

I've had enough of this. The American people want to wipe this bill off the board. If they do anything, they want to start over. A lot of them don't even want to do anything because they don't trust this Congress.

The gentleman from Georgia.

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding back to me. I realize time is getting short, but thank you for a few more moments.

Of course, I think it's important that our colleagues understand that those 13 members of the whole-in-the-wall gang—I think our colleague from Iowa was referring to the esteemed Rules Committee. It's just one more opportunity that we don't have to get our amendments made in order so that we can bring them down on the floor, whether we are Republicans in the minority or Democrats in the majority who are very concerned about many provisions in this bill. Yet, you know, they don't get to have an up-or-down vote, which is totally wrong.

I just want to say, just within the past week, I got a call from a former physician Member from Georgia, from Middle Georgia, Dr. Roy Rowland, who served with distinction here for about 12 years. He was here during the HillaryCare debate.

In a very bipartisan way, Dr. Rowland, along with Dr. Ganske from Iowa and other Members, had some great ideas in regard to not only bringing down the cost, Mr. Speaker, but also in regard to making sure that more people had not only an insurance card—you know, that doesn't guarantee you access to care—but that they had an opportunity, through expanded community health centers, which were not necessarily government subsidies, to pay on a sliding scale depending on what their incomes were. Obviously, Medicaid patients, many of them, were seen in community health centers.

Also, Dr. Rowland had the idea of having medical liability reform—Dr. Rowland, a family practitioner from Dublin, Georgia. I just mention him because I would say to the President and to my colleagues on both sides of the aisle: we can do this. Yes, let's unclench the fists. Let's get away from what we were trying to cram down the throats of the American people that they clearly don't want. Let's start over with good ideas like Dr. Rowland had 16 years ago and like, I think, many of my colleagues have today on both sides of the aisle.

I yield back for concluding remarks from my colleague from Iowa.

Mr. KING of Iowa. In reclaiming my time, I thank the doctor from Georgia.

I was just thinking what it would be like if you'd sit around your card club at night and you'd deal out a deck of cards, 52, and for every one of those cards, this man has delivered 100 babies. That's pretty impressive, and I can't get over that number and what that means.

Some people think that Republicans don't have compassion. How could you

have more compassion than Dr. GINGREY has?

So, when I look at this debate that's going on, it is past the point of the nuances of what's right and what's wrong here. It's pretty simple stuff. The White House, the Speaker PELOSI majority and the Harry Reid majority, right down those doorways, have started from this beginning. The beginning that they started with was single-payer national health care, HillaryCare as referred to by Dr. GINGREY. That goes back 15 years ago.

When they first put that together, I had the flowchart. In fact, I've got the replication of that flowchart in my office, the HillaryCare flowchart. That is a scary thing. It was only in black and white back in the early 1990s. The one we see today is in full color. With the next generation, when they try this again, it will be in 3-D, and you'll have automatic built-in 3-D, and you'll be able to see all of the components they put together. The more you can see, the more it scares you.

That's what they started with—the single-payer National Health Care Act. It is socialized medicine. I don't know what you'd produce if it weren't. I don't know how you would devise socialized medicine to look much differently than the way they've started.

Now, they did morph it along the way and move away from the more pure definition, but when you start with something—let's just say that the goal is to cook up a pot of stew. You start with a big old soup bone, a meat bone, and get as much meat as you have on that bone that hasn't been trimmed off. You toss that in a pot, and then you put a lot of water in there, and you start to simmer that. Then you look at it and you think, Well, what does this thing need?

Well, it looks a little sick and gray, so you start cutting some vegetables in there, and you throw in some carrots and some celery and some potatoes, and whatever else you can find to pitch into that stew. You know, after a while, it might look pretty good. They were making it look better and better, the Democrats on the other side. By the way, it was buying votes. Yeah, I might vote for that if you put some carrots in the stew. Give me a little celery. I like the flavor of that. I like a little corn in there myself. I'm from Iowa, you know. After a little while, here is this simmering pot of stew.

Then they tasted it. The American people let them know. They spit it out. They didn't want a potful. This is a toxic stew. They started with a tainted soup bone with HillaryCare in the beginning. If you start with a tainted soup bone and if you cook up a stew, no matter what you add to it, it's still going to be toxic. The American people concluded they don't want a potful of toxic socialized medicine stew. They don't want a bowlful. They don't want a cupful. They don't want a spoonful. They don't want any measure. They have spit out ObamaCare. It is a toxic stew that has been cooked up by the

liberals in this Congress. Less than a fourth of the people in this country think something like that ought to be done, and they haven't tasted it yet. A lot of us have looked ahead and have a sense of what it tastes like.

So I will suggest this, that we should clean the slate off, as the gentleman from Georgia has intimated and has maybe not specifically said when he said, Mr. President, you need to unclench your fist.

I'd suggest the President ought to treat Republicans as good as he did Ahmadinejad when he said to our enemies in Iran who have pledged to annihilate us—the Great Satan—in a nuclear win, if they can. He said to them—dialogue, in his mind, solves it all, you might notice. He said, If you'll just unclench your fist, speaking to Ahmadinejad, we will extend our hand. We will negotiate with the Iranians without preconditions. We will just talk. We will talk it through.

Did you notice, when the President met with Republicans and Democrats yesterday, President Obama insisted upon preconditions? He insisted that his bill, which was the Senate and House bill, plus the 11-page bullet point talking points with no legislative language added by the White House, would be the basis for the discussion. He refused to take the nuclear option off the table. Can you imagine negotiating with the Iranians that way? Because that's what he has initiated. They have the nuclear option on the table. They refuse to take everything off the table. The President insisted upon preconditions of starting with his bill, ObamaCare, by his own definition.

I'm saying, Couldn't you at least have treated the Republicans as good as you treated the Iranians? Give us a clean slate. Start without preconditions. I'd be willing to take Republicans' comprehensive plans off the table. Let's just go ahead and take them up one at a time—single, stand-alone pieces of legislation that we all know are good policy and that don't have to have a backroom deal.

Let's end lawsuit abuse, number one; full deductibility; sell insurance across State lines; and respect the time of the Speaker's gavel. Also, we have made that part very clear, I think, in this presentation.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate your indulgence. I appreciate the participants in this Special Order hour here that closes out the week.

I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BISHOP of New York (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today.

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 Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at her own request) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3961. An act to extend expiring provisions of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 and Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 until February 28, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 38 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 12:30 p.m., for morning-hour debate.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Speaker-authorized official travel during the fourth quarter of 2009, pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2009

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Kathy Dahlkemper	11/22	11/23	Kuwait		159.00						159.00
Hon. Kathy Dahlkemper	11/23	11/24	United Arab Emirates		192.94						192.94
Hon. Kathy Dahlkemper	11/24	11/25	Afghanistan		78.00						78.00
Hon. Kathy Dahlkemper	11/25	11/26	United Arab Emirates		192.94		2,193.80				2,386.74
Aleta Botts	11/30	12/03	Switzerland		1,947.00		6,144.90				8,091.90
Margaret Nicole Scott	11/29	12/03	Switzerland		2,176.00		4,066.10				6,242.10
Committee total					4,745.88		12,404.80				17,150.68

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. COLLIN C. PETERSON, Chairman, Feb. 2, 2010.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2009

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
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Hon. Steve Israel	12/27	12/30	United Arab Emirates		1,543.95						1,543.95
Commercial Air							7,755.10				7,755.10
Hon. Linda Pagelsen	12/27	12/30	United Arab Emirates		1,543.95						1,543.95
Commercial Air							8,225.10				8,225.10
Hon. Kay Granger	11/22	11/23	Kuwait		159.00						159.00
	11/23	11/24	United Arab Emirates		192.94						192.94
	11/24	11/25	Afghanistan		78.00						78.00
	11/25	11/26	United Arab Emirates		192.94						192.94
Commercial Air							2,727.00				2,727.00
Hon. Ken Calvert	11/22	11/23	Kuwait		159.00						159.00
	11/23	11/24	United Arab Emirates		192.94						192.94
	11/24	11/25	Afghanistan		78.00						78.00
	11/25	11/26	United Arab Emirates		192.94						192.94
Commercial							2,727.00				2,727.00
Hon. Maurice Hinchey	11/22	11/23	Kuwait		159.00						159.00
	11/23	11/24	United Arab Emirates		192.94						192.94
	11/24	11/25	Afghanistan		78.00						78.00
	11/25	11/26	United Arab Emirates		192.94						192.94
	11/26	11/28	Italy		500.00						500.00
Hon. Norm Dicks	11/22	11/23	Kuwait		159.00						159.00
	11/23	11/24	United Arab Emirates		192.94						192.94
	11/24	11/25	Afghanistan		78.00						78.00
	11/25	11/26	United Arab Emirates		192.94						192.94
	11/26	11/28	Italy		500.00						500.00
Hon. Rodney Frelinghuysen	11/22	11/23	Kuwait		159.00						159.00
	11/23	11/24	United Arab Emirates		192.94						192.94
	11/24	11/25	Afghanistan		78.00						78.00
	11/25	11/26	United Arab Emirates		192.94						192.94
	11/26	11/28	Italy		500.00						500.00
Hon. John P. Murtha	11/22	11/23	Kuwait		159.00						159.00
	11/23	11/24	United Arab Emirates		192.94						192.94
	11/24	11/25	Afghanistan		78.00						78.00
	11/25	11/26	United Arab Emirates		192.94						192.94
	11/26	11/28	Italy		500.00						500.00
BG Wright	11/22	11/23	Kuwait		159.00						159.00
	11/23	11/24	United Arab Emirates		192.94						192.94
	11/24	11/25	Afghanistan		78.00						78.00
	11/25	11/26	United Arab Emirates		192.94						192.94
	11/26	11/28	Italy		500.00						500.00
Paul Juola	11/22	11/23	Kuwait		159.00						159.00
	11/23	11/24	United Arab Emirates		192.94						192.94
	11/24	11/25	Afghanistan		78.00						78.00
	11/25	11/26	United Arab Emirates		192.94						192.94
	11/26	11/28	Italy		500.00						500.00
Jeff Shockey	11/22	11/23	Kuwait		159.00						159.00
	11/23	11/24	United Arab Emirates		192.94						192.94
	11/24	11/25	Afghanistan		78.00						78.00
	11/25	11/26	United Arab Emirates		192.94						192.94
Commercial Travel							2,727.00				2,727.00
John Blazey	11/22	11/23	Kuwait		159.00						159.00
	11/23	11/24	United Arab Emirates		192.94						192.94
	11/24	11/25	Afghanistan		78.00						78.00
	11/25	11/26	United Arab Emirates		192.94						192.94
	11/26	11/28	Italy		500.00						500.00
Celes Hughes	11/22	11/23	Kuwait		159.00						159.00