

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## HEALTH CARE COST REDUCTION ACT OF 2012

SPEECH OF

**HON. LOIS CAPPS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 7, 2012*

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today out of concern regarding the Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2011 (H.R. 436).

I am extremely disappointed that this bill, which addresses important issues, was needlessly injected with partisanship.

The medical device industry is integral to both our health care system and our economy.

Regardless of our political leanings, we should all be able to agree that it is in all of our best interests to support a thriving domestic medical device industry.

I have met with a variety of people on this issue—innovators, manufacturers, patients, consumer advocates, and many other stakeholders.

I understand their concerns about the impact that this policy would have, especially on small firms and in California, and wish we had the opportunity to look at a range of options to address them.

Unfortunately, in the bill before us, the House Majority has once again found a way to poison a bill by slashing important insurance provisions in the Affordable Care Act.

Yet again they have shown that they are willing to disregard American families in order to get a pithy sound bite and further their own divisive agenda.

By removing protections for low- and moderate income families who receive subsidies to purchase private health insurance, this bill pits American families verse manufacturers.

It essentially punishes people for improving their situation by getting a new job or a raise.

The result? According to the Congressional Budget Office, an estimated 350,000 families would be added to the uninsured ranks, and others would be left debating between going for a promotion or paying a hefty tax bill.

Health care is a right deserved by all, and shouldn't come with fear of punishment.

And the idea of asking American families to choose between having health insurance and improving their financial situations is preposterous.

Through this bill, the other side has shown that they are more concerned with dismantling health care reform than ensuring that the American people have access to health care.

And therefore I cannot vote for it.

## IN HONOR OF BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

**HON. SAM FARR**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2012*

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the time today to commemorate the 30 years

of dedication and service provided by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Santa Cruz County. Through its mentoring services, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Santa Cruz County has been a leader in prevention-based services to over 4,500 children and youth in our community since its founding in 1982.

By working to increase their sense of self-esteem and confidence, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Santa Cruz County has proven effective in keeping children and youth in school, away from drugs and alcohol, out of the juvenile justice system, and thus able to make healthier, more constructive life choices.

Youth matched to Big Brothers or Big Sisters have been provided with caring, supportive, and positive adult role models who offer opportunities and options not otherwise available. Thousands of volunteer hours have been spent by carefully screened and trained mentors who provide one-on-one guidance, friendship, positive role-modeling, and support to youth in Santa Cruz County.

The commitment of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Santa Cruz County grants not only new-found opportunities and support to at-risk youth, but a sense of purpose and satisfaction to those who guide them, resulting in the enrichment of the family as well as the greater community. As is their goal, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Santa Cruz County has and will continue to create new opportunities to place appropriate mentors with youth from the increasing number of families in need.

The continued success of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Santa Cruz County can be attributed to the dedicated staff and volunteers who have helped generate support and enthusiasm in our community and who have worked admirably for the benefit of others.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of myself and my colleagues in the House, I would like to thank and congratulate the staff and volunteers of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Santa Cruz County on 30 wonderful years of service.

## CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF MANO FREY, VICE PRESIDENT AND REGIONAL MANAGER OF THE LABORERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, NORTHWEST REGION

**HON. DON YOUNG**

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2012*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, Mano Frey originally hails from Yakima, Washington, where he grew up with a relatively small family of ten sisters and seven brothers.

After graduating high school, Mano attended Seattle University where he majored in civil engineering. In 1970, Mano took a small break during his senior year to set off with his close friend for Alaska. Their destination? The now-famous city of Valdez, Alaska.

After experiencing the wonders and magnificence of what some call "old Alaska," Mano

decided to delay college in favor of joining Laborers' Local 341. Almost immediately he was dispatched to pour concrete for a new school using a 90lb pavement breaker.

Soon, Mr. Frey became a steward for the drillers and powder men at the main terminal camp for the Trans Alaska Pipeline. The job, which at the time was the biggest in world history, had over 25 thousand people working on the line from Prudhoe Bay to Valdez.

His reputation grew within the union's leadership and in 1977 he was appointed to be the area's business agent. A year later they asked him to transfer to the union's headquarters in Anchorage. Soon after Mano became the union's president. In 1981, he attained the job of Business Manager, a position he held until he became International Vice-President and Regional Manager for LIUNA's Northwest Region.

During his time in Alaska, Mano left his mark as a leader. On more than one occasion, Mr. Frey was recognized by the Alaska Journal of Commerce as being one of the top ten most powerful people in Alaska. He was the first and only labor leader to be given the Public Service Gold Pan Award by the Anchorage Chamber of Commerce.

For a decade, Mano Co-Chaired the premier advocacy group Arctic Power, which advocated for the opening of the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) to oil exploration. To bring significant economic development to the State of Alaska and Nation.

Leading the program, Mano oversaw the huge advocacy effort to open the nation's largest oil reserve. Legislation to open ANWR has passed the House 12 times due in no small part to the work of advocacy groups like Arctic Power and the Alaska Congressional Delegation. The bill even passed the Senate once, only to be vetoed by President Clinton soon afterwards.

But, in his own inimitable style, Mano never lost faith and continued to push for the opening of ANWR, with the knowledge that if you ever let up on your goals, you certainly will never reach them.

It was with that same determination that Mano served as the Alaska AFL-CIO's executive president from 1984 until 2003. During his tenure, Mano also had the privilege of serving on the National AFL-CIO's Executive Council. Upon his retirement from the Alaska AFL-CIO, and in recognition of all the years of hard work and dedication to the working men and women everywhere, the organization named him President Emeritus.

In 2003 Mano became a Vice President and Regional Manager for the Laborers International Union of North America. He served this organization and its members with honor. He demonstrated on numerous occasions that he not only cared about how all of the Local unions under his jurisdiction fared, but that the most important mission was the welfare and quality of life of the members and their families.

On behalf of all the working men and women of Alaska and beyond, whose lives

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you enriched and livelihood you protected, I thank and wish you a happy retirement as you transition into your next chapter in life.

KATHRYN ELLIOT WILLIAMS

**HON. MARTHA ROBY**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2012*

Mrs. ROBY. Mr. Speaker, the strength of a community is derived from leaders who contribute selfless gifts in an effort to benefit others. Service, grace, and support are namely a few of the many gifts and talents one can offer. Those who build on a foundation of service are truly the most valuable and remarkable individuals within our communities.

Kathryn Elliot Williams, my dear childhood friend, was a true servant of her community. All of those who knew Elliot were familiar with her giving nature. From a very young age, Elliot displayed a magnificent sense of eagerness to assist those around her. Described by others as "an inspiration to all," she set forth on a path to enrich others through her talents and gifts. However, a few weeks ago, Elliot lost a courageous battle with ovarian cancer.

She traveled an honorable journey for 36 years. In that time, she touched many lives through teaching, encouraging and serving. Her students, friends, neighbors and members of her church were those who benefited most. Their words describe Elliot the best:

"We honor her as a friend, wife, mother and professional and mostly a leader of Christianity."

"What a wonderful and brave woman,"

"There are so many amazing and wonderful things she accomplished for others,"

"Elliot never wavered when presented with obstacles,"

"A beautiful, kind person, she was truly an amazing woman,"

"Delightful even in the face of adversity,"

"She was honest, earnest and a true friend."

Elliot, a leader in her community and her home, stood as an example for all of those she encountered. Her actions resemble a challenge for each one of us to discover our God-given gifts and share them with everyone around us.

Elliot's husband, son and daughter, and her parents will memorialize a loving wife, mother, and daughter who shared her talents with the world. Elliot's community will remember a gentle and compassionate leader dedicated to the goodwill of others.

I honor Elliot for her ability to provide light, hope, and grace to those surrounding her. She was a community servant who rose to the challenge, lent support, and encouraged others. I thank her for her friendship and I know her life has shepherded future leaders to follow her Christ-centered example of service and goodwill.

HONORING DR. RON L. HOPPING

**HON. PETE OLSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2012*

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Dr. Ron L. Hop-

ping of Clear Lake, Texas. At the end of this month, Dr. Hopping will be installed as 91st President of the American Optometric Association (AOA) during their 115th annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois. This is a prestigious and well-deserved title for a man of great determination and success in his career of Optometry.

Dr. Hopping earned his Bachelor's degree from Southern California College of Optometry and completed his Master's degree in Public Health from the University of Texas in 1982. He is also the recipient of the President's Award for Outstanding Service from ten different state presidents and earned the distinction of Texas Optometrist of the Year in 2002. Dr. Hopping also received the Outstanding Faculty Award at the University of Houston, College of Optometry.

Among his many impressive accolades, Dr. Hopping is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry, as well as a Diplomate in Cornea and Contact Lenses. Dr. Hopping has also earned the title of Distinguished Practitioner by the National Academies of Practice in Optometry.

Dr. Hopping held several positions and served on numerous boards, including the American Optometric Association Board of Trustees. He served as a full-time faculty member with the rank of Assistant Professor at the University of Houston, College of Optometry and President of the Texas Optometric Association in 1996. Dr. Hopping also served as chair of the AOA Information and Member Services Group, and on the AOA Communications Group Advisory Committee.

Currently, Dr. Hopping is a member of the AOA Executive, Investment, Agenda and Personnel Committees. His board liaison assignments include the Meetings Center and affiliate associations in Alaska, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and Oregon. Dr. Hopping is also the liaison for the Armed Forces Optometric Society, Southern California College of Optometry and Western University of Health Science College of Optometry.

Dr. Ron L. Hopping distinguishes himself through his many contributions to his profession. His previous achievements and dedication provide the foundation for what I predict will be an extremely successful term as President of the American Optometric Association. It's a privilege to extend a heartfelt congratulation to the 91st President of the American Optometric Association, Dr. Ron L. Hopping. Thank you for enriching the lives of many through your work.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 300TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF CHATHAM

**HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING**

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 8, 2012*

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the founding of Chatham, Massachusetts, a small, quaint town that has long been synonymous with the beauty of Cape Cod.

In 1606, Samuel de Champlain was the first European to traverse the area now known as Chatham. At the time of Champlain's arrival and until William Nickerson purchased land in 1656, the area was inhabited by the

Monomoyick people. In 1664, William Nickerson settled his family in the area and eventually founded the town forty-eight years later on June 11, 1712.

The first 100 years of Chatham's recorded history indicate a struggle to establish a stable population and economy. The French and Indian Wars and the smallpox epidemic of 1760 claimed lives and money from the residents of the new town. After the Revolutionary War, however, fishing exports, whaling, ship building and salt production flourished, fueling the growth of the local economy.

By the late 1800's, the town began to benefit from the growing popularity of seaside vacationing. Wealthy vacationers and summer residents provided the basis for the new economic growth, and the popularity of this seaside haven among vacationers continued to expand throughout the 20th century. By 1950, the summer population of 5,000 greatly outnumbered 2,457 year-round residents.

Present day Chatham has continued its expansion and popularity. The small-town charm and pristine coastline have kept generations of vacationers and summer residents coming back each year.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the 300th anniversary of Chatham, Massachusetts. May this beautiful Massachusetts town flourish for many years to come.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT  
AND RELATED AGENCIES  
APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 31, 2012*

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5325) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, at its best, the Energy and Water Appropriations bill sets forth a forward-looking agenda for our national investment in ports and waterways, clean energy development, environmental reclamation, scientific innovation, the responsible management of our nuclear weapons stockpile and our ongoing commitment to nuclear non-proliferation. Unfortunately, in too many places, H.R. 5325 falls short of that forward-looking agenda.

As Ranking Member of the Budget Committee, I fully understand the need to cut federal spending. Indeed, I supported last year's Budget Control Act, which cut about \$1 trillion in federal spending over the next ten years. However, we also need to compete in clean energy, science, innovation and advanced manufacturing—and that is where this legislation misses the mark.

For example, this legislation cuts funding for clean energy and energy efficiency by \$374 million below FY 2012 and \$886 million below the President's request. The budget for the Department of Energy's Office of Science is cut \$64 million below current levels and \$167 million below the President's request. And the Advanced Research Projects Agency, or