

Mr. GOHMERT. It should be noted in all those little areas, you talk about all the new parts of government that are created and brought together in this—it's not a health care bill. It's a GRE—government running everything—bill. But they all have little references to the specific areas within the law that created them and created the relationship. That's one thing.

Another thing is, you know, all of the records, the medical records that people consider so personal and so dear will be in the Federal Government control. I think they are contracting out to their dear benefactors and contributors at General Electric, but they will have all that information, and the IRS could have access to your most personal information.

Can you imagine the debt collectors of America being able to have your most personal medical records? Well, that's what will occur here, and there's a great quote from Patrick Henry. People remember, "Is life so dear and peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery?"

He had one quote where he said, "The Constitution is not an instrument for the government to restrain the people; it is an instrument for the people to restrain the government—lest it come to dominate our lives and interests." When I look at that board and I look at all the new government that is just going to be overwhelming people, they don't need the doctor after they start dealing with all this stuff.

Is that quote ever more appropriate that the Constitution should restrain the government lest it come to dominate our lives and interests? Will it ever?

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Last August, the American people were pretty upset about that. They were fired up 1 year ago as the leadership of this Hall went out all across America and avoided town hall meetings because they could not defend this 2,000-page spaghetti plate here of mess, because the American people know that the government taking over their health care is not the best option. The best option is the patient, the individual that is being empowered.

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. You know, you talk about there is a temptation to try to surgically repair. But, Mr. Speaker, when you look at that chart that Representative GRAVES is presenting and you realize the complexity and there is so much wrong with this bill, I am afraid that by the time that you tried to surgically repair, there would be very little left to say grace over. That's why so many of our colleagues on this side of the aisle feel like that we need to repeal this bill, this monstrosity, this omnibus of 2,400 pages, government takeover of one-sixth of our economy, 16 percent, and start over, and start over.

Just this past week in the Energy and Commerce Committee—but we deal with a lot of health care issues, and this monstrosity, indeed, started

over a year ago. We passed, this week, eight separate health care-related bills, none of which were more than five pages long, and we did it in a bipartisan way.

We can certainly come back and, with four or five really good solid ideas, and maybe we can present those in a subsequent town hall meeting or Special Order hour here on the House floor, but that's what we really need to do. I think it's important that people understand that.

I thank the gentleman for having us here and this colloquy so that our colleagues, Mr. Speaker, and the American people can better understand what we truly need to do to repair this.

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, I want to thank you for joining me tonight, because here at this late hour here on the east coast, we are standing before the American people presenting alternatives, solutions to these challenging days.

We started off by talking about the economy and jobs and job creation, and that's empowering the private sector, not empowering government, creating certainty in the marketplace as opposed to the uncertainty that is out there today by standing in the way of the largest tax increase in the history of this Nation, which is about to be unfolded here in the next 5 months. And then also the reduction of capital gains. The reduction of the corporate tax rate and just igniting that entrepreneurial spirit once again to allow that entrepreneur, the American business owner, to dream, and to dream big and to go work hard.

Then next we talked about spending and spending cuts, balancing the budget. Very difficult items here on the Federal level, it would seem by the majority party. But, instead, we have proposed positive solutions to balance the budget like has never been seen before.

Then lastly, the health care. And all of this comes as a result of America Speaking Out, the Web site in which 12,000 responses were given and over 600,000 votes were cast on different ideas and concepts. Listening to the American people about jobs and the economy, about spending, about balancing the budget and the health care proposal, which leads us to defunding it, repealing it and then replacing it with a patient center, patient-driven concept that provides affordability, portability, and accessibility to Americans.

But this is not a time in which we stand and point fingers as we have heard over the past several weeks. My 44 days being here, the other side has pointed fingers back, back in time. But we are not here to do that. This is not about Republican and Democrat. This is about America right now and this is about getting our economy back on track. It's about creating the confidence once again in the marketplace and then providing true health care solutions.

So I appreciate my colleagues in joining me tonight on this late hour. I know it means a lot to your constituents that you would do that and that you would be working at this late hour in the evening because you know how important it is.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back.

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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for half the remaining time to midnight.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I do appreciate my friends from Georgia and the wonderful contributions that they have made to enlightenment with regard to these issues.

There is an issue that we want to recognize and take up tonight, and it's a wonderful topic, the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America here in the United States.

The Boy Scouts of America were incorporated on February 8, 1910 and chartered by Congress in 1916. The mission statement of Boy Scouts was to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the scout oath and the scout law.

It's interesting, doctors say that often our short-term memory is the first to go and our long-term memory seems to last longer, but I still do recall the scout law, that a scout is supposed to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. Those are good things to live by. The Boy Scouts have continued to live by that and produced incredible Americans over the years.

Right now we celebrate this fact because there is the National 2010 Boy Scout Jamboree going on at AP Hill—not terribly far from here—and so we've had thousands of Boy Scout visitors come through Washington, come through the Capitol. It's been an honor to take many through the Capitol and through this area, and we have many more coming. I know my district has 85 in one group that will be coming through on August 4 when they leave the AP Hill area and others have been helping as staff members.

But the jamboree is worth noting. There are 45,000 attendees that will include 37,000 Boy Scouts from all 50 States, 8,000 scout leaders and staff. A whopping 275,000 visitors will join the celebration over the course of 10 days to partake in the festivities. This 76,000-acre area has been hosting the National Scout Jamboree since 1981. The Boy Scouts use approximately 3,000 acres of this land to support a city of over 50,000 inhabitants.

One of my daughters asked years back, after having found out that one of the parents of one of her friends had

been at Woodstock, asked me, Daddy, did you go to Woodstock, she said. I said, Well, no I didn't. She said, Do you remember where you were during Woodstock? I said, I certainly do. Well, where were you? I was outside of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, at the 1969 National Boy Scout Jamboree. And we had rest rooms that worked, we didn't commit immoral acts, we didn't have illegal drugs, and we didn't need the National Guard to come in and rescue us from ourselves as happened at Woodstock. Today there are those who are proud to proclaim that they had the morals of Woodstock—some continue to, they continue to attack the Boy Scouts.

Of course we know the Speaker and 10 other people had pointed out in 2000 that the Boy Scouts had an "intolerant policy" of excluding people who practice homosexuality from leadership, so they were demanding that President Clinton step down as honorary chairman. He did not do that. And President Obama right now is Honorary Chair of the Boy Scouts of America and has spoken to them by video, and I know the scouts appreciate that.

Scouting has meant so much to so many. It prepares you for the future. It prepares you to save lives. I never thought I would have an opportunity to use any CPR training that I had gotten through all my years as a Boy Scout, going up to becoming an Eagle Scout; but when the day occurs, there is no substitute for having been through that. I get a big hug from a dear friend at church every time and he says, This is the guy that saved my life. Actually, it was the Boy Scouts that did it through all those years of training.

I've been joined by a dear friend, also a Boy Scout—I believe an Eagle Scout as well—and I would certainly be glad to yield to a fellow Eagle Scout.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Well, I appreciate being yielded to by a fellow Eagle Scout.

It truly is an honor and a privilege to be here this evening to recognize an organization that has for 100 years, for an entire century, served this Nation through serving the youth. It is just a remarkable organization.

This is actually my 40th year in scouting, and so I've had tremendous opportunity to be able to see how scouting touches the lives of boys and girls. We think scouting today is the Boy Scouts of America, but frankly the Venture Scouts is a coed organization, and the Boy Scouts make a tremendous difference in the lives of boys and girls.

I have with me today actually the 12th printing of the Boy Scout Handbook, which is a handbook that is just a fascinating read. For 100 years, 12 editions, this has been printed, and the basics are still the same. Like my good friend from Texas talked about, he named those 12 parts of the scout law. The principles of citizenship are here, of character, of the scout motto, "Be prepared," the scout slogan, "Do a good turn daily," and the principles that are found within the scout oath.

This 12th edition, since 1910 there have been 39,470,000 handbooks printed. What a legacy in terms of service. And I want to take from it just a couple of quotes. First of all, the vision statement for the Boy Scouts of America. And this is a vision that is just as solid today in terms of serving youth—and I think our Nation—as it was in 1910 when a Chicago businessman, William D. Boyce, was traveling to London, England and was out on a foggy evening.

He was looking for a business address, and he was absolutely lost in the fog, as the story goes. And as he was bewildered and wandering aimlessly, he was approached by a young youth from England who volunteered his services, not just to point this American businessman in the right direction, but to actually physically take him to that location. This boy went out of his way to serve him—to provide a good turn, so to speak. At the end of that, the businessman wanted to reward the lad.

I suppose he reached into his pocket to offer him a coin and the young boy said, sir, I can't take that, I'm a scout, and we provide that kind of service. This was a good turn. That so impressed Mr. Boyce that he came back to this country, got together with some other leaders within this Nation, and soon gave birth to the Boy Scouts of America 100 years ago, all from the selfless service and good acts of one young person. And today, scouting continues to make differences one good turn at a time.

I would like to share with you the vision which really stands as true today as it has been. This is the vision statement: "The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the scout oath and the scout law." I mean, what a great vision, a vision that continues to guide an organization that serves our youth.

I want to share and also quote because my good friend from Texas reflected on our President and past President related to scouting. This is another President who also was an Eagle Scout. This was former President Gerald Ford, who was an Eagle Scout and the 38th President of the United States of America. And President Ford was quoted: "I can say without hesitation that because of scouting principles I know I was a better athlete, I was a better naval officer, I was a better Congressman, and I was a better prepared President." And so obviously President Ford recognized the value of scouting in his life.

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Mr. GOHMERT. If the gentleman will yield back for a moment, I owed the Army 4 years from an Army scholarship to Texas A&M.

From the years of being a Boy Scout, I was good at orienteering, which is the process of taking a map and a compass and finding your way from point A to

point B and getting back. Those were things that were important to know when you were in the Army. There is no question that I was quite good at it in the Army because I'd had fantastic training in the Boy Scouts. It was the same way when learning to fire a .22 out on the range as a very young Boy Scout. The first day was the camping, the cooking. It was all about this planet and the things that occupy the planet—this amazing creation that God provided to us, which we learned and studied and had to spend a great deal of time becoming so acquainted with as Boy Scouts.

It may seem silly, but when my wife and I were helping with some decorations before a big dance there in Tyler, there were some ladies on a big scissor lift, helping put up heavy 10-, 15-pound decorations to suspend from the ceiling. They had a 50-pound fishing line, but they couldn't get any knot to hold to keep those things up.

So they yelled down, Does anybody know of a knot that would hold?

Well, I was an Eagle Scout. Of course I do. So they brought the scissor lift down. I got on. I got somebody to come up and help.

I would yield to my friend: If you had somebody yelling, "Does anybody know a knot that would hold?" what would my friend seek to use?

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Oh, there are a couple that come to mind. I'd probably start with a bowline, though.

Mr. GOHMERT. That's exactly what I did, a bowline, and that thing doesn't give. You can even do it with one hand.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. That's right.

Mr. GOHMERT. They made you learn to do it with one hand. In case you were hanging from a rope on a mountainside, you could reach up with the other hand and tie that bow and be able to suspend yourself, just hanging with the rope, without having to hold on for dear life. So there are amazing things you learn in the Army—from the stars to Morse code. I don't remember that so well anymore, but what phenomenal training.

One of the facts we have indicates that, in 2009, Boy Scouting recognized their 2 millionth Eagle Scout. We know that the Eagle Scouts are only a tiny percentage of all of those who actually go into Scouting and who benefit from Scouting. So that's quite an accomplishment. There are 2 million Eagle Scouts in the Boy Scout program.

Another thing that is worth noting is, when you see a Boy Scout get to be a Tenderfoot and as you work your way up to Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle, you don't attain those badges, those accomplishments, by representing only yourself. No Boy Scout ever has or ever will. It represents the millions of people who have helped Scouting over the years.

In my case, my parents were so encouraging, and my mother was actually more than encouraging. She was

downright pushy—my late mother, rest her soul. My Scoutmaster—rest his soul, Sam Parker—had more influence on my life than any man besides my father, I think. I've had such wonderful men and women help teach and encourage me; but my Scoutmaster, who was also an American history teacher, instilled just a love of American history and of America's greatness, not because America just all of a sudden appeared and did these things, but because it was blessed by God. Those things are in the Scout Oath.

My daughter Katie prepared a collage some years back, and it had all kinds of things on there from the music I liked to different things I'd accomplished. There was high school football and all of these different things that were pasted, and there were slogans and things. Well, right in the middle, on a small piece of paper—in the center of everything and with all the other things emanating out from it—was the Boy Scout Oath:

"On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

When I saw that and saw that that was the centerpiece of everything, I asked, "Sweetheart, do you think of me as a Boy Scout?"

She said, "Daddy, you'll always be a Boy Scout."

I take that as quite a compliment, as I know my friend Mr. THOMPSON, likewise, is proud of the accomplishment.

One other thing before I yield to my friend about becoming an Eagle Scout: The people in my hometown who contributed, the churches and businesses that helped make our Scout troop a success and the volunteers who worked and made it go and who gave us that opportunity deserve such accolades for what they did and for the difference they made in all of our lives as boys.

When it came time for the Eagle Court of Honor, which is where I received my Eagle Award, I was the oldest of three boys. I have another sister who is older, and I just lost my younger brother a few months ago. We each, in turn, became Eagle Scouts. After my mother passed away in 1991, we were looking through her jewelry box. She had some jewelry pieces that were very nice; but in a small area, she had the most valuable pieces of jewelry she'd ever owned. There was a ring that had some rubies and diamonds on it. There was a gold nugget necklace, which had real gold nuggets. Then there were the three Eagle Pins that Eagles pin on their mothers at the time they're awarded the Eagle. It made it pretty clear that, not just for me but in my mother's life, her boys—all three—becoming Eagle Scouts was one of the most treasured things that she had.

I yield to my friend, Mr. THOMPSON.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Well, I thank my good friend.

You know, I think the statistic is one out of every three persons has had

some experience with Scouting, with Boy Scouting. They've been Boy Scouts or they've been parents of a Scout or they've had a sibling who's a Scout. There is a connection there. I know, for those who have been in Scouting for just a few years, what a difference it makes.

One of the hardest things I had to do 19 months ago when I was sworn into Congress was, 3 days before that, I had to retire as Scoutmaster. I wasn't going to be home for the meetings. Certainly, when I am home on weekends, I wish I could go on camp-outs. It doesn't happen in this job, just the demands of it. I served as a Scoutmaster for 30 years and saw literally dozens of boys earn their Eagle Scout Awards. You know, that's what they do. In the 100 years of Scouting in this country, there has never been one Eagle Award given away. They've all been earned—each one.

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And to have three sons that are Eagle Scouts and who frankly, went on to—I've seen how that has made a difference in their lives.

And it has just been, you know, my home troop of Howard, Pennsylvania, Troop 353 is a great troop, and it's a family experience, too, in scouting. It makes families stronger. There's just a role. It's not just for the youth. It's families. Moms and dads get involved and extended families get involved.

And I think back very fondly to my years, from age 11 to 18, as a youth in scouting, Walker Township Troop 52, where—and my scoutmaster. Actually, I just talked with my scoutmaster. He'll always be my scoutmaster, even though I'm 51 now.

I talked with him just a few days ago, Harold Yearick, and Ray Lahr, who was assistant scoutmaster and also scoutmaster during that time. Those were men that just, you know, the values that I learned from them they demonstrated in their actions of duty to God and duty to country and duty to others and duty to self.

And so, to this day, those are principles I use when I make decisions in Congress. I ask myself those four questions. Is the decision I'm making, what about my duty to God. Is it righteous according to God's word?

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PERRIELLO). The gentleman is recognized for an additional 20 minutes.

Mr. GOHMERT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I yield again to my friend from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON).

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Thank you.

Duty to country. The decision I'm going to make, is it according to the Constitution?

Duty to others. Is the decision I'm going to make as a Member of Congress today in this job, you know, how does it impact the people that I work for? What are the intended consequences? What are the unintended consequences?

And, frankly, duty to self. Am I prepared to do my best?

Those are values that—I learned those starting when I was age 11.

One of the most important things that probably happened in my life was that I had a foster brother come live with my family at age 11. And when Mom and Dad brought Bob into our home, they had made a promise to him that he could continue in the scouting program—he was a couple years older than I—that he had been attending in a neighboring valley. And, frankly, as a younger brother, I got to tag along. And I'd have to say that was probably one of the most important things that ever happened to me. I'm so thankful for that opportunity, and it has just made just a tremendous difference in my life.

I want to share just from 2009, in terms of the service to the Nation of scouting. What has scouting been?

And just most recently, we're celebrating 100 years. But just this past year, there has been 1,634,715 boys, ages 7 to 10, in Cub Scouts in this Nation. What a number. Amazing.

Of boys 11 to 17, so that would be Boy Scout age or what we call Varsity Scouts, a parallel program, 897,868 boys involved in that program.

And then you go ages 14 to 20. This is the coed program that we have in scouting today. This is young men and young women, ages 14 to 20. They're Adventurers or Sea Scouts; 257,361 of those young folks.

We have over 800,000, almost 850,000 boys and girls in elementary through high school in what's called Learning for Life Character Education programs in this country.

And then finally, over 120,000 young men and women ages 14 to 20 in exploring career-based programs. I think that's an important part of scouting. I've seen that. I still call them boys, but they are adults today that I remember vividly when they were 11 years old, came into my scout room. But today they're grown, they're married, they have children of their own who are actually in scouting, many of them.

And, you know, I saw their career paths take shape through the scouting program, whether it was involved in a high adventure program that we might have done, a camping program, or more than likely through one of the merit badge programs where they learned a specific skill. And as a result of that exposure and that experience in the scouting program, they picked a career path, and it's a passion that they pursued. And, frankly, scouting opened that door for them and so just creates all kinds of great opportunities.

Mr. GOHMERT. Well, to follow up on some of the numbers that my friend, Mr. THOMPSON, was quoting:

Total youth served in the hundred years of scouting here in the United States, 114,304,329; adult volunteers, 33,364,261; total number of merit badges, over 117 million. And those merit badges don't just represent little pieces of fabric with stitching on them.

They represent a great deal of work, skills attained, knowledge attained, things that will help throughout life in the issues that come in the future.

Now, I do feel we need to touch on this briefly because Boy Scouting has been under attack. There have been groups that have been trying to eliminate and have successfully eliminated, like in San Francisco. For years, there have been efforts to restrict scouting from enjoying the parks that other groups might enjoy. There are efforts in Congress on a regular basis to try to hurt the scouting effort. And it all boils down to this one thing about scouting.

Despite the oath that scouts take, the Scout Law, scouting has chosen to stay faithful to religious tenets that man represented as the only full face of all the greatest lawgivers in this room. Every one of them has a side profile except the one in the middle who's considered to be the greatest lawgiver of all time. That's Moses. And one of the laws that Moses said were given to him that he gave was thou shalt not commit adultery. In other words, you shall not have sex, sexual relations, outside the marriage of a man and a woman.

Scouting, through all these years, has chosen to honor that Commandment, honor the Ten Commandments in all it did. And obviously, all sin, all fail, fall short, but scouting, at least, has tried to exemplify the best of humanity that most of us in this country believe come out when we try to live by those Ten Commandments.

So scouting has upheld that they preferred adult leaders who were not open adulterers. And I know, in our society today, so many believe that it's no big deal, there's nothing wrong with it. Adultery is no big deal, regardless of the sexual gender of the people participating. It's just fine.

Boy Scouting has chosen to say, we believe the Commandments given by Moses that he believed and we believe came to him from God are worth observing and trying to follow. Scouting has and, ironically, it has produced such great ire among so many who now want to kill the program because Boy Scouts say, We just believe those Ten Commandments are a good thing, including that one about adultery, not having sexual relations outside of marriage between a man and a woman.

And as a result, there's a number of corporate sponsors who used to give huge sums, six, seven figures even, to the Boy Scouts to assist them, who've chosen to say that because Boy Scouts have persisted in believing that avoiding adultery is a good thing, then they're not going to help the Boy Scouts.

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And in the process, they have robbed so many, many minorities, people who would love to be Scouts. And I know in our east Texas area there are so many young minorities without fathers who we've met with and talked with and

talked to their moms about starting Scout troops. And they're so excited. And some have started, and it's such a help. And it would be so wonderful if those corporate sponsors were not blaming Scouts for thinking the Ten Commandments were a good thing, and therefore withholding contributions, choosing to give them to groups who think that just blatantly violating the Ten Commandments are the best thing that we could do in America.

So they're giving to those who demean those who think morality is a good thing and in the process hurting so many who could be Eagle Scouts, who could be great Scouts. But the contributions are dropping, and the involvement has been dropping some.

I think that we're seeing things turn in this Nation in such a way that we're going to have a reawakening, we're going to have a great awakening, and people are going to come back to the fact that the real truth is this Nation has been blessed by God because this Nation has lived up to the blessed tenets that God said to live by. And as we return to those—certainly don't want to give up on the progress that this, the greatest Nation in the history of mankind has made. But in the moral area, where we've fallen apart and Boy Scouting has stayed so steadfast, I think we'll see people come back to the basics on morality, and we'll see even greater accomplishments.

And so it should be observed that 50 percent of all the NASA astronauts were Boy Scouts. More than 30 percent of all graduates from the military, Air Force, and naval academies were involved in Scouting in their youth, and five of our Presidents have been Boy Scouts. And even within this Congress, 199 of our current Members once participated in Scouting. And 22 in Congress, are, as my friend G.T. and I, Eagle Scouts. I had somebody try and say I was a former Eagle Scout. But it's kind of like being an Aggie: once you are, you are for the rest of your life.

And so that's why in my district office something wonderful my wife did, I believe it was Father's Day, she had a shadow box, unknown to me, put together with my Eagle award and so many of the things I traded for and had earned during my time in Scouting in that shadow box. And I am so proud of that. That's in my office back in east Texas.

But Scouting has done so much to contribute not merely to making boys far better than they could have been otherwise, but by making this Nation so much greater than it ever would have been without Boy Scouts of America.

I yield to my friend Mr. THOMPSON.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. I thank you for yielding.

I want to take a moment to talk about an important key member of the Scouting team, and that is sponsoring organizations, from all over. Every Scouting unit has a community part-

ner called a sponsoring organization. And they are churches, fire departments, Lions clubs, Rotary, Salvation Army. I mean, there are just an endless list of organizations who step forward. In becoming a partner, they sponsor these Scouting units.

And it seems fitting, as we pay tribute to the 100th anniversary of Scouting, to say "thank you" to those community partners. They play such an important role in making sure that the units, the Scouting units have qualified leadership, that they usually provide a place for them to meet, they provide them the support they need to have within the community. So "thank you" to certainly our sponsoring organizations within Scouting.

And, finally, just touch on the things that Scouting provides in a real tangible way to our communities, because they are a central part of our community, our Scouting units. It's called the National Good Turn Project. It started in February of 2004, and it began to track all the things that we knew Scouting has done for a hundred years of the amount of hours of community service. I remember washing a lot of fire trucks when I was 11 years old. Only later did I find out my Scoutmaster was fire chief. But that was good training for community service.

And we went on to do litter pickups and do all kinds of community service. Well, we never tracked that prior to 2004. But February 2004 we began to start to keep track. You know, since February 2004 Scouting has provided 8.5 million hours of community service in this country. That's what's documented. I am sure there's stuff that didn't get documented.

And, finally, the Eagle Scout projects this past year totaled just in service what calculates to be \$47 million of community service, of providing and reaching out to the community. So I am just real proud to be here this evening to join my good friend and fellow Eagle Scout to pay tribute to the 100th anniversary of Scouting and also to wish a safe and enjoyable and fun Scouting experience at Fort A.P. Hill for the tens of thousands of Scouts that are gathered from all over this Nation just about an hour south of our Capitol. And thank you for being with me tonight.

Mr. GOHMERT. Thank you. I would ask my friend to stay with me one more moment as we have been paying tribute to Boy Scouts of America, the organization, what they've done. I know that as an Eagle Scout, as a Scoutmaster, my friend, Mr. THOMPSON has many Courts of Honor stood and asked all of those Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts to stand and say the scout oath together. I wondered if my friend might join me, as I yield time to him, as we might conclude tonight.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. I would be honored. I think that's a fitting tribute and way to do that.

Mr. GOHMERT. That's what went through my mind.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. All right. Here we go.

Mr. GOHMERT. On my honor, I will do my best, to do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. Two.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, with that we yield back.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KAGEN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. LEE of California, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TOWNS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SUTTON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BRIGHT, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsyl-

vania) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PUTNAM, for 5 minutes, July 29.

Mr. FORTENBERRY, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 4899. An act making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5849. An act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

BILLS AND A JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House reports that on July 27, 2010 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 725. To protect Indian arts and crafts through the improvement of applicable criminal proceedings, and for other purposes

H.R. 4684. To require the Secretary of the Treasury to strike medals in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States and the establishment of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center

H.J. Res. 83. Approving the renewal of import restrictions contained in the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003, and for other purposes

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House further reports that on July 28, 2010 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 5849. To provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 56 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, July 29, 2010, at 10 a.m.

BUDGETARY EFFECTS OF PAYGO LEGISLATION

Pursuant to Public Law 111-139, Mr. SPRATT hereby submits, prior to the vote on passage, the attached estimate of the costs of the bill H.R. 2480, the Truth in Fur Labeling Act, as amended, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

CBO ESTIMATE OF THE STATUTORY PAY-AS-YOU-GO EFFECTS FOR H.R. 2480, THE TRUTH IN FUR LABELING ACT OF 2010, AS AMENDED AND TRANSMITTED TO CBO ON JULY 27, 2010

	By fiscal year in millions of dollars—												
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2010–2015	2010–2020
Net Increase or Decrease (–) in the Deficit													
Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Impact ^a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

^a The legislation could increase civil and criminal penalties and thus would affect federal revenues and direct spending; CBO estimates those effects would not be significant in any year.

Pursuant to Public Law 111-139, Mr. SPRATT hereby submits, prior to the vote on passage, the attached estimate of the costs of the bill H.R. 4658, the Benton MacKaye Cherokee National Forest Land Consolidation Act, as amended, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

CBO ESTIMATE OF PAY-AS-YOU-GO EFFECTS FOR H.R. 4658, THE BENTON MACKAYE CHEROKEE NATIONAL FOREST LAND CONSOLIDATION ACT OF 2010, AS ORDERED REPORTED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ON JUNE 30, 2010, WITH AN AMENDMENT PROVIDED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET ON JULY 28, 2010

	By fiscal year in millions of dollars—												
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2010–2015	2010–2020
Net Increase or Decrease (–) in the Deficit													
Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Impact	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

H.R. 4658 would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell 67 acres of land in the Cherokee National Forest to the Towee Falls Baptist Church. Proceeds from the sale would be available to the Forest Service, without further appropriation, to acquire other lands within the Cherokee National Forest.

Pursuant to Public Law 111-139, Mr. SPRATT hereby submits, prior to the vote on passage, the attached estimate of the costs of the bill H.R. 5669, To direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain Federally owned land located in Story County, Iowa, as amended, for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

CBO ESTIMATE OF PAY-AS-YOU-GO EFFECTS FOR H.R. 5669, A BILL TO DIRECT THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE TO CONVEY CERTAIN FEDERALLY OWNED LAND LOCATED IN STORY COUNTY, IOWA, AS INTRODUCED ON JULY 1, 2010, WITH AN AMENDMENT PROVIDED BY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET ON JULY 28, 2010

	By fiscal year, in millions of dollars—												
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2010–2015	2010–2020
Net Increase or Decrease (–) in the Deficit													
Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Impact	0	–1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

H.R. 5669 would authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell 44 acres of land in Story County, Iowa, to the city of Ames. Proceeds from the sale would be available to the Secretary, without further appropriation, to acquire other lands and to support activities related to the National Animal Disease Center.