don't believe it is broken. I believe that we can improve it, and we should. But the President declares that we can't fix the economy without first fixing health care.

Now, if health care—and that encompasses health insurance and the health care that's provided through our clinics and our hospitals and the whole breadth of the health care that we have. If health care is broken, there must be a service out there that's not adequate compared to some other country in the world.

I'll submit health care is not broken. We have the best health care in the world. It costs too much money. I'll agree with the President on that. About 14½ percent of our GDP, and some of the costs that you see in the rest of the industrialized world are around 9½ percent of GDP. They ration health care. They have socialized medicine. They don't have the research and development that we have. We have the best in the world.

We lead the world in development of pharmaceutical and surgery techniques, and we lead the world in survival after cancer diagnosis. And we also lead the world, I believe, in the diagnosis of cancer itself. All of those things are at risk today. But if we have to, according to the President, change 100 percent of the health care system that we have in order to declare we have fixed it so we can declare we're fixing the economy, I will submit that that statement cannot be valid. It cannot be defended or sustained in open public debate or any kind of analysis because they want to spend \$1 trillion to \$2 trillion.

Now, if we're spending too much money on health care in America, and we are, why do we need to dump another \$1 trillion to \$2 trillion into it to fix it? If we're going to fix it, we should be able to fix it and save money, not fix it and dump trillions of dollars into it and raise taxes and cut funding that goes into Medicare and deny health care services to our seniors, all of that wrapped up in the name of fixing something that's not broken, just changing and transforming America.

We socialized three large investment banks, AIG, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, General Motors and Chrysler. They're nationalized today. This is about the nationalization of the best health care system in the world, and 17½ percent of it, and taking away the freedom of the American people to go out and purchase a health insurance policy that they choose.

I want to expand the health savings accounts and I want to provide 100 percent deductibility for everybody's health insurance premium. And I want to reduce the medical malpractice liability that's out there by capping the liability claims so people get whole

again but trial lawyers don't get rich. We can do all of those things and more, besides.

And by the way, there's only 4 percent of America that are chronically uninsured, 4 percent, 10 to 12 million people, depending on whose study you look at. That's 4 percent. And we would upset 100 percent of the health care system in order to fix an expensive health insurance program only if you compare to other countries that don't have the quality that we have. I think that would be a colossal mistake, and we could never get back from that colossal mistake because it creates 306 million people that would be dependent upon the government-run, single-payer, socialized medicine, ObamaCare, rationed care, government-mandate care. And I reject it. I hope the American people do.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. KAPTUR) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. POE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. FOXX, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. KUCINICH, for 5 minutes, today.

#### HOUSE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and joint resolutions of the following titles:

April 21, 2009:

H.R. 1388. An Act entitled The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, an Act to reauthorize and reform the national service laws.

May 7, 2009:

H.R. 1626. An Act to make technical amendments to laws containing time periods affecting judicial proceedings.

May 12, 2009:

H.R. 586. An Act to direct the Librarian of Congress and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out a joint project at the Library of Congress and the National Museum of African American History and Culture to collect video and audio recordings of personal histories and testimonials of individuals who participated in the Civil Rights movement, and for other purposes.

May 22, 2009:

H.R. 627. An Act to amend the Truth in Lending Act to establish fair and transparent practices relating to the extension of

credit under an open end consumer credit plan, and for other purposes.

June 2, 2009:

H.R. 131. An Act to establish the Ronald Reagan Centennial Commission.

June 19, 2009:

H.R. 663. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12877 Broad Street in Sparta, Georgia, as the "Yvonne Ingram-Ephraim Post Office Building".

H.R. 918. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 300 East 3rd Street in Jamestown, New York, as the "Stan Lundine Post Office Building".

H.R. 1284. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 103 West Main Street in McLain, Mississippi, as the "Major Ed W. Freeman Post Office".

H.R. 1595. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3245 Latta Road in Rochester, New York, as the "Brian K. Schramm Post Office Building".

H.R. 2675. An Act to amend title II of the Antitrust Criminal Penalty Enhancement and Reform Act of 2004 to extend the operation of such title for a 1-year period ending June 22, 2010.

June 22, 2009:

H.R. 1256. An Act to protect the public health by providing the Food and Drug Administration with certain authority to regulate tobacco products, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make certain modifications in the Thrift Savings Plan, the Civil Service Retirement System, and the Federal Employees' Retirement System, and for other purposes.

June 24, 2009:

H.R. 2346. An Act making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

June 26, 2009:

H.J. Res. 40. A joint resolution to honor the achievements and contributions of Native Americans to the United States, and for other purposes.

June 30, 2009:

H.R. 813. An Act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 837. An Act to designate the Federal building located at 799 United Nations Plaza in New York, New York, as the "Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building".

H.R. 2344. An Act to amend section 114 of title 17, United States Code, to provide for agreements for the reproduction and performance of sound recordings by webcasters.

July 1, 2009:

H.R. 1777. An Act to make technical corrections to the Higher Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes.

July 27, 2009:

H.R. 2632. An Act to amend title 4, United States Code, to encourage the display of the flag of the United States on National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day.

July 28, 2009:

H.J. Res. 56. A joint resolution approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and for other purposes.

#### SENATE BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

April 23, 2009:

S. 520. An Act to designate the United States courthouse under construction at 327 South Church Street, Rockford, Illinois, as the "Stanley J. Roszkowski United States Courthouse".

April 24, 2009:

S. 383. An Act to amend the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (division A of Public Law 110-343) to provide the Special Inspector General with additional authorities and Responsibilities, and for other purposes.

May 7, 2009:

S.J. Res. 8. A joint resolution providing for the appointment of David M. Rubenstein as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

May 8, 2009:

S. 39. An Act to repeal section 10(f) of Public Law 93-531, commonly known as the "Bennett Freeze".

May 15, 2009:

S. 735. An Act to ensure States receive adoption incentive payments for fiscal year 2008 in accordance with the Postering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008.

May 20, 2009:

S. 386. An Act to improve enforcement of mortgage fraud, securities and commodities fraud, financial institution fraud, and other frauds related to Federal assistance and relief programs, for the recovery of funds lost to these frauds, and for other purposes.

S. 896. An Act to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability.

May 22, 2009:

S. 454. An Act to improve the organization and procedures of the Department of Defense for the acquisition of major weapon systems, and for other purposes.

June 30, 2009:

S. 407. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2009, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, to codify increases in the rates of such compensation that were effective as of December 1, 2008, and for other purposes.

S. 615. An Act to provide additional personnel authorities for the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction.

July 1, 2009:

S. 615. An Act to award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Women Airforce Service Pilots ("WASP").

#### ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3357. An act to restore sums to the Highway Trust Fund and for other purposes.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced her signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1107. To amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for a limited 6-month period for Federal judges to opt into the Judicial Survivors' Annuities System and begin contributing toward an annuity for their spouse and dependent children upon their death, and for other purposes.

#### BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House reports that on July 31, 2009 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 838. To provide for the conveyance of a parcel of land held by the Bureau of Prisons of the Department of Justice in Miami Dade County, Florida, to facilitate the construction of a new educational facility that includes a secure parking area for the Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 172, 111th Congress, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 54 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 2 p.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

2978. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Conservation Reserve Program (RIN 0560-AH80) received July 28, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

2979. A letter from the Chief Counsel, FEMA, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID FEMA-2008-0020; Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-B-1059] received July 28, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

2980. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Prevention of Salmonella Enteritidis in Shell Eggs During Production, Storage, and Transportation [Docket No.: FDA-2000-N-0190 (Formerly Docket No. 2000N-0504)] (RIN: 0910-AC14) received July 28, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2981. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Final DTV Table of Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations. (Amarillo, Texas) received July 29, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2982. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Addition and Removal of Certain Persons on the Entity List: Addition of Persons Acting Contrary to the National Security or Foreign Policy Interests of the United States; Removal of Persons based on ERC Annual Review and Removal Requests; and Entry Modified for Purposes of Clarification [Docket No.: 090414651-91046-01] (RIN:0694-AE59) received July 28, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

2983. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the report on