

HIV/AIDS. The issue hits close to home. Currently, of the 3,214 individuals on ADAP waiting lists, Florida has 1,712 of them. This is outrageous.

Congress must increase its commitment to State ADAPs while continuing to fund other AIDS programs. This problem is not going away. We need a long-term solution until the Affordable Care Act takes full effect in 2014. I urge this body to bring an emergency supplemental of \$25 million to the floor for a vote.

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TAX INCREASES KILL JOBS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, sadly, unemployment in South Carolina has increased to 11 percent. Citizens rightfully want to know where are the jobs? Republicans have made positive proposals to help small businesses create jobs, but they are falling on deaf ears. Americans across the country are hurting and cannot wait another day, let alone another few months, to know whether or not Congress is going to offer job creation incentives and tax relief.

During these tough economic times, the last thing families need are more tax increases. The Heritage Foundation has some staggering numbers about how the incoming tax increases would kill jobs in South Carolina. The Heritage Foundation has found that the State of South Carolina would lose over 9,000 jobs a year, and South Carolina's families would lose \$3,000 each in disposable income.

If these statistics become a reality on our families, the impact would be catastrophic. We need immediate tax relief, not job-killing tax increases.

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

HEALTH INSURANCE HIKES

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. I'm outraged by the blatant lies being told by some health insurance companies. I have a renewal statement here for a small business with a 28 percent increase, allegedly all because of health insurance reform.

How do we know it's a lie? Because the rate hike was requested before health reform passed. Health insurance rates were increasing at an astounding rate before health reform. That is why we passed the law, because consumers were paying more and getting less.

Their business model is dying, and health reform has nothing to do with it.

Hello. Without new exchanges, new tax credits for small businesses and subsidies for families, your industry is

in a death spiral because people can't afford to buy your product.

The recent shocking rate increases are exactly why we need to implement health reform as soon as possible. We can't afford to slow down, let alone turn back. If insurance companies were honest, they would admit they can't afford it either.

LEAVE GRAY WOLF MANAGEMENT TO MONTANANS

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

Mr. REHBERG. Everyone has heard the story about the three little pigs and the wolf that huffs and puffs his way through a house made of straw and a house made of wood. Montanans face a similar situation with the status of the Rocky Mountain gray wolf as an endangered species. The science says that the gray wolf is no longer endangered in Montana and Idaho. The targets set by the Endangered Species Act were surpassed years ago. But powerful out-of-State interests have huffed and puffed and used all sorts of dirty tricks and gotten the gray wolf relisted for the second time over the recommendation of the Obama and Bush administrations.

In the story, the three little pigs find shelter in a house made of stone. If that's what it takes, a legislative solution, that's what we'll do.

I've heard from more than 1,000 people in the last few days who've weighed in on a legislative solution, and it's time to start building that stone house.

PATIENTS BILL OF RIGHTS

(Ms. SCHWARTZ asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Today marks an important milestone in our effort to ensure access to high quality health coverage for all Americans—the implementation of the Patients Bill of Rights. As of today, no child can be denied insurance coverage because of a preexisting condition. I introduced this bill, championed it throughout health care reform, and now it offers financial and emotional security for so many families.

And there is more. Young adults may remain on their parents' policy until age 26. Insurers may no longer drop coverage when someone gets sick. From now on, plans cannot set annual or lifetime limits on coverage. And new policies must include prevention and screening without copayments and consumer choice of their primary care physician.

Other important provisions of health care reform are already underway. Every State now has a high-risk insurance pool. Seniors get the help of a \$250 check to help with the doughnut hole, the gap in prescription coverage, and thousands of businesses are receiving

relief for providing health coverage to workers and retirees.

Access to meaningful coverage and these new consumer protections are improving the lives of Americans and mark a new era of high quality insurance for all Americans.

NASA

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

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, over the last year, there has been a lively debate on the future of NASA's manned spaceflight program. The debate has largely focused on the role of commercial space and what direction the government programs should take. Those advising the Obama administration chose an approach with deep practical and technical flaws which has embarrassed the administration and brought resounding rebuke from my colleagues on both sides of the aisle.

To quote Scott Pace speaking at a recent event, "The administration's radical course abandoned the most precious and rare commodities for the U.S. space community—a bipartisan consensus."

This administration has directed NASA to ignore the spirit of last year's appropriations. Layoffs due to changes at NASA are taking place all over the country. These incredibly intelligent individuals represent a culture, not just a profession. They are literally rocket scientists, and they will disappear if we don't give them direction and firm funding.

For this reason, it is absolutely imperative that we pass a new NASA authorization bill, providing NASA and the Obama administration with firmer guidance.

DEMOCRATIC ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, when President Obama took office, he inherited a \$1.2 trillion deficit, two wars, a recession, mounting job losses, and a disaster like Katrina that pushed our economy to the brink.

While the Republicans continue to push the same failed policies of the past, Democrats are fighting to help America recover from the Bush recession and move forward.

This Congress, our President, and the Democrats, have fought for middle class tax cuts, boosted small businesses with job creating investments, fought to protect Social Security, worked to create new jobs at home, fought to end the outsourcing of jobs overseas, and have given patients, not health insurance companies, control over their health care.

The choice is clear. Support the Party of No with no solution or the Democrats who will work with working families, the middle class, and will work to strengthen our economy.

Republicans threaten to take us back to the failed policies of the past. We must continue to move America forward.

AMERICAN HURRICANE ON THE POTOMAC

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my district is in Hurricane Alley. Since I've been elected to Congress, we have had five hurricanes: Katrina, Rita, Humbert, Gustav, and Ike. Hurricane season is about over in southeast Texas, but hurricane season is coming late this year to Washington.

The weather report for Washington, D.C., is just in. Gale force winds are expected in November. There is a hurricane coming, and it's going to hit D.C., and it's not going to have just one name. It's going to have the names of millions of Americans. The voice of citizens will be here and clear the air. We the people proclaim, hold elites and taxocrats accountable who have stopped being responsive to the will of the people.

And just as hurricane force winds hit Washington in 1814 to drive the British out of town, this American hurricane will drive the irresponsible arrogant from having the rule over the people. The American hurricane is on a direct path to the Potomac. And because of the abusive spending, borrowing, and taxing by government, the elites will have sown the wind, and now they're going to reap the whirlwind.

And that's just the way it is.

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REMEMBERING VICTIMS OF UKRAINIAN GENOCIDE

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember the victims of the Ukrainian genocide and the deliberate famine which claimed the lives of 10 million innocent Ukrainians.

Under Stalin's rule, Ukrainian farmers were stripped of their land, and by the end of 1933, nearly one quarter of the Ukraine's population had starved to death. This atrocity was intended to break the spirit of the Ukrainian people, but it did not succeed. The strong-willed people of Ukraine overcame this dark time and eventually emerged from Communist rule as a strong democratic nation. The people of Ukraine are a testament to what the human spirit can not only endure, but triumph over.

Ukraine has prospered in the 70 years since this atrocity, but as we move forward, we must never forget the past. Organizations like the Ukrainian National Museum in Chicago, and activists like Nicholas Mischenko, the president of the Ukrainian Genocide Famine

Foundation, should be commended for their work to ensure the world never forgets this manmade tragedy.

SMALL BUSINESSES ARE JOB CREATORS

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

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, small businesses are job creators. During this economic downturn, it is very important to support the engines of our economy which created two-thirds of the new jobs over the past 15 years.

As a former small business owner for 11 years, I personally know what it takes to create jobs. For the life of me, I can't understand why Republicans have opposed the eight tax cuts for small businesses and the \$30 billion lending fund for small businesses and community banks that will create \$300 billion in investments.

Republicans continue to deny small businesses the pro-growth initiatives that will help create jobs. Their true motives, to favor big business over small business, Wall Street over Main Street, and the wealthy over the middle class and the poor, have been exposed.

Democrats are working day and night to help America recover from the Republican recession. Republicans should really try to make up for shattering the lives of millions by at least supporting small businesses to help turn the economy around.

LINKED LEARNING

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

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, today's high schools don't work for many young people. Students often feel bored and unchallenged. Almost one-third of the ninth-graders in my home State of California drop out without graduating.

That is why today I introduced The Linked Learning Pathways Affording College and Career Success Act. It combines college preparation with real-world learning opportunities for students across the country.

Like Ana Sical in San Diego. Ana once had problems with truancy, and says she never even considered college. But Ana's life changed with Linked Learning. There, she partnered with engineers who taught her their trades and pushed her to succeed. Today, Ana is studying at San Diego State's School of Engineering, the first in her family to attend college.

America's future depends on preparing today's students to enter tomorrow's workforce. My bill does that, and I encourage my colleagues to support it.

HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES

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

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, as Democrats work to help America recover from the Republican recession, one of our top priorities is to create jobs and restore responsible fiscal policies that support the middle class. A key part of this pro-growth agenda is helping small business. Small businesses are the engine of our economy, creating two-thirds of the new jobs over the past 15 years. The role of small businesses is especially important as we strive to create jobs and move the economy forward. With the right resources and the right opportunities, small businesses can respond quickly with growth opportunity.

To continue to support small business and to further promote job growth, Democrats in the House passed the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act. The \$30 billion lending fund for local businesses and community banks will help break the credit squeeze by leveraging \$300 billion in investment funds that will allow them to grow and to add workers.

HONORING DEREK FARLEY

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

Mr. MURPHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with the very sad duty of reporting the tragic passing of Army Staff Sergeant Derek Farley. Farley was killed in action Tuesday, August 17, in Afghanistan while disarming a roadside bomb. Farley was a member of the 702nd Ordnance Maintenance Company. His job as a bomb disposal technician was to diffuse bombs and IEDs to keep other soldiers and civilians safe.

He graduated from Columbia High School in East Greenbush in 2004 and made up his mind to join the military at the age of 17, continuing his family's tradition of service to our Nation. His father served in the Vietnam era.

In a previous tour in Iraq, where he served from 2006 to 2007 with the 756th EOD Company, Farley received a Purple Heart after losing his hearing in one ear during a bomb detonation.

In a letter to his mother, Derek said the following: 'If something were to happen to me, just remember that I do the most dangerous job because it has the most rewarding payoff. . . . There would be no greater honor for me if it comes to it, but I keep fighting because there are thousands of mothers out there just like you who want to see their sons and daughters again.'

My heart goes out to Derek's parents, Ken and Carrie; his brother, Dylan; sisters, Colleen, Theresa and Julie; and his beloved Maria.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Farley family during this difficult time.