

FREEDOM DIES A LITTLE BIT TODAY

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues are celebrating the birth of a great new entitlement program today; only they see dependency on the Federal Government and the death of freedom as a cause for celebration.

My colleagues celebrate this day as being like the days when Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid were passed. They forget that today those programs are insolvent and will likely crush our children under their debt.

My colleagues are overjoyed that soon their goal of having Americans dependent on the Federal Government for mortgages, student loans, retirement, and health care will be realized. That is a chilling goal.

My colleagues cheer that this bill is paid for. They ignore the fact that it is our children who will pay for their greed.

My colleagues shame us for scaring the American people about the contents of this bill. We know the consequences of this bill will be frightening and horrible.

Freedom dies a little bit today. Unfortunately, some are celebrating.

FORMING A MORE PERFECT UNION

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

Mr. INSLEE. "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union"—that is what got America started. And when we form a more perfect union, it is always a continuous and controversial process. Social Security, Medicare, civil rights, at those times it was always controversial.

But Americans are going to grow confident in this for two reasons. Number 1, we know that all Americans should have a choice in health care. It shouldn't be the government's choice. It shouldn't be the insurance company's choice. It should be individual Americans' choice, and that is what they will get today.

Number 2, we know that a nation is truly healthy only when all of its citizens have health care.

Today, we will have choice. Today, we will have health care. Today, we are forming a more perfect union in the tradition of this great country.

WISE COUNSEL FROM THE NFIB

(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 we vote on health care takeover, I urge Members of both parties to pay attention to the counsel of

the National Federation of Independent Business, NFIB, the Nation's leading small business association.

"Small business has been struggling with health care costs for decades, and our members need help now." These bills "are not the answer—they compound current problems and make health care even more expensive for small businesses. Costing nearly \$1 trillion, these bills will send health insurance costs soaring, increase the cost of doing business and set our economic recovery backward with destructive policies," including a tax on small business health plans, targeting small construction firms with destructive new mandates, an unprecedented increase in the Medicare payroll tax.

In July, NFIB warned a similar bill would kill 1.6 million jobs.

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

As we vote today, I share the concern of former DSS Director Bill Walker that the bill will be a free ticket, no show.

COURAGE WILL BE THE CALL OF THE DAY

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, over the last 2 days, human beings who happened to be Members of Congress have been called the N word, have been spat on. Just recently, someone asked me why my braids were so tight.

But I know there is a better way, and I know that because members of the Congressional Black Caucus worshipped this morning at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, and Pastor Smith said to us to call upon healing the land. We'll be able to heal the land by voting this evening on a health care bill that will help those who cannot help themselves, those single mothers, those people with preexisting disease.

I have the dishonor of being a Member of Congress representing the State of Texas that has the highest number of uninsured. And so today, there will be no shame in my vote, because I will vote for those Texans who are not here and cannot speak for themselves and are suffering with no health care. And seniors will have a stronger Medicare, and 95 percent of Americans will be able to be insured.

This is a day that courage will be the call of the day.

WE MUST END THIS DEBATE WITH UNDERSTANDING

(Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, over the past 14 months, I have held 235 meetings and town hall meetings, received and sent hundreds of thousands of emails and mail, and

heard from my constituents loud and clear. There is much we can agree on with each side of the aisle, but we still did not fix the underlying problem of health care.

We still will have \$700 billion in waste. We still will have \$50 billion wasted each year in hospital infections alone. We'll have a Medicare program that's going bankrupt, and, instead, we take another \$500 billion from Medicare. We take \$52 billion from Social Security.

We cannot confuse anger with action, passion with policy, or rancor with results. We have to understand that we will not give up on real health care reform that really cuts costs and saves lives to make it acceptable to all. We will never, never, never give up.

But above all, we have to make sure that this is not a moment that divides America. And to use the words of Abraham Lincoln, we must end this debate with understanding that we must have malice towards none, with charity for all, and to bind up the Nation's wounds. And that will include working together in the future to make sure we have real health care reform and help take care of those in need.

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HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Today we have an historic opportunity, more than a century after President Teddy Roosevelt first raised this subject, to establish the foundation for health care reform.

We have some of the finest health care in the world, but for too many Americans, they're unable to get it, millions are uninsured, hundreds of thousands of people with health insurance are going bankrupt each year from medical costs.

Today, the House will enact landmark legislation to save Medicare, improve quality, which is not just fully paid for but actually helps reduce the deficit. Americans will enjoy benefits not just in the future but this year. More tax credits to help small business provide care, kids able to be on their parents' insurance until age 26, help for seniors paying for prescription drug costs.

But the real story is not numbers and slogans. Today, Congress will finally give Americans the health care they need and deserve.

YOU CAN'T SAY YOU WEREN'T WARNED

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

Mr. GOHMERT. I would ask my colleagues across the aisle—sometimes I raise my voice. I'm not going to do this, so I need you to listen. I'm very sincere.

I know that there are some wonderful-hearted people that have been

standing against this bill from a pro-life position. They're good hearts. But they've been sold a bill of goods. You don't have to believe me.

I had an incredible non-reversal rate as a judge and chief justice; as a lawyer very successful. But let me tell you, there are people waiting to get the executive order struck down the moment it is signed. You needed to hear from somebody who understands your heart and understands where you're coming from. The executive order won't work. Then in the end, your stand-out will have been for nothing.

Please take another look at it. This is the wrong thing to have your vote swayed by. You can't say you weren't warned.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Mr. KAGEN. Mr. Speaker, today in the House of Representatives, we must take a positive step forward and finally guarantee an end to discrimination against all citizens because of the way they were born or what illness they may have.

This bill that we're about to pass today will save lives and save jobs by putting patients first, strengthening Medicare, and finally guaranteeing access to affordable care for all of us. No longer will a child's illness cause their family to go broke and lose their home. Senior citizens in all of our communities will see a stronger and better Medicare as we begin to close the prescription drug program doughnut hole. Small business owners, like myself, will soon be able to buy health insurance for all of their employees at the same discounts that big corporations do.

We're beginning to fix what's broken in our health care system and improve on what we already have at a price we can all afford to pay because this bill will be not only paid for but will cut our deficit by a trillion dollars over time.

WILL WE CHOOSE TYRANNY OR LIBERTY?

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today is a defining moment in this Nation's history. Will we choose the path of individual liberty or will we choose the path of government tyranny? Will we choose the path to be in control of our own health, or will we choose to go the way of a European nanny state where government forces health choices upon us? Will we choose to uphold the sacred motto "We the People" or will we return to the chains and slavery of government and choose "We the Subjects"?

Our choice is clear. The American people don't desire more oppressive, in-

trusive government in charge of their health. The people want to control their own lives.

Thomas Paine in the Revolution said, "These are the times that try men's souls. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered." Our Founders made the right difficult choice.

So will we at this time, on this day, this hour, stand for government tyranny or personal liberty? I choose "We the People," not "We the Subjects."

And that's just the way it is.

RECOGNITION FOR 1-MINUTE SPEECHES

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to expand the number of 1-minutes to unlimited.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Recognition for 1-minutes is within the discretion of the Chair.

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I seek unanimous consent to expand the number of 1-minutes to 10.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is exercising his discretion not to recognize more than five 1-minutes on each side.

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Within the discretion of the Chair, is the Chair responsible for explaining his basis for not expanding the number of 1-minutes so the American public can have a greater opportunity to hear the debate continue before the vote is taken today?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. No.

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. I thank the Speaker.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order: motion to suspend the rules on H.R. 4840, by the yeas and nays; motion to suspend the rules on H. Res. 1174, by the yeas and nays; approval of the Journal, by the yeas and nays; motion to suspend the rules on H. Res. 1075, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4840, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SPEIER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4840.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 420, nays 0, not voting 10, as follows:

[Roll No. 155]
YEAS—420

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