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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at 10 a.m.

House of Representatives

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2011

The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ROGERS of Alabama).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 19, 2011.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE ROGERS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: The psalmist understands we all approach God in different ways.

Some feel distant and lament: "How long, O Lord, will You forget us? How long will You hide Your face from us? How long must we be burdened with grief, going about sorrowful all day and throughout the night? How long will our oppression last?"

Then some forget self and readily turn to the Lord:

"Look now and answer us, O Lord our God. Give light to our eyes lest we seem asleep, no longer fully alive but like the dead, lest our opponents say, 'We have overpowered them' and laugh at our downfall."

Still others like ourselves will trust in the Lord:

"For our part, we will trust in Your faithful love. Our hearts will rejoice,

for You will set us free. We will sing of Your goodness to us and bless Your Holy Name, Most High, both now and forever."

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New Mexico (Mr. HEINRICH) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HEINRICH led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

PASSING THE REPEALING THE JOB-KILLING HEALTH CARE LAW ACT

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today, the voice of the American people will be heard. The current administration's unconstitutional health care takeover is not the will of the people.

Tea party participants have made a difference.

The current law would cost taxpayers over \$2.6 trillion. It adds to the rising health care cost. The health care takeover is not workable. The National Federation of Independent Business, NFIB, America's largest organization of small businesses, estimates it will eliminate 1.6 million jobs.

Today's vote on Repealing the Job-Killing Health Care Law Act promotes a commonsense approach to the health care issues facing our country. Instead of forcing Americans to comply with a Big Government takeover of health care, repeal will open the discussion of providing affordable care to families, preserving the doctor-patient relationship and protecting jobs.

This is what the American people want the new Congress to achieve. Now is the time to repeal the takeover and to forward a plan that provides for access and affordability.

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

THE JOBS LOOPHOLE IN OUR FREEDOM CONSTRUCT

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to speak

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for 1 minute, to revise and extend my remarks, to enter relevant materials into the RECORD at taxpayers' expense.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, on January 11, 1944, in his third term, President Franklin D. Roosevelt recognized the limitations of the Presidency and Congress in addressing the Nation's most serious problem: unemployment.

So he proposed changing the only vehicle capable of eliminating unemployment: the Constitution.

Roosevelt suggested that adding fundamental economic rights to the Constitution was the only way to truly address our unemployment problem.

Sixty-seven years later, to dramatize the shameful condition that our Nation and the marketplace tolerates, I have asked the Nation's unemployed, underemployed, and economically insecure to send their resumes to me at:

resumesforAmerica@mail.house.gov. I will then submit those records to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, on their behalf, as a means of protesting the unaddressed, shameful unemployment problem.

I am not promising anyone a job. I believe that the wealthiest Nation in the world should do something about the jobs loophole in our freedom construct.

Until Democrats and Republicans in this Congress and in the White House eliminate the fear of unemployment from our freedom and liberty construct, I will continue this peaceful demonstration at:

resumesforAmerica@mail.house.gov.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of this historic effort to bring back our health care system from the grip of a massive, unprecedented government takeover.

Overwhelmingly, my constituents in Colorado, like the majority of Americans, know that ObamaCare increases costs, explodes the deficit, raises taxes, hurts job-creators and, most importantly, gives the government control over personal health care decisions.

To force every American to buy a private product like health insurance is unconstitutional.

By using budgetary gimmicks, like counting 10 years of tax hikes against 6 years of spending, Democrats rigged ObamaCare to get a misleading score from the Congressional Budget Office. Realistic accounting shows that this law is a budget buster. ObamaCare creates so much new bureaucracy and spending that it took 2,800 pages to create it while the bill to repeal is only two pages.

Republicans will work to craft better solutions that empower patients and

families to make their own health care decisions.

AN ASSAULT ON NEW HEALTH CARE FREEDOMS

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, you may miss it in the rhetoric, but both parties agree the current path of Medicare threatens to bankrupt the country.

Some parts of America are spending twice as much per Medicare patient as we spend in Portland, Oregon, for example, but deliver inferior care. We know what to do.

This is why the reform act can give better care for less cost, but it's not guaranteed. The Republican plan would strip away the reforms, the protections and the cost savings.

But this is not just an assault on new health care freedoms. It represents the triumph of politics over adult fiscal supervision. The Republican leadership doesn't just ignore, they discredit, the nonpartisan professionals who, for 36 years, helped keep politicians in both parties honest.

Without this impartial referee, the long, difficult road to fiscal health becomes longer, becomes harder, and becomes less likely to be traveled.

SCRAPPING THE GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, there is a lot of talk these days around here about where Members of Congress are going to sit during the State of the Union Address. Well, I've been in Congress for 10 years, and I learned a long time ago that it doesn't really matter where you sit; it matters where you stand.

Today, House Republicans are going to stand with the American people and are going to vote to repeal the government takeover of health care—lock, stock, and barrel.

Now, I know the other side and some liberals in the media don't like us using that term "government takeover of health care," but let me break it down for you:

When you mandate that every American purchase health insurance, whether they want it or need it or not; when you mandate that every business provide health insurance or send people to a government-run exchange; when you pay for it with hundreds of billions of dollars and higher taxes and mandates; and when you throw in public funding of abortion against the wishes of the overwhelming majority of the American people, that is the government takeover of health care. And the American people know it.

I urge all of my colleagues in both political parties to join us today as we

keep our promise to the American people, as we scrap this health care reform bill of last year and start over with health care reform that will lower the cost of health insurance without growing the size of government.

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FOR-PROFIT HEALTH CARE MODEL IS THE WRONG MODEL

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

Mr. KUCINICH. The for-profit health care system is the problem. Eight hundred billion dollars every year is spent on corporate profits, stock options, executive salaries, advertising, marketing, and the cost of paperwork.

In the for-profit system that we have, nearly 1 out of every 3 dollars goes for things not related to health care. If we took that \$800 billion and spent it on care for people, we would have enough money to cover all medically necessary needs in addition to dental care, vision care, mental health care, prescription drugs, and long-term care.

We now have a situation where 50 million Americans don't have any health insurance. Americans wouldn't have to worry about losing everything they've worked a lifetime for because there is an illness in the family.

This debate is the wrong debate. A for-profit model is the wrong model. We should be talking about universal health care, single-payer, not-for-profit health care, Medicare for all, quality health care for all Americans.

HONORING SARGENT SHRIVER

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

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, "one of the brightest lights of the greatest generation," that's how President Obama correctly described Sargent Shriver, who we all know passed away yesterday.

Sargent Shriver gave new meaning to the term "public service." He never held elective service, and yet he launched the Peace Corps, was a member of the Diplomatic Corps, and he and his wife started the great Special Olympics.

In fact, I first got to know him in 1997 when I happened to be traveling with President Clinton in Latin America. We were in Buenos Aires, and it just so happened that that night Sargent Shriver was there holding an event to raise funds for the Special Olympics. He, by virtue of his public service, was able to touch lives not just here in the United States, but because of his service, he was able to touch lives all over the globe.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wonderful children and all the members of his family.