

THE JOURNAL

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

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

Mr. MILLER of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. MILLER of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. SLAUGHTER 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.

CONGRATULATING MONICA KAUFMAN

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Madam Speaker, great communities are made up of wonderful people, and Atlanta is a great community.

Monica Kaufman has been an integral champion in making Atlanta a great community. For nearly 40 years, she's been an anchor on WSB TV in Atlanta. Now, sadly, she's retiring.

From her warm smile, to her anxiously anticipated hair style, to her passion and her warmth for our beloved metro Atlanta, we all love Monica Kaufman. What a great champion of goodwill, southern charm, and spirit she has been.

And for all the wonderful work she's given to our region and our State and our Nation, Monica, we love you, and we wish you Godspeed in your future activities and your future happiness.

HAZING HEARING

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

Ms. CHU. A year ago, on April 3, on a Marine base in Afghanistan, Harry Lew was the victim of hazing. He was punched and kicked by his peers as they poured the contents of a sandbag over his face and mouth. This physical torture and hazing lasted a full 3 hours and 20 minutes. Twenty-two minutes after his abusers stopped, Harry killed himself. He was my nephew.

The perpetrators were let off with virtually no punishment. That is why, for months after his death, I have been calling for congressional hearings to look into the prevalence of hazing in the military. The military must implement a zero tolerance policy and must change the culture of hazing that is not only accepted but encouraged.

Tomorrow, almost on the anniversary of his needless and avoidable death, Congress will act. I urge all of you to watch online the Armed Services Committee hearing on hazing in the military.

We can and we must hold the military accountable so no one will ever again have to go through what Harry endured.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE C-130S GONE?

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, the gulf coast is known for its whip-whirling tropical storms, devastating hurricanes, wildfires, and floods; and whenever such storms hit, C-130 aircraft sweep in from Fort Worth, Texas, at a moment's notice. They bring lifesaving supplies and cargo to rescue civilians. The C-130s have carried out 423 gulf storm response missions, evacuated 300 storm victims, and transported over 900 tons of emergency supplies to the gulf region alone.

But, Madam Speaker, for some reason, the Air Force wants to remove the C-130s from Texas and send them to Montana. Madam Speaker, when is the last time you heard of a hurricane in Montana?

The expensive, unwise transfer of the C-130s would cost taxpayers \$100 million.

The C-130s have come to the rescue in Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Ike, and Gustav. When I served in a C-130 unit at Houston's Ellington Field in the seventies, I came to know how efficient these aircraft are. That's why they are nicknamed the "Hercules."

Keep these lifesaving planes in the gulf where they are needed. Don't send them to Montana.

And that's just the way it is.

COMMEMORATING THE 51ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE PEACE CORPS

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate the 51st anniversary of the United States Peace Corps.

Since its founding in 1961, the Peace Corps has sent 200,000 American men and women to serve in 139 countries. Among the 9,000 serving around the world today are residents of Rhode Island's First Congressional District: Sara Chace, Jenna de St. Jorre, Andrew Egan, Frank Hoder, Daniel Malin, Peter Pagonis, and Daniel Restivo.

Peace Corps volunteers create new opportunities, expand development, and encourage progress around the world. Year after year, these selfless men and women immerse themselves in the day-to-day life of a developing nation, connect with local residents, and work with them to share information. With the implementation of new policies this year for the Peace Corps Response program, even more volunteers will be eligible to help those most in need.

I applaud the Peace Corps for its accomplishments, and offer my thanks to the dedicated volunteers that make it so successful, and I thank them for the difference they're making in the world.

TRUE COSTS OF OBAMACARE ARE EXPOSED

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, during the President's effort to lobby for the government takeover of health care, he promised the American people his proposal would cost \$940 billion and "won't add a dime to the deficit and is paid for upfront."

The Washington Examiner editorialized last week the President "knew the funny numbers his administration was putting out," but delivered a speech with blunders anyway.

Last week, the Congressional Budget Office released a report stating that ObamaCare will cost \$1.76 trillion, a figure almost double the initial price tag that he promised.

Based on these reports, it is clear that the false claims are being exposed. House Republicans have already voted to repeal the unconstitutional government takeover of health care, which the NFIB has said it will destroy 1.6 million jobs. The Senate now needs to vote.

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

WOMEN'S HEALTH WEDNESDAY: AFFORDABLE CARE ACT'S BENEFITS FOR WOMEN

(Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, for decades, women in this country have unfairly borne the burden of excessive health care costs. Fortunately, through the Affordable Care Act, millions of women no longer have to worry about going bankrupt if they get sick.

The Affordable Care Act ensures that being a woman will no longer be treated as a preexisting condition. The Affordable Care Act bans insurance companies from requiring women to obtain a referral for access to necessary OB/GYN care and bans insurance companies from dropping women when they get sick or pregnant.

Despite these accomplishments in women's health, the war on women continues in Texas. Governor Perry's political decision to forgo nearly \$40 million in Federal funding for the Texas Medicaid Women's Health Program will leave 130,000 women without access to preventative health services.

Despite these obstacles, I will continue to fight for the increased access to quality health care for women in Texas.

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PROTECTING ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE ACT

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

Mr. BASS of New Hampshire. Madam Speaker, today the Congress will take up H.R. 5, Protecting Access to Healthcare Act. Amongst other things, this bill will repeal the Independent Payment Advisory Board, one of the many ill-conceived provisions that was part of the so-called Affordable Care Act. This independent advisory board basically has charged 15 unelected individuals with making decisions about what's covered for both patients below the age of 65 and Medicare recipients. It is the Affordable Care Act's way of reducing costs, i.e., telling doctors and patients what they can do and what they can't do. Fifteen unelected bureaucrats in Washington, D.C., are going to tell you what you can do. They stand ahead of you and your doctor.

Now, this bill did not make it to the floor last year. It will make it to the floor this year with bipartisan support. It costs \$3.1 billion, which is made up with a tort law reform provision which has been added. But that shows that \$3.1 billion is what's saved by denying Americans access to health care that they've purchased or that they deserve. Join me in repealing the Independent Payment Advisory Board.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Mr. HOYER. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from New York for yielding time. I'm proud to stand with her and with other Democratic Members in support of women's access to comprehensive, affordable health care, access that was greatly expanded by the Affordable Care Act which passed 2 years ago this week and which my Republican colleagues want to repeal.

Thanks to health care reform, over 13 million previously uninsured women will gain access to health insurance. Thanks to health reform, insurance companies will no longer be allowed to discriminate against women by charging them higher premiums than men for the same exact policy or by denying them coverage altogether simply because they are women. Thanks to health care reform, millions of women with private insurance will no longer have to pay for preventive services like mammograms, cervical cancer screening, contraception, and a host of other services.

As a dad of three daughters, as a grandfather of two granddaughters, and as a great grandfather of one great granddaughter, I am glad we did that. And thanks to the Affordable Care Act, preventive services are already free for Medicare beneficiaries.

If I had the time, I'd say the other benefits of this bill that we ought to keep, and I will not join my friend from New Hampshire in trying to repeal a provision of this act.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MONICA PEARSON

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

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. I rise today to give a tribute to a friend, a television broadcast icon, the talented and eloquent Monica Kaufman Pearson.

In 1975, Monica became the first African American, in fact, the first female, to anchor a daily evening newscast in Atlantic. Years later, it was revealed that she beat out Jane Pauley and Oprah Winfrey for the coveted position. And just like these high-profile women, Monica has risen to achieve extraordinary success.

For her diligent reporting and superb storytelling, she has won 30 Emmy Awards and numerous honors. However, Monica does not simply report the evening news. I can confidently say that she is one of Georgia's finest. Throughout the years, she has lent her voice to efforts and charitable causes within her community, living out her motto: It's what you do with what you have that makes you what you are.

On behalf of the United States Congress, it is my privilege to honor Amer-

ica's and Atlanta's top news leader, Monica Kaufman Pearson, for her outstanding career and significant contributions to broadcast journalism.

We love you, Monica, and we'll miss you. God bless you.

THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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

Mr. MILLER of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to support the provisions in the Affordable Care Act that close the gender gap in health care. Beginning in 2014, health insurers cannot charge women more just because of their gender. Health insurers cannot deny coverage because of preexisting conditions like having survived cancer or having been pregnant or having been a victim of domestic violence, a condition that is almost as disproportionately experienced by women as pregnancy. And health care will have to cover preventive services like mammograms, screening for cervical cancer and, yes, contraception.

Republicans in Congress are trying to block these and other reforms so that health insurers or employers or Members of Congress can make women's health and reproduction decisions rather than trust those decisions to women. Madam Speaker, women can make those decisions. They really don't need help from insurers or employers or politicians or radio talk-show hosts. Women want to make those important personal decisions for themselves, and they should.

PROTECTING ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE ACT

(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, I rise to speak in strong support of H.R. 5, the PATH Act, which will fix two of the worst problems with ObamaCare. It repeals the Independent Payment Advisory Board, a group of 15 bureaucrats who will ration health care for seniors on Medicare.

H.R. 5 enacts medical liability reform. Each year, one-fourth of America's doctors are hit with lawsuits, and 90 percent of them are later found innocent. These frivolous lawsuits drive up costs and limit patients' time with their doctors. In 2003, my home State of Texas enacted liability reforms, bringing more than 14,000 new physicians to the Lone Star State. Many of these doctors moved to rural areas, filling a critical gap in care.

Madam Speaker, these reforms have lowered costs and increased access to care in Texas and will do the same for America. I urge my colleagues to listen to the American people and support H.R. 5.