

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, I want to just say that now that the health care bill has passed and the rhetoric and the politics and the noise can be set aside, now we will have an opportunity to let the American people know about what is in it.

This is going to be about accountability, about choice, and about lowering costs. And now, as we are able to let everybody know what this is about, the American people are going to finally be able to see through all this noise.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, yesterday was a historic day. We saw the passage of the job-killing government takeover of health care, 18 percent of our economy. But we want the American people to know that today many of us are introducing the identical legislation.

I have introduced already the repeal of yesterday's law, as has my colleague STEVE KING, as will many other of my colleagues today. We will not stand for the Federal Government taking over 18 percent of the health care sector.

From the inception of Bailout Nation in September of 2008 until last night, the Federal Government has taken over an astounding 48 percent of the private economy in the last 18 months. This is unprecedented. We will not allow this to stand. That is why we have introduced this important legislation.

This fall we will take back a constitutional conservative majority, and after the next Presidential election we will repeal this bill.

IT'S TIME TO CHILL OUT

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

Mr. FILNER. My colleagues, it's time to chill out. It's time to chill out. Government takeover of the health care system? Let it go.

The private insurance companies are still in charge. Your private doctor is still in charge. You have the choice of where you want to go, what hospital you want to go to. All we are saying—and I am going to say it to my district. I have got 150,000 constituents who don't have health insurance, and 135,000 of them are going to have health insurance after this bill passes. They don't care what your rhetoric is and your fear is. They're going to have health insurance for the first time maybe in their lives.

Kids who are in college will be able to stay on their parents' health insurance. We're going to put some brakes on the health companies' ability to cut

you off for preexisting conditions or just cut you off if it costs too much.

It's time to chill out, Republicans. Let this bill work. Let our constituents finally get health care.

ACORN IS BACK!

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, they're back.

We've all heard about ACORN, and it seems to me that ACORN is nothing more than a criminal enterprise. Here's why. They've been caught helping undercover journalists open a prostitution ring with underage girls. They've been caught in voter registration fraud scams. At least 14 States are investigating ACORN for voter fraud. Even Mickey Mouse can now vote. Imagine that. And ACORN signs up the poor into their membership rolls. The poor give their bank account information, and ACORN deducts membership dues without the express consent of these individuals.

In a bipartisan vote last year, Congress voted to strip Federal funding from this rogue fraudulent organization. Not one dime of taxpayer money should be spent on this group. However, White House Budget Director Peter Orszag has directed all Federal agencies to open the Federal funding floodgates for ACORN again.

Why did the administration trump the will of Congress and the American people? American tax dollars should not fund this apparent band of thieves.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING ALEJANDRO AGUIRRE

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize an outstanding individual from my South Florida community, Alejandro Aguirre. Alejandro is the editor of *Diario Las Americas*, South Florida's first Spanish language daily newspaper.

Diario Las Americas was founded on July 4, 1953 by Alejandro's father, Dr. Horacio Aguirre. *Diario* helps inform scores of my constituents on current events and matters that impact our local, State and Federal Governments. Alejandro's dedication and professionalism are evidenced by the quality of each publication of *Diario*.

Since 2009, Alejandro has also been president of the Inter-American Press Association. This organization champions freedom of the press and freedom of expression throughout the Western Hemisphere.

The IAPA has spoken out and shined the light of truth on the dark corners of repression throughout our hemisphere. The group has spoken out against the imprisonment of independent journalists in Cuba. The mem-

bers have also spoken out against the growing decay of freedom in Venezuela.

I want to thank Alejandro for his courage, for his service, and, most of all, for his friendship. The Aguirre family is a shining example for us all.

"IF YOU LIKE THE PLAN YOU ARE IN, YOU CAN KEEP IT"

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

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, we heard just a few minutes ago from the other side that it is time to show the American people what is in this bill. I couldn't agree more. It is high time. So with an acknowledgement to Dr. John Goodman at the National Center for Policy Analysis, let me just run through a few of the numbers.

Nineteen million people are predicted to lose their employer-sponsored insurance. Thirty-three million people, the number of people in traditional Medicare, at risk because of cuts in Medicare spending, according to the Medicare chief actuary.

There will be no tax increases for anyone who earns less than \$200,000, except the 73 million people who earn less than \$200,000 who will see their tax bill rise, according to the Joint Committee on Taxation. A 2.3 percent hidden tax on medical supplies, class II medical supplies, sutures, syringes, needles, some pregnancy tests, a 10 percent tax on tanning salons, according to the reconciliation summary, and a \$60 billion hidden tax on health insurance.

To quote, "The average family will save \$2,500 in health care costs by the time I complete my first term as President of the United States." However, according to the Congressional Budget Office, a \$2,100 premium increase for the average family.

There is a lot more like this, and I will be exposing this over the coming days.

ANNOUNCING THE PASSING OF ARTHUR "JIBBY" JIBILIAN

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

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I come to the well to announce the passing of Arthur "Jibby" Jibilian, a World War II hero.

During World War II, Jibby was a Navy Radio Operator who volunteered with the OSS and participated in the largest successful rescue mission of 513 downed airmen behind enemy lines in Yugoslavia. Jibby stayed behind until the very last airman was rescued on December 27, 1944.

The heroic efforts of Jibby and his fellow OSS officers and the Yugoslav people are told in "The Forgotten 500"; however, they have yet to receive any military or government recognition for their actions.

I introduced H.R. 3496, which honors Jibby with the Medal of Honor. He

said, "I am well aware that the Medal of Honor is not bestowed lightly. However, let me say that just being nominated is an honor in itself. Therefore, I am in a win-win situation."

I will continue working on this legislation to honor this exceptional American with the recognition he deserves.

A TALE OF TWO RALLIES

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the national media gave a sharply contrasting tale of two weekend rallies.

A gathering of thousands opposing the administration's health care scheme drew overwhelmingly negative coverage. The Washington Post front page described it as a "hideous display." CBS said the health care debate "turned even nastier at the rallies." ABC called the protesters "angry" and "ugly." A Newsweek correspondent described the protesters as "an angry mob." To anyone there, all these descriptions were obviously untrue.

In contrast, an immigration-amnesty rally over the weekend received positive coverage. The Washington Post said "the festive crowd beat drums and waved American flags." CNN said protesters came out to "support the Obama administration in its next big battle." The New York Times said protesters were there to "vent" and that "most flew American flags overhead."

The national media should give Americans unslanted news, not favor rallies that support their liberal agendas.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS ACT OF 2010

Mr. FILNER. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4810) to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the services provided for homeless veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4810

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "End Veteran Homelessness Act of 2010".

SEC. 2. INCREASE IN AMOUNT AUTHORIZED TO BE APPROPRIATED FOR COMPREHENSIVE SERVICE PROGRAMS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS.

Section 2013 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking "fiscal year 2007" and inserting "fiscal year 2010"; and

(2) by striking "\$150,000,000" and inserting "\$200,000,000".

SEC. 3. IMPROVEMENT OF PAYMENTS FOR PROVIDING SERVICES TO HOMELESS VETERANS.

(a) IMPROVEMENT OF PAYMENTS.—Section 2012 of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking "per diem" wherever it appears;

(2) in subsection (a)(2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) by striking "daily cost of care" and inserting "annual cost of furnishing services"; and

(ii) by striking the second sentence;

(B) by striking subparagraph (B) and inserting the following new subparagraph (B):

"(B) The Secretary shall annually adjust the rate of payment under subparagraph (A) to reflect anticipated changes in the cost of furnishing services and to take into account the cost of providing services in a particular geographic area. The Secretary may set a maximum amount payable to a grant recipient under this section.";

(C) in subparagraph (C), by striking "other sources of income" and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting "the cost of services provided by the grant recipient as the Secretary may require to assist the Secretary in making the determination under subparagraph (A)";

(D) by striking subparagraph (D) and inserting the following new subparagraph (D):

"(D) In making the determination under subparagraph (A), the Secretary may consider the availability of other sources of income, including payments to the grant recipient or eligible entity for furnishing services to homeless veterans under programs other than under this subchapter, payments or grants from other departments or agencies of the United States, from departments or agencies of State or local governments, or from private entities or organizations."; and

(E) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(E) The Secretary shall authorize payments under this subsection to each grant recipient on an annual basis but shall make a payment to each grant recipient for each calendar quarter in an amount equal to a portion of the annual amount authorized for such recipient. Upon the expiration of a calendar quarter, each grant recipient shall provide to the Secretary a statement of the amount spent by the recipient during that calendar quarter, and if the amount spent is less than the amount provided for that calendar quarter, repay to the Secretary the balance. If the amount spent by a grant recipient for such purpose for a calendar quarter exceeds the amount provided to the recipient for that quarter, the Secretary shall make an additional payment to the recipient in an amount equal to the amount by which the amount so spent exceeded the amount so provided, as long as the total amount provided to such recipient in a calendar year does not exceed the amount of the annual payment for that recipient.";

(3) in subsection (a), by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the following new paragraph (3):

"(3) Payments under this subsection to a grant recipient or eligible entity may be

used to match, or in combination with, other payments or grants for which the recipient or entity is eligible."; and

(4) in subsection (c)—

(A) by striking paragraph (2); and

(B) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (2).

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—

(1) SECTION HEADING.—The section heading for such section is amended to read as follows:

"§ 2012. Payments for furnishing services to homeless veterans".

(2) SUBSECTION HEADING.—The heading for subsection (a) of such section is amended by striking "PER DIEM".

(3) TABLE OF SECTIONS.—The table of sections at the beginning of chapter 20 of such title is amended by striking the item relating to section 2012 and inserting the following new item:

"2012. Payments for furnishing services to homeless veterans.".

SEC. 4. SUPPORTED HOUSING PROGRAM OUTREACH.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 20 of title 38, United States Code, is further amended by adding at the end of subchapter III the following new section:

"§ 2024. Supported housing program outreach

"(a) LANDLORD OUTREACH.—(1) The Secretary shall ensure that each medical center of the Department that provides treatment and services under the supported housing program under section 8(o)(19) of the United States Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f(o)(19)) employs or provides (through coordination with a public housing agency, homeless service provider, or other appropriate organization) one or more specialists, which may include peer specialists who were formerly homeless veterans, for handling housing issues in conjunction with the program under this subsection.

"(2) Such specialists shall conduct outreach to landlords to encourage and facilitate participation in the supportive housing program, mediate disputes between veterans receiving assistance under such program and landlords, establish and maintain a list of dwelling units available for rental with assistance under such program, and carry out other appropriate activities.

"(b) HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary shall coordinate with the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development to provide assistance to homeless veterans in accessing the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program administered by the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development for assistance for basic essentials, security deposits for rental dwelling units, and advance payments of the first month's rent for such units."

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections at the beginning of such chapter is amended by adding at the end of the items relating to subchapter III the following new item:

"2024. Supported housing program outreach."

SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROGRAM TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VERY LOW-INCOME VETERAN FAMILIES IN PERMANENT HOUSING.

Section 2044(e) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

"(D) \$50,000,000 for fiscal year 2012.

"(E) \$75,000,000 for fiscal year 2013.

"(F) \$100,000,000 for each subsequent fiscal year."; and