

HEALTH INSURANCE MYTH AND FACT—THE PROOF

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, how many times did we hear during this past year, year and a half, "If you like what you have, you can keep it"—talking about health insurance, talking about your doctor. We even heard the Presidential candidate of 2008 who eventually won the Presidency, "If you like your doctor, if you like your insurance company, nothing about my law will require you to change that."

But now we're finding out an entirely different story. Published on CNN Money, published in Fortune magazine this past week, "Many companies are examining a course that was heretofore unthinkable, dumping the health care coverage they provide to their workers in exchange for paying a penalty in fees to the government."

Consider this, from CNN Money on May 6:

"Internal documents recently reviewed by Fortune, originally requested by Congress, shows what the bill's critics predicted and what its champions dreaded: Many large companies are examining a course that was heretofore unthinkable, dumping health care coverage they provide to their workers."

A large company that employs 300,000 employees spends \$2.4 billion a year on health care coverage. That figure would drop if they simply paid the fines to \$600 million. \$2.4 billion to \$600 million. What choice are they going to make?

AMERICAN TAXPAYERS BAIL OUT THE EU

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

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, on February 24, 2010—just 3 months ago—Federal Reserve Chairman Bernanke told Congress that "We have no plans whatsoever to be involved in any foreign bailouts or anything of that sort."

Now, Mr. Bernanke has changed his own policy statement by agreeing to revive a Fed emergency lending program that will loan American taxpayer dollars to foreign central banks so they can in turn lend this money out to smaller foreign banks, as reported in the Wall Street Journal on May 10 of this year.

This decision comes in the wake of the European Union's agreement with the International Monetary Fund to create a \$1 trillion bailout package for the EU in order to deal with that region's ensuing fiscal crisis. The IMF, which is also funded by American taxpayer dollars, will be contributing over €250 million (euro) or \$317 million to this overseas bailout in addition to the Fed's dollar-swap loan program.

The question, Mr. Speaker, is, why did Mr. Bernanke change his policy? Why are American taxpayers now helping to bail out European countries?

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY OF CLARENCE KNIGHT

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

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pass on my condolences to the Knight family, Clarence Knight, whom I met in 1952, a very active member in the community, has worked hard with the tenant association, worked hard with the alumni association, a person who was always anxious and willing to help others.

Mr. Knight passed away yesterday; and, of course, he's going to be missed. So let me say to the family, Pat, Renee, and of course Scrappy and to all the family members that you have my deepest sympathy and, of course, if there's anything that we can do, we will be delighted to be there for you.

THE STATE OF THE UNION

(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. Mr. Speaker, here is the state of the Union:

Unemployment remains almost 10 percent. Sixteen million people have lost their jobs. Taxes are going up. The health care bill costs \$300 billion more than the American people were told. The Nation's deficit has doubled in the last year because of excessive government spending. Our foreign policy also has run a deficit. The world is a more dangerous place today. Iran is closer to making a nuclear bomb. We have insulted our allies—Western Europe and Israel. There is no victory in Iraq or Afghanistan.

It's time for a change all right. We need a bipartisan balance in Washington, not a one-party monopoly.

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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.

ZACHARY SMITH POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill

(H.R. 5051) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 23 Genesee Street in Hornell, New York, as the "Zachary Smith Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5051

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

SECTION 1. ZACHARY SMITH POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 23 Genesee Street in Hornell, New York, shall be known and designated as the "Zachary Smith Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "Zachary Smith Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. TOWNS) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. MCCOTTER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and to extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, it is with a heavy heart that I present H.R. 5051 for consideration. This measure designates the United States postal building located at 23 Genesee Street in Hornell, New York, as the "Zachary Smith Post Office Building."

On January 24, 2010, while on patrol in southern Afghanistan, Lance Corporal Zachary Smith, a marine with the 2nd Platoon, C Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, based out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, made the ultimate sacrifice for his country. He had been awarded a Purple Heart by President Obama for his selfless service.

Zachary Smith was born on April 2, 1990, to his parents, Christopher and Kim Smith, in Hornell, New York, where he lived along with his brother and sister, Nathaniel and Grace Smith. Zach attended Hornell High School and graduated in 2008. Fulfilling his lifelong dream, Zachary enlisted in the Marines while still in high school. After graduation, Zach left for basic training, but not before marrying his high school sweetheart, Anne Deeb. They were wed on July 25, 2009, and Zach completed boot camp at Parris Island, South Carolina, before going on to graduate from the Marine Corps School of Infantry.

Described as a gifted athlete by friends, Zach was on the Hornell High

School football and golf teams throughout his 4 years of high school. He was a member of Twin Hickory Golf Club and also Hornell Golf Club. He enjoyed watching sporting events and especially liked to root for the New York Giants, the New York Yankees, and the Syracuse Orangemen. He was also a member of Our Lady of the Valley Parish and a communicant of St. Ann's Church. Those who knew him say he was a genuine, humorous, and outgoing young man who enthusiastically embraced life. He always cared more for others than he did for himself and would go out of his way to help anyone who needed his help.

The world would be a better place if it had more young men like Zach. His service to his country is an example we all should follow, and we owe him a debt of gratitude for his service and his sacrifice. Please join me in honoring Zach's memory by supporting this bill. The people of Hornell will be reminded of Zach's courage and valor every day as they pass by the post office building named in his honor.

H.R. 5051 was introduced by the gentleman from New York, Representative JOSEPH CROWLEY, on April 15, 2010. The measure was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, which ordered it reported by unanimous consent on May 6, 2010. The measure enjoys the support of the entire New York State delegation. I thank the gentleman for introducing this bill, and I'm sure that it means a great deal to Lance Corporal Smith's family and his friends. I also thank the gentleman from California, Congressman ISSA, and all the members of the committee, especially, that worked to make this a reality and, of course, Mr. ISSA for his support in bringing this measure to the floor today as well.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote for this measure honoring a fallen soldier who gave his life for his country.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise today in support of H.R. 5051, designating the United States Postal Service building located at 23 Genesee Street in Hornell, New York, as the Zachary Smith Post Office Building. Funny. Dedicated. Hardworking. These are but a few of the words of praise that arise when friends and family speak of the memory of Lance Corporal Zachary Smith.

Zachary Smith, a native of Hornell, New York, was born on April 2, 1990. A graduate of Hornell High School, he loved sports and played on the football and golf teams. After graduation, Zach followed his lifelong dream of serving our country and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was assigned to the 2nd Platoon, C Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, and deployed to Afghanistan on December 17, 2009. Tragically, after only serving in Afghanistan for 1 month, he gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country in

combat on January 24, in the Helmand province. Zach was only 19 years old.

Described by his childhood friend as someone who always lifted everyone's spirits, Zach served his family, community, and country with selfless devotion. He leaves behind his wife, Anne Smith; parents, Chris and Kim Smith; brother, Nate; and sister, Grace. I rise today in honor not only of a tremendous patriot but an outstanding citizen.

I urge my colleagues to support this resolution in honor of a valiant life that should not, and will not, soon be forgotten by a grateful Nation.

I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, on that note, I would say to my colleagues that I think this is a very honorable thing to do, and I think we all should applaud Mr. Smith and the Smith family for his outstanding service.

Mr. CROWLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5051, a measure to designate the post office at 23 Genesee Street in Hornell, New York. The new name of the post office will be the "Zachary Smith Post Office Building". I would like to thank my colleagues from New York—who en masse sponsored this initiative.

Zachary Smith was a selfless and brave young man who gave his life for his country at the age of 19. He made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of the American people while serving in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, and the U.S. House of Representatives honors both Zachary and his family through this resolution. For those who knew Zachary, January 24, 2010 will be forever remembered as a day of sadness, but also a day of pride—pride in a courageous young man who exhibited the Marine Corps motto: *Semper Fidelis*.

Zachary was not only a soldier—he was an athlete, a brother, a son and a husband. By all accounts, he was an admired member of the Hornell community, setting a strong example for members of his school and his family. He was responsible at home and kind to others where he attended Hornell High School, graduating in 2008. He loved football, golf and spending time with his family.

Zachary's life, and the profound, genuine loss felt by those who loved him, cannot be repaired by designating this post office. However, by supporting this resolution, we can help ensure that future generations will learn of Zachary's integrity and courage. Zachary made his home a better place. Zachary made Hornell a better place. Zachary made America a better place. He can never be replaced, but we can do our part to honor his memory and the ideals he stood for by passing this resolution today and honoring Zachary Smith, a real hometown hero.

Mr. TOWNS. I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. TOWNS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5051.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SUPPORTING DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL DAY

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1294) expressing support for designation of the first Saturday in May as National Explosive Ordnance Disposal Day to honor those who are serving and have served in the noble and self-sacrificing profession of Explosive Ordnance Disposal in the United States Armed Forces.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1294

Whereas the bomb and mine disposal profession was created in April 1941;

Whereas members of Explosive Ordnance Disposal organizations perform a dangerous and selfless task often without recognition, risking their lives on behalf of the United States;

Whereas the United States will forever be in debt to personnel in the profession of explosive ordnance disposal for their bravery and sacrifice in times of peace and war;

Whereas people in the United States should express their recognition and gratitude for members of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal profession; and

Whereas the first Saturday in May would be an appropriate date to observe as National Explosive Ordnance Disposal Day: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives supports the designation of National Explosive Ordnance Disposal Day to honor those who are serving and have served in the noble and self-sacrificing profession of Explosive Ordnance Disposal in the United States Armed Forces.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. TOWNS) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. MCCOTTER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and to extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of H. Res. 1294, a resolution supporting the designation of a National Explosive Ordnance Disposal Day in honor of the selfless service and sacrifice of the men and women of the United States armed services who risk their lives every day as explosive ordnance disposal experts. Explosive ordnance removal has always been a profession fraught with exceptional danger and emotional stress. My colleague, the gentleman from California (Mr. ISSA), knows this firsthand from his time as a bomb disposal technician in the United States Army.

Now, as the United States Military is engaged in two unconventional wars, our explosive ordnance disposal teams