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Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Joel and Ruth Spira for this record of accomplishment and for their many contributions.

#### BENEFITS OF HEALTH REFORM

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, the radical reactionary Republicans are at it again; they want to repeal everything. The radical reactionary Republicans want to repeal the fact that children can stay on their parents' health care policy up to age 26. The radical reactionary Republicans want to repeal the fact that there will be no preconditions.

The radical reactionary Republicans are the repeal Republicans. Any step forward, let's repeal them and turn them back. The radical reactionary Republicans are the new repeal Republicans; the no Republicans.

Let's keep the status quo as we move on to meet the foe. Let's move forward with progress.

#### HEALTH CARE JEOPARDIZED

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

Mr. PETRI. Mr. Speaker, over the past 18 months, the President repeatedly said about his health care plan, if you like your current health insurance, you can keep it. The majority of Americans knew this was nonsense, and now the Department of Health and Human Services confirms it.

A study just released by that department's chief actuary for Medicare concludes that the financial incentives in the new health care law will lead many employers to stop offering health care coverage altogether. That means about 14 million people with job-based insurance today will lose it, and instead will be required by law to obtain coverage individually.

Further, seniors in my State of Wisconsin have become big fans of Medi-

care Advantage plans. But the chief actuary for Medicare estimates that the President's and the majority party's Medicare cuts will reduce Medicare Advantage enrollment by 7 million people.

But there is more. The Medicare actuary reports that under the new health care law, 15 percent of all hospitals, nursing homes and other providers could be operating at a loss by 2019 which will jeopardize access to care. Doctors are threatening to drop out of Medicare because cuts in Medicare reimbursement rates mean they can't even cover their costs, much less make a living.

Sadly, these few problems are just the tip of the iceberg, as will be revealed in the months and years ahead as the health care law takes effect.

#### BENEFITS OF HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, how can you repeal a law that helps millions of Americans for better health care? The repeal Republicans are once again off base and not right in their assumptions.

Millions of Americans will benefit from the new health care bill. You and your doctor will determine your care and not the insurance companies. Small businesses with 50 employees or less will get tax credits to help them pay their premiums. So the millions of people who work in small businesses can now have health care.

Your children who are graduating from college and find themselves with no job will be able to stay on your health care until age 26.

These were the same rumblings they had in 1965 with Medicare, health care for over 44 million seniors. Medicare today is one of the best programs for health care for seniors, and this bill extends its lifetime almost a decade. Social Security, passed in 1934, is one of the most successful programs we have.

It is a good bill. The repeal Republicans are wrong again.

#### HEALTH CARE TAKEOVER

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

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, this radically Republican Texan rises today to highlight the CMS analysis for the government takeover of our health care system. As many have predicted, CMS concluded that the new law fails to contain cost increases in health care. CMS projects health care spending will rise to 21 percent of the GDP in the next decade. This places our country on an unacceptable path and getting less coverage for our money.

Even more alarming, CMS concluded that 50 percent of our Medicare Advantage patients will lose their coverage

over the next decade when the law is fully implemented. Thousands of seniors in my district depend on Medicare Advantage. We need to repeal and replace this now. We need a new bill that will control health care costs while still allowing patients to keep the coverage that they have now and as they were promised.

#### BENEFITS OF HEALTH REFORM

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, in the aftermath of health care reform, one can't help but ask rhetorically why there would be forces out there that would deny progress? Why promote misinformation? Why refuse to set up exchanges for the business community? Why promote a repeal?

I think it is pretty straightforward and easy to determine that there are those who are fighting for the people's interest ahead of those insurance profit column rises over the last decade. I think it is a threat to those asking for and ensuring that the doughnut hole will be closed, and adult children up to the age of 26 will be able to stay on their parents' coverage, no more caps on coverage but really benefit people in this insurance struggle they have faced in the past.

It is pretty obvious, this is an effort by those who have wanted to dismantle Medicare as we know it, those who want to privatize Social Security, those who want to protect the insurance industry's profit margin to yet score another victory with repeal.

I think we have a solid effort going forward. I believe we should stay the course.

#### START OVER ON HEALTH REFORM

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

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, in June of last year, President Obama told a crowd of people, "If you like your doctor, you will be able to keep your doctor. If you like your health care plan, you will be able to keep your health care plan. No one will take it away. No matter what."

Mr. Speaker, it turns out there is someone who will take your health care plan away, and that person is President Obama himself. A report done by the President's own administration concludes that under Obama care, 50 percent of seniors will lose their Medicare Advantage plans, and it says that some of the Medicare cost control mechanisms may be unsustainable.

Our seniors are already struggling under the weight of the recession and they can't afford to lose the insurance that they depend on. House Republicans have better, common sense

health care reform plans that will help seniors and their families. House Republicans will work tirelessly to repeal this harmful bill and start over.

#### WORLD MALARIA DAY

(Ms. WOOLSEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. WOOLSEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize World Malaria Day which was April 21.

Malaria kills almost 1 million people every year, and afflicts as many as half a billion. Just think of this startling fact, Mr. Speaker: every 30 seconds, a child in Africa dies from malaria. We owe it to the children and we owe it to mothers to do more to eradicate this preventable and treatable disease.

We must support programs that provide bed nets and safe indoor spraying. Malaria doesn't just affect the sick, it keeps kids out of school, it keeps adults out of the fields and away from the workplace, and brings down the economy. Sick parents can't care for their children.

Malaria prevention is key to preventing smart maternal health policies worldwide. I urge my colleagues to support funding for international malaria and survival programs to keep the world's children and their mothers healthy.

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#### REPEAL AND REPLACE OBAMACARE

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

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, last week, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid released a new analysis of ObamaCare that confirmed what Republicans have been saying all along: our Nation's health care costs will increase under ObamaCare, and this bill will hurt health care for seniors.

Mr. Speaker, a few simple facts:

First, under ObamaCare, our national health care expenditures will increase by \$311 billion in the first 10 years. Second, health care will increase to 21 percent of GDP by 2019. Third, the government will spend \$410 billion to expand Medicaid under ObamaCare. And, fourth, more than 7 million seniors will be forced off of their current Medicare coverage, including 50 percent of those who are currently on Medicare Advantage.

Speaker PELOSI, this is not the reform you promised; this is not the reform the country needs. That is why I will be fighting to repeal and replace this legislation with real reforms that lower costs and improve coverage and care without bankrupting our country.

#### WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

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

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, we just got yet another smoking gun in this latest report by the Obama administration on this government takeover of health care. And the report confirms what many of us said: the bill actually increases spending over \$300 billion.

With all the new taxes on medical devices, drugs, and insurance, it's going to increase the cost of health care for American families and small businesses. Over \$575 billion in cuts to Medicare, they point out, will actually lead to reduced services for Medicare recipients, and in fact 50 percent of all Medicare Advantage participants will lose that health care that they like.

The American people are asking us and continue to say, Why isn't Congress focusing on creating jobs? Well, we should be, but Speaker PELOSI and her liberal lieutenants just want more government takeovers and more Wall Street bailouts. They are now trying to push this permanent bailout fund of Wall Street, and the American people continue to ask: Where are the jobs? The tone-deaf liberals running this Congress just don't get it.

#### JOE WILSON WAS RIGHT

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

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, the reports are in and, sadly, not only does this health care scheme cost the American people more than it provides and increases the cost of health care, but at the same time, it exempts anyone illegally in this country from having to be taxed or to buy insurance. Everyone else who is legal in the country is required to buy the insurance or be taxed. So illegal immigrants are now exempt from the responsibility; but because the majority refused to put in the E-verification, the SERVE verification to make sure that illegals don't get into the benefit package, we have created a situation where illegals now are not required to pay, but they are guaranteed, because of a lack of verification, that they have access to the system.

Sadly, Mr. Speaker, the fact is JOE WILSON was right: illegals do have access into a system that the President and Congress promised the American people would not be available.

#### THE NEW HEALTH CARE LAW IS A DISASTER

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

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, the government takeover of health care just celebrated its 1-month birthday, and we are already seeing the disastrous effect it will have on our Nation's economy.

Since the beginning of this debate, U.S. employers have warned that this bill would destroy American jobs and harm our fragile economy. Over the

past few weeks, we've seen the real-life impact these job-killing tax hikes and health care costs are having on American employers. From AT&T to Caterpillar to Lockheed Martin, we have seen billions of dollars in losses to American companies which will result in further job losses, higher prices, and less choice for the American consumer. And to add insult to injury, actuaries at CMS working under Secretary Sebelius now confirm what most Americans already knew: health care costs will skyrocket as a result of this bill.

The long-term effects of this bill are still not fully fleshed out, will be devastating to this country's economy, and are not worth the time and effort that we have put into it. Let's move forward to repeal this law.

#### HEALTH CARE TAKEOVER

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

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, on March 20, the majority in this body passed a bill that the American public knew was going to cost too much and not really effectively address the problems with health care; but despite claims made to the contrary, this body did pass the bill.

Just recently, the President's own administration said that the massive government takeover of our health care system will actually increase health care costs, not decrease them. And yet while costs increase, this administration admits that the health care takeover will still leave 23 million people, Americans, without insurance.

The best way to increase the number of insured Americans is to decrease health care costs, something this bill did not do. The President's own administration says the Democratic health care takeover does just the opposite, increases costs and doesn't cover every American. This is not what the people want.

#### STOP EXCESSIVE SPENDING

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

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern with the recently released analysis done by CMS of the health care bill that confirms that our Nation's health care costs will increase rather than decrease as the President has pledged to the Nation.

The CMS analysis concluded that the national health care expenditure will actually increase by \$311 billion. At a time when our employment rate is continuing to rise, how are American families supposed to pay these increased costs?

The latest figures show that the Ohio unemployment rate is 11.5 percent, and in some parts of my district it is 14 percent. My constituents are continuing