

allow employers and insurance companies to deny women needed health coverage. But let's also take a look at their recent record on issues important to women's health.

Last year, Republicans voted to end Federal funding for Planned Parenthood, the largest provider of reproductive health services in the United States. They voted to eliminate funding for Title X family planning which, for 40 years, has provided family planning services, cancer screenings, and other preventive health services to low-income women.

And with their attempt to repeal the health care reform law, Republicans voted to allow insurance companies to, once again, deny women coverage if they've ever been pregnant, had a C-section, or been the victim of domestic violence.

Madam Speaker, Republicans' idea of Women's History Month is reenacting the women's equality fight of 100 years ago.

I call on my GOP colleagues to join us here in the 21st century, where women not only raise families, they have jobs, and they even wear pants.

CONGRATULATING BRIDGET BROWN ON RECEIVING THE 2012 SELF-ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR CHAMPION OF CHANGE AWARD

(Mrs. BIGGERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BIGGERT. Madam Speaker, hundreds of advocates from across the country traveled to Capitol Hill last week to raise awareness on behalf of the National Down Syndrome Society. Today I rise to congratulate one of those individuals, Bridget Brown, who is being honored with the 2012 Self-Advocate of the Year Champion of Change Award.

A resident of Darien, Illinois, Bridget has helped to empower and inspire thousands of others with Down Syndrome to lead full and successful lives. A role model, mentor, and national speaker, she graduated from high school in 2005 after becoming the first person with Down Syndrome to be included in her school district. She helped to promote among Illinois educators the concept of inclusion, and launched her own advocacy organization called Butterflies for Change.

I applaud Bridget for her amazing work at the local and national level to help others achieve their full potential. She has made her State and her community proud, and I wish Bridget continued success in her efforts on behalf of the more than 400,000 Americans with Down Syndrome.

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PROTECT AMERICAN MANUFACTURING

(Ms. BALDWIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 4105, a bill that would allow us to protect American manufacturing, including Wisconsin's paper industry, from unfair Chinese trade practices.

The simple fact is that China is cheating. Chinese manufacturers are not outcompeting American manufacturers. Chinese companies receive direct subsidies from their government to help them undercut American businesses. We've seen the result this has had on our manufacturing base, and in my home State of Wisconsin, particularly on our paper industry.

In the paper sector alone, China has provided more than \$33.1 billion in subsidies from 2002 to 2009 and is now the world's largest producer of paper and paper products. Hardworking American businesses in these and other sectors rely on countervailing duties to combat these illegal subsidies and help them keep their doors open.

Last month, I introduced bipartisan legislation to ensure the Department of Commerce has the legal authority to impose these countervailing duties on subsidized imports from countries like China. I am very proud to see that legislation incorporated in the larger bill before us later today, and I urge my colleagues to vote "aye."

WELCOMING ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER BENJAMIN NETANYAHU

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

Mr. YODER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to welcome Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on his visit to the United States and to reaffirm our commitment to our strongest ally, Israel.

As Prime Minister Netanyahu visits our Nation, Israel presently stands in the shadow of a threatening neighbor who is intent on producing nuclear weapons.

Israel must remain the master of its fate and be able to defend itself against Iran. Iran's nuclear program is unequivocally a threat to Israel's existence and a threat to stability throughout the whole Middle East region and throughout the whole world by way of proliferation. There is no telling who Iran may sell their enriched uranium to; but their state policy of sponsoring groups that promote terrorism, it's not hard to speculate on the dire consequences.

Madam Speaker, as we work together to combat global terrorism and those that would threaten peace, democracy, and stability in the world, we must stand strong behind our ally Israel.

WOMEN WAIT AS POLITICIANS DEBATE THEIR CARE

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I have a headline here this morning that indicates, "Women Wait as Politicians Debate Their Care."

This is not a story about accusations or calling college coeds prostitutes and, if you will, sluts and other negative words. This is about women's access to health care, and I'm sad to even say those words, but we see them broadcast across America's Federal airwaves by talk show entertainers like Rush Limbaugh. This young woman's name is Kimberly Moore, who is caught in a conflict in the State of Texas with the Women's Health Program that is funded by Medicaid and the decision of the State of Texas to evict Planned Parenthood from caring for women like Kimberly, a single mother working part time, who can't afford health care.

Between judges who want to accuse our President of dastardly things through jokes and the idea of keeping women away from access to health care, that should not resolve around their choice of contraceptives, but plain old health care, it's time for us to stand with the women of America and the decent people of America, to stand with this President, to stand with the idea of providing women health care, and to stand against those who are in States where they want to reject Planned Parenthood for simply giving health care access to women and to stand against divisive corrosive language.

AFFIRMING SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL

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

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, like many of my colleagues, I have visited the State of Israel. I have walked the streets of Jerusalem, and I have seen firsthand the beauty of its people, its culture, and its incredible history and heritage.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu reminded us of that heritage last night as he addressed a crowd of thousands, and I know he is on Capitol Hill again today sending the same message: serious threats have been made towards Israel, and Israel must take threats seriously, especially when dealing with a madman working toward a nuclear weapon.

No one wants a war in an area where world peace rests on such a delicate balance. No one wants to have to initiate unnecessary aggression. I have supported sanctions. I have supported resolutions of disapproval. I want to believe that Iran's offer today to allow U.N. weapons inspectors in means that they have nothing to hide.

If our friends in Israel decide to act, I know it will not be a decision made lightly nor without good reason. I urge my colleagues to join me in affirming our support of Israel, not just to stand behind her but to stand beside her.

NATIONAL BREAKFAST WEEK

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

Mr. COHEN. This week is National Breakfast Week, which offers an opportunity to talk about the importance of a healthy breakfast for America's children. Breakfast, as we've all heard, is the most important meal of the day. Studies have shown that breakfast can help boost a child's academic performance and can also improve classroom behavior, reduce absences and tardiness, as well as increase mental focus and physical performance. However, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, one in five children live in homes where food is not always available, making breakfast often hard to come by.

I want to commend Kellogg's, which has a cereal plant in my district, and Action for Healthy Kids for starting the Share Your Breakfast program which provides grants directly to school or school districts to help them increase participation in school breakfast programs. Our children need to receive a holistic, well-rounded education, one that includes staying active and fit and, most importantly, starts off with a healthy breakfast.

I'm off to lunch.

JUMPSTART OUR BUSINESS
STARTUPS

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

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Madam Speaker, this is going to be one of those weeks where I believe we can be proud here in the House. We're going to be moving forward with a jobs bill we've monikered Jumpstart Our Business Startups. I just had in my office a coalition from high-tech companies from Arizona, and they unanimously had a story to tell, and that was a story of the difficulty in finding capital for moving small companies, small organizations, these organizations that are creating jobs.

I'm particularly blessed this week to have multiple bills in the package. One is the Small Company Capital Formation bill, a Private Company Flexibility and Growth Act of the six bills that are coming.

I'm proud of the House. I look forward to these bills moving forward.

REMEMBERING THE HON. DONALD
PAYNE

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

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I would like to speak about my dear friend and colleague, DONALD PAYNE, who passed away this morning. I saw him on Saturday for the last time, and I can't think of anybody who in this

House has been closer to me and someone who made it so much better for us to be in Congress, not only for all of us as colleagues but also for the rest of the world.

DONALD always made me smile. DONALD was a very serious person who cared so much about his constituents in Norwich and the rest of the towns that he represented in New Jersey and really reached out to the rest of the world. He was always looking out for the concerns of the poor and the disadvantaged and the people in need, whether it was their health care or whether they had adequate food or housing.

But I think more than anything else, I remember his smile. He would always be happy. He would always have a joke to say; and, frankly, in dealing with all the serious issues that he dealt with and he cared so much about, both here at home, as well as overseas, it was always nice to have someone that you could call a friend, that you could confide in, that you could talk to about your own problems as well, but always with that smile, always with that joke, always with the ability to say, FRANK, you know, let's not take ourselves too seriously, even though we have a lot of serious work to do.

I will sorely miss him. I don't think there will be anybody who can replace him, and I just want to reach out to his family and his friends back at home today and express my sympathy to all of them for such a wonderful person that you were able to share some time with here.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Would the gentleman yield for just a moment?

Mr. PALLONE. I yield to the gentlewoman.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Just one simple statement. I couldn't leave the floor.

Just to express our love and affection for DON PAYNE and just to say that he saved lives because he intruded in places like Africa and Sudan, in Africa and many other places. He saved lives because of his compassion for people, his fight for human rights, and his fight for peace.

Mr. PALLONE. Thank you.

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REMEMBERING THE ALAMO

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

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, 176 years ago, the Alamo fell. Every Texan fighting for independence was either killed or executed. I would like to read a portion of the last letter sent from the Alamo by its commander:

Fellow citizens and compatriots, I am besieged by 1,000 or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna. I have sustained a continual bombardment and cannonade for 24 hours and have not lost a man. The enemy has demanded a surrender at discretion. Otherwise, the garrison are to be put to the sword . . .

I have answered the demand with a cannon shot, and our flag still waves proudly from the walls. I shall never surrender or retreat . . . Victory or death.

Signed, William Barret Travis, Lieutenant Colonel Commander at the Alamo.

Remember the Alamo. God bless Texas.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of Michigan). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on the motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Any record vote on the postponed question will be taken later.

APPLYING COUNTERVAILING DUTY
PROVISIONS TO NONMARKET
ECONOMY COUNTRIES

Mr. CAMP. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4105) to apply the countervailing duty provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 to nonmarket economy countries, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4105

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. APPLICATION OF COUNTERVAILING
DUTY PROVISIONS TO NONMARKET
ECONOMY COUNTRIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 701 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(f) APPLICABILITY TO PROCEEDINGS INVOLVING NONMARKET ECONOMY COUNTRIES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the merchandise on which countervailing duties shall be imposed under subsection (a) includes a class or kind of merchandise imported, or sold (or likely to be sold) for importation, into the United States from a nonmarket economy country.

“(2) EXCEPTION.—A countervailing duty is not required to be imposed under subsection (a) on a class or kind of merchandise imported, or sold (or likely to be sold) for importation, into the United States from a nonmarket economy country if the administering authority is unable to identify and measure subsidies provided by the government of the nonmarket economy country or a public entity within the territory of the nonmarket economy country because the economy of that country is essentially comprised of a single entity.”.

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsection (f) of section 701 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as added by subsection (a) of this section, applies to—

(1) all proceedings initiated under subtitle A of title VII of that Act (19 U.S.C. 1671 et seq.) on or after November 20, 2006;

(2) all resulting actions by U.S. Customs and Border Protection; and

(3) all civil actions, criminal proceedings, and other proceedings before a Federal court relating to proceedings referred to in paragraph (1) or actions referred to in paragraph (2).