

it. He said, "You cannot multiply wealth by dividing it. You cannot legislate the poor into prosperity by legislating the wealthy out of prosperity. What one person receives without working for, another person must work for without receiving. The government cannot give to anybody anything the government does not first take from somebody else. When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work because the other half is going to take care of them, then the other half gets the idea it does no good to work because somebody else is going to get what they work for. And that is the beginning of the end of any Nation."

Madam Speaker, we are in a time when the government does too much for us and too much to us in the name of taking care of all of us.

And that's just the way it is.

FLAWED PLAN TO PASS HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. In an effort to pass health care reform, Democrat leadership is considering a procedural tactic known as the "Slaughter solution" that will allow the passage of the Senate health care bill without an actual vote. Skirting a direct vote on a trillion-dollar plan that would increase health care spending, cut Medicare by nearly \$500 billion, and increase taxes by over \$500 billion is outrageous.

And I'm not surprised that the House Democrats don't want their name attached to this Senate bill, which was pieced together through shameless vote peddling and secret backroom deals like the "Cornhusker Kickback" and the "Louisiana Purchase." I'm not surprised that the Democratic leaders want to avoid a direct vote on a partisan measure that infuriated Americans and led to a stunning electoral upset in Massachusetts. I'm not surprised that Democrat leaders don't want their names linked to legislation that fails to reduce costs and adds to increasing deficit.

House Democrats have no problem imposing a flawed plan on the American people, but they are taking every opportunity to distance themselves from the passage of this package.

CONGRATULATING LASALLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL AND STATE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, it was late in December 2009 when two high school football teams met on a snow-covered field in Hersheypark Stadium. They were there to determine who would walk away as the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association AAAA champions. It

was LaSalle College High School versus State College High School. LaSalle won 24-7. Touchdowns were made by Sam Feleccia, Jamal Abdur-Rahman, and Tim Wade. Going into the game, LaSalle had a winning record of 13 wins and only one loss. Feleccia's 55-yard run pushed the Explorers ahead 24-0 with 4 minutes left in the quarter, sealing the victory for the Catholic school in front of more than 3,000 LaSalle fans.

The LaSalle Explorers became the first-ever Philadelphia city team to win a PIAA football title. They went on to the honor of having six of their team players selected for the Pennsylvania sports writers' all-State football teams. LaSalle's coach, Drew Gordon, was selected as the Coach of the Year. Runner-up State College had three players chosen for All-State.

I want to extend my sincere congratulations to LaSalle College High School for their outstanding victory and the State College Little Lions for an outstanding season.

SUPPORT ISRAEL

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Madam Speaker, one of our best friends in the Middle East, if not the best friend, is Israel. Israel has been criticized by our State Department last week because they were going to build some additional housing in Jerusalem. They have accepted the premise that they shouldn't right now be building housing outside Jerusalem. They have a moratorium on that. I think that was worked out with our government.

But as far as building in Jerusalem is concerned, they have always built in Jerusalem, and they have allowed Christians and Muslims and other groups to build in Jerusalem. So I can't understand why the Secretary of State criticized Israel and Benjamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, for allowing the construction of new housing in Jerusalem, because it's always been done and there's never been a prohibition against it.

At a time when we should be worrying about what is going on in Iran, a nuclear development program that threatens the entire Middle East and energy supplies that we need in this country to keep our economy going, we certainly should not be criticizing our best friend, Israel. Israel is a best friend. They stuck with us through thick and thin, and we should support them in every way possible.

CANCER CLUSTER

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

Mr. ROONEY. Madam Speaker, today I had the opportunity to meet with a group of residents from an area of

Palm Beach called "The Acreage." Recently, a pediatric cancer cluster was confirmed in the Acreage, yet the cause is still unknown. In today's meeting, I spoke with mothers who have had children with brain tumors, along with other residents of the affected area. I was inspired by their optimism and dedication to this cause. They are not seeking to play the "blame game." They are simply looking for answers. At the same time, I heard their frustration with the overall Federal Government involvement—or lack thereof.

While the State and local health departments have been active in investigating and confirming the cluster at the local level, there are limits to what they can do and experiences they can draw on. And so today I call on the Federal involvement to improve. Action is needed now by the CDC and other agencies so they can lend their expertise and knowledge from other investigations to assist as we move forward. This is not a political or partisan issue. It's about finding answers to what caused the cancer cluster so my constituents can get on with their lives.

THE WEEK FOR HEALTH CARE

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, this is the week—the week—that we will have an opportunity to provide expanded coverage for Americans. I hope this will be the week of truth and not for misrepresentations that have been carried forward. I hope that those who are uninsured will understand now that 31 million will have insurance; that Medicare care will be protected and in actuality expanded by the basic benefits plan; that Medicaid will be reimbursed in all 50 States. There will be no fixes for 100 percent, and then, going forward, 95 percent, and then 90 percent to protect those who are impoverished; we will have a system of a pool of insurance companies to thwart the one-insurance-company per State. You will be able to shop for the best plan. If you have your insurance, you'll be able to keep it. If you're a small business, you'll have subsidies. As well, yes, we require companies to carry insurance. But I believe this is "the week." It is a good week for America to vote for real health care reform.

HEALTH CARE TAKEOVER THIS WEEK

(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, this weekend I attended several community events throughout the Second District, and the message I received was clear: scrap

this government takeover of health care and start working across the aisle to create jobs. How many times are the American people going to have to reject this health care monstrosity before the message is finally taken to heart? Americans across the country are tired of Congress's misplaced priorities. Tragic unemployment continues to cripple many communities. Liberals are obsessed with passing a job-killing health care takeover. NFIB documents 1.6 million jobs will be killed by the takeover.

Americans want health care reform, but they want Congress to tackle the unemployment rate first through job creation incentives and then work together for a bipartisan health care reform that increases access and lower costs.

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

WOFFORD COLLEGE

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

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, I rise tonight to join a celebration going on in Spartanburg, South Carolina, because the Wofford College Terriers have won the Southern Conference Tournament Championship last week and they have gotten a ticket to the NCAA tournament. Led by Southern Conference Player of the Year Noah Dahlman, Wofford also won the regular season this year and then its first ever SoCon tournament title last week in Charlotte. Winning 13 straight games, Wofford will be making its first ever appearance in the NCAA tournament as the smallest school in the field of 65 this year, with 1,450 students. While the Terriers may be small in size, they played big in upset wins against Georgia and South Carolina.

My congratulations to Wofford head coach Mike Young and all the Terrier players. I'm with them all the way to the final. If they're against Duke at that point—sorry, all bets are off. Until then, I'm for the Terriers.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

THE RIGHT OF PRIVACY IS VIOLATED BY GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF HEALTH CARE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, the new health care bill is an invasion of people's privacy. It's another reason why we should vote it down. The gov-

ernment shouldn't be sticking its nose into people's medical records. It's none of the government's business. There's a "health care integrity data bank" in the bill that gives the Feds access to everyone's medical records. Once the government has everybody's medical records, none of that information is secure. Health care information should be between the patient and the doctor—and that's all. Not the patient and some yet unnamed, anonymous, unaccountable Federal bureaucrat.

Ask Joe the Plumber about government bureaucrats keeping personal information private. Joe was standing around in his front yard one day when the Presidential candidate walked right up to him for a little chat. It could have literally happened to any of us. Joe asked the candidate a question about "spreading the wealth around." Well, some government bureaucrat didn't like his question. She saw it on the news. She took it upon herself to illegally dig up his tax records and leak all that information to the media.

Giving government bureaucrats access to people's most private health insurance gives them opportunity to misuse that information, private and intimate information. The right of privacy is almost sacred, and this Federal Government grab of health care will eliminate medical privacy. Why do you think there are 11 new Federal agencies in this 2,700-page bill? It's to administer and snoop around in the medical records of Americans.

If the government health care bill passes, privacy is history. Talk to your doctor? The government will know about it. You have some type of illness or disease? The government will know. Feeling a bit depressed after a family death and need some medication for that depression? Well, the government will even know about your mental health issues.

Is this the kind of information that should be in the hands of Federal bureaucrats? When you fill out that background information for your private doctor and they ask you all about the diseases and illnesses and medical problems you have ever had, now that formerly confidential information will be in the hands of Federal Government bureaucrats to use however they want to. That should make us all sleep very well tonight. Once medical records are available to the Feds, every government agency will be fighting for the right to get their hands on that information. That's the way bureaucrats work, especially when every individual's health in America becomes a Federal budget item.

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Every American will be required to be a part of the Big Brother health care database because everybody will be required to have government-approved health insurance plans. It's not just the medical records that are no longer private. Under the government takeover of health care, they will have a

plan for the government to have access to your banking records as well. The law now is that government has no access to your finances without a court order, but under the new plan, the government will have access to your bank accounts to make sure you're paying for that government-mandated health care or paying the fine on that failure to have insurance.

This 2,700-page bill gives the Feds the authority to automatically debit your bank account. Private medical records and bank records are none of the government's business. People won't talk to their doctor about problems anymore. They'll know somewhere in the deep, dark, dank dungeons of Washington, D.C., a Federal bureaucrat will be reading their medical records and their bank statements.

This is all an invasion of privacy and a violation of our Constitution, and those who say we can trust the government to keep this confidential live in an "Alice in Wonderland" existence. This whole scheme is a denial of individual liberty and an attempt to make America another European-style nanny state where the people are mere subjects to an oppressive, inefficient Federal bureaucracy. This health care takeover by the Feds is a violation of the right of privacy for all Americans.

And that's just the way it is.

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS CRACKDOWN IN AFGHANISTAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, for 8-plus years, we've been told that the military campaign in Afghanistan is about promoting freedom and democratic values, which is why the latest news out of Afghanistan is so disappointing and ironic. The Karzai government, which has proven itself corrupt and ineffective in so many ways, is imposing restrictions on media's freedom to cover suicide attacks. Of course the government insists, quite condescendingly, that this policy is simply about keeping journalists safe. It reminds me of when you were a kid and your parents told you they were enforcing some new rule or discipline because it was "for your own good." Of course, you thought that they were doing it to serve their own interests, not yours. But in all seriousness, Madam Speaker, that's what's going on here.

This is censorship, plain and simple, designed to shield all of us from fully understanding the horrors and abject failures of this war. Sometimes, Madam Speaker, propaganda takes the form of active misinformation, but sometimes, as in this case, the propaganda is in what they don't tell you. Just as the previous Bush administration didn't want the coffins of dead U.S. soldiers photographed, the Afghan Government doesn't want its people or