

You couldn't hide the Louisiana Purchase. I haven't even gotten to all of them yet, but go ahead.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. You can talk about one page, and you're talking about 18, 19, or 20 million people.

Mr. SHADEGG. There you go.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. So what could you do very briefly and very simply?

Number one: Increase competition. You have to do away with State lines and allow competition to occur across State lines.

Mr. SHADEGG. Wait. Can I stop you right there?

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Yes.

Mr. SHADEGG. I was the first guy to introduce a bill to allow cross-State-line purchase.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. I know you were.

Mr. SHADEGG. You just used the number of 12 million. Two professors at the University of Minnesota, which is not exactly a conservative university, said, if you just enacted cross-State-line purchases, then that would enable 12 million additional Americans to afford health insurance with not one penny of cost to the American taxpayer.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Well, the three things we have mentioned right there would cover this bill.

Anyway, one, you've got State lines. Two, you've got association health plans, or groups, which would allow individuals or groups to form. Three, you've got the tax deduction allowing an individual to deduct it from his tax. Four, you've got tort reform. Five, which we've just mentioned, will allow adult-aged children to stay on their parents' plans.

These are five simple things you can do without having all of the special interest groups and everything else. Then guess what? One of the things would be to expand the health savings account. You would be putting individuals in charge of their health care and of their health care decisions. Who should make them? A health care decision should be made between a physician, the family, and the patient. That's who should be making the decisions—not insurance companies, not the government.

Mr. SHADEGG. I just want to reiterate what you said: A health care decision ought to be made by the patient, the family, and the physician.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. That's absolutely right.

Mr. SHADEGG. Yet that's not how the system works today.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. No.

Mr. SHADEGG. In the system today, your employer picks the plan, and the plan picks the doctor. You don't get to pick the plan, and you don't get to pick the doctor. If the plan or the doctor abuses you, you can't fire them.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. You're stuck.

Mr. SHADEGG. Your idea is we should empower patients to be able to pick their plans and to be able to pick their doctors, which we could do by,

number one, letting those Americans who can afford it but who don't get employer-provided care buy health care without paying a tax penalty; number two, letting those who get money from their employers either take their employers' plans or pick their own plans. I guess that's why we call it "patient choice."

Instead of empowering patients, this bill that we're going to vote on of 2,000-and-some-odd pages, the Senate bill, which has these 11 special backroom deals in it—and I still haven't gotten to all of them. That bill says, no, we shouldn't make it the patient, his or her family, and the doctor. We shouldn't leave it as the employer is overruling you. We should make it that the government is controlling the system.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Yes.

I had a very successful medical practice, and I understood who I worked for—not the insurance company, not the hospital. I worked for the patient. We are losing that because we are putting insurance companies and we are putting the government in between those decisionmakers.

Mr. SHADEGG. It's a third-party pay system that exists right now. It does not work when your employer controls your health care plan. It will not work when the government controls your health care plan. It makes all the sense in the world to let people control their own health care plans. I've got a couple of myths and facts here I thought I'd conclude with.

The White House says that your insurance premiums will decrease if this bill is enacted. Interestingly, the CBO and the Joint Committee on Taxation say that the average premium per person covered for new nongroup policies would be about 10 percent to 13 percent higher in 2016 than the average premium for nongroup coverage in that same year under current law. So we're going to put the government in charge, and premiums will go up.

The President said that you could keep your coverage if you like it. Interestingly, in Baltimore, when he came and talked to us, he admitted that was no longer the case. In fact, here are the numbers: Between 8 and 9 million people who would be covered by an employment-based plan under current law would not have that offer of coverage if this bill passes.

I think this is a critically important debate. I think we can reform health care in America. I think we can find ideas on the other side of the aisle and on this side of the aisle. I think we can get to reform, but I don't think the way to do that is with a system that moves power away from you and me and gives it to the government.

I thank the gentleman for his assistance.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3650, HARMFUL ALGAL BLOOMS AND HYPOXIA RESEARCH AND CONTROL AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2010

Ms. SLAUGHTER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111-439) on the resolution (H. Res. 1168) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3650) to establish a National Harmful Algal Bloom and Hypoxia Program, to develop and coordinate a comprehensive and integrated strategy to address harmful algal blooms and hypoxia, and to provide for the development and implementation of comprehensive regional action plans to reduce harmful algal blooms and hypoxia, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. YOUNG of Florida (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of illness caused by food poisoning.

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 Mr. BRIGHT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BRIGHT, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, March 18.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, March 18.

Mr. WHITFIELD for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, March 18.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 1067. An act to support stabilization and lasting peace in northern Uganda and areas affected by the Lord's Resistance Army through development of a regional strategy to support multilateral efforts to successfully protect civilians and eliminate the threat posed by the Lord's resistance Army and to authorize funds for humanitarian relief and reconstruction, reconciliation and transitional justice, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, March 12, 2010, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

6508. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — National Organic Program; Access to Pasture (Livestock) [Doc. No.: AMS-TM-06-0198] (RIN: 0581-AC57) received February 25, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6509. A letter from the Office of Research and Analysis, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Food Stamp Program: Eligibility and Certification Provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 [FNS-2007-0006] (RIN: 0584-AD30) received March 5, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6510. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Laminarin; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0529; FRL-8812-1] received February 19, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6511. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Nicosulfuron; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0569; FRL-8812-5] received February 19, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6512. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — *Trichoderma gamsii* strain ICC 080; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0749; FRL-8799-4] received February 19, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6513. A letter from the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's 2010 compensation program adjustments, including the Agency's current salary range structure and the performance-based merit pay matrix, in accordance with section 1206 of the Financial Institutions, Reform, Recovery, and Enforcement Act of 1989; to the Committee on Agriculture.

6514. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter providing notification that the Navy intends to implement policy changes to support a phased approach to the assignment of women to submarines; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6515. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's annual report for fiscal year 2006 on the quality of health care furnished under the health care programs of the Department of Defense, pursuant to Section 723 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6516. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Final Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID:

FEMA-2008-0020] received February 17, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6517. A letter from the Regulatory Specialist, LRAD, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Risk-Based Capital Guidelines; Capital Adequacy Guidelines; Capital Maintenance; Regulatory Capital; Impact of Modifications to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles; Consolidation of Asset-Backed Commercial Paper Programs; and Other Related Issues [Docket ID: OCC-2009-0020] (RIN: 1557-AD26) received March 4, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6518. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a report on transactions involving U.S. exports to the Republic of Korea pursuant to Section 2(b)(3) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended; to the Committee on Financial Services.

6519. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's "Major" final rule — Money Market Fund Reform [Release No. IC-29132; File Nos. S7-11-09, S7-20-09] (RIN: 3235-AK33) March 4, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

6520. A letter from the Special Inspector General For The Troubled Asset Relief Program, transmitting the Office's quarterly report on the actions undertaken by the Department of the Treasury under the Troubled Asset Relief Program, the activities of SIGTARP, and SIGTARP's recommendations with respect to operations of TARP, for the period ending January 30, 2010; to the Committee on Financial Services.

6521. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Services, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Investing in Innovation Fund [Docket ID: ED-2009-OII-0012] (RIN: 1855-AA06) received March 8, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

6522. A letter from the Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Claims for Compensation; Death Gratuity Under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (RIN: 1215-AB66) received March 4, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and Labor.

6523. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Children's Products Containing Lead; Exemptions for Certain Electronic Devices received February 22, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6524. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Guidelines and Requirements for Mandatory Recall Notices received February 22, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6525. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's "Major" final rule — Broadband Technology Opportunities Programs [Docket No.: 0907141137-0024-06] (RIN: 0660-AZ28) received February 19, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6526. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's Alternative Fuel Vehicle program report for FY 2009, pursuant to Public Law 109-58; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6527. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Opacity Source Surveillance Methods [EPA-R03-OAR-2010-0009; FRL-9115-9] received February 19, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6528. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia Revisions to the Definition of Volatile Organic Compound and Other Terms [EPA-R03-OAR-2009-0871; FRL-9116-1] received February 19, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6529. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Indiana; Volatile Organic Compound Emission Control Measures for Lake and Porter Counties in Indiana [EPA-R05-OAR-2009-0704; FRL-9107-2] received February 19, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6530. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines [EPA-HQ-OAR-2008-0708, FRL-9115-7] (RIN: 2060-AP36) received February 19, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

6531. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting a report in accordance with Section 25(a)(6) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6532. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary For Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Addition of Certain Persons to the Entity List: Addition of Persons Acting Contrary to the National Security or Foreign Policy Interests of the United States [Docket No.: 100115025-0032-01] (RIN: 0694-AE84) received February 22, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6533. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary For Export Administration, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendments to the Select Agents Controls in Export Control Classification Number (ECCN) 1C360 on the Commerce Control List (CCL); Correction to ECCN 1E998 [Docket No.: 0907241163-91434-01] (RIN: 0694-AE67) received February 22, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6534. A letter from the Associate Director, PP&I, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule — Belarus Sanctions Regulations received February 1, 2010, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

6535. A letter from the Associate Director for Human Resources, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, transmitting report on the use of the Category Rating System for the period September 2008 through August 2009; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

6536. A letter from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform