

As we speak, the injured are recovering at San Francisco General Hospital, the source of pride to us in San Francisco. It is a major trauma center. And if you have to go to a trauma center, San Francisco General is the gold standard.

UCSF Medical Center, Stanford Hospital and Clinics, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, St. Francis Memorial Hospital, St. Francis Medical Center, California Pacific Medical Center.

The swift and fearless response of each of the men and women who responded—each of these are heroes—saved the lives of many on the Asiana flight. Their actions are a hallmark of their professions and a testimony to the strength and selflessness that defines the San Francisco Bay Area.

The story of Asiana Flight 214 is not over. Long after the news of the tragedy fades from the front pages and nightly news reports, the National Transportation Safety Board will continue to investigate what happened, and we will all work to ensure that it never happens again.

I want to particularly commend the Board and Chairwoman Deborah Hersman for being on the scene immediately with an investigative team in the most professional, thorough manner.

We will continue to work with the Federal Aviation Administration and San Francisco International Airport to ensure that our planes are secure, our passengers are safe, our U.S. aviation remains the safest way to travel.

It's been decades since we had any incident at the San Francisco airport. I can't remember any.

We will honor the acts of the first responders, the flight crew, the flight crew, the flight crew—weren't they magnificent, weren't they all—the traffic controllers, the hospital staffs.

We will remember those lost in the tragedy and will do what we can to always ensure the safety and security of all travelers in America.

Again, our prayers are with those who suffered through that tragedy and the trauma that many experienced that is beyond physical but, hopefully, comforted by the prayers and interest of others.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 35 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Stir our spirits, O Lord, that we may praise You with full attention and be wholehearted in all the tasks You set before us this day.

We ask Your blessing upon our Muslim brothers and sisters as they begin observation of the holy month of Ramadan. May their dedication to You as You have revealed Yourself to them, and their commitment to grow in relationship to You, redound to the benefit of our Nation.

Bless the Members of this people's House with wisdom this day. As they continue the work of this assembly, guide them to grow in understanding in attaining solutions to our Nation's needs that are imbued with truth and justice.

May all that is done here this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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.

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

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal. The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GUTHRIE 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

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

HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, the Obama administration last week announced that it would delay until 2015 the employer health mandate, a crucial provision of its signature health care law. This is of questionable legality.

Days after that announced delay, the White House said that it would roll back requirements for new State online insurance marketplaces to verify the income and health coverage status of people who apply for subsidized coverage.

And this week it was reported that the Obama administration has quietly notified insurers that a computer system glitch will limit penalties that the law says companies may charge smokers.

These disclosures underscore the fact that ObamaCare is unaffordable, unworkable, and isn't what the American people were promised. It is time for President Obama to work with House Republicans to repeal the Affordable Care Act and replace it with effective, commonsense reforms that actually lower health care costs for working families and small businesses while protecting jobs and our economy.

STUDENT LOAN RATES

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because every American deserves access to an affordable education. Unfortunately, high costs keep too many students from realizing this dream. Last Monday, the interest rates on subsidized student loans doubled to 6.8 percent. We have the ability to fix this, and the time to act is now.

This week, the Senate will vote on a plan to lower interest rates to 3.4 percent for another year. Authored by my friend and colleague from Rhode Island, Senator JACK REED, this bill is a commonsense solution to another self-imposed crisis. I realize, as does my colleague from Rhode Island (Mr. CICILLINE), that over 40,000 Rhode Island students receive subsidized Stafford loans and will soon be making financial decisions for the upcoming school year.

If education is truly the great equalizer, if it's the thing that's going to help our students achieve their own path to success and truly grow our economy, then how can we justify making it less accessible to the most economically disadvantaged?

Mr. Speaker, we must act today to help students access higher education. I urge the Senate to pass this bill and the House to take it up without delay.

IRS IS AN AGENCY OUT OF CONTROL

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

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, after spending the past week meeting constituents across my district, I come to

the floor to remind my colleagues that the American people are incensed over the unwarranted targeting and mistreatment by the IRS.

Without the administration's help, the House has done its due diligence to get to the bottom of this issue, but it seems as though a new scandal comes to light every day. Most recently, we learned about the purchase of wine, romance novels, and even illicit material on IRS credit cards. Add lavish conferences, improper contracting practices, singling out of adoptive families, and, of course, the systematic targeting of conservative and religious groups, it is apparent that the IRS is an agency out of control.

Mr. Speaker, the Fourth of July causes our entire Nation to pause and reflect on the vision of liberty our Founders valued when they declared our independence. Liberty is jeopardized when Federal agencies abuse the trust granted by the people. It must end, and the administration and the IRS must show Congress and the American people that it will never happen again.

REPLACE SEQUESTRATION

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, Washington's failure to replace sequestration is imposing real penalties on families all across our country. This week, in my home State of Rhode Island, more than 3,000 civilian Department of Defense employees at the Naval Undersea Warfare Center and the U.S. Naval War College were furloughed, imposing the equivalent of a roughly 20 percent pay cut through the end of the fiscal year. And it doesn't stop there.

Sequestration is expected to cost the American economy 750,000 jobs this year alone, according to the Congressional Budget Office. Americans have had enough of dysfunction, gridlock, and political posturing between Republicans and Democrats in Washington. It's time for Congress to start getting things done for working families, and that's why I'm calling on the House Republican leadership to immediately bring H.R. 2060 to the House floor for an up-or-down vote so we can replace sequestration with smart, targeted spending cuts and new sources of revenue by eliminating subsidies for big oil companies and closing tax loopholes for corporations that ship American jobs overseas, commonsense solutions that all of us in this Chamber should agree on.

REPEAL AND REPLACE OBAMACARE

(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. Mr. Speaker, according to a recent editorial in the Washington Times:

The promise of ObamaCare was that it would make health insurance both universal and affordable.

It was obvious from the beginning that President Obama's scheme, a fantasy of politics and palaver, wouldn't work. The folly of the health care takeover becomes ever more clear with the appearance of the markers for implementation. Robust economic growth is crucial, and ObamaCare threatens to make a bad economy much worse. Congress must listen to the whistle of that speeding train bearing down on us and step on the brakes and avoid the wreck while there's still time to come.

The wheeling and dealing of the dishonest ObamaCare campaign has finally caught up with the President. Delaying the employer mandate while still requiring individuals to comply with the government health care takeover bill is wrong and will place a burden on American families. We must repeal ObamaCare in its entirety and replace it with a plan to preserve the doctor-patient relationship before this unworkable law destroys more jobs.

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

SECURITY AT OUR PORTS

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

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, as a representative of our Nation's busiest port complex and the cofounder and cochair of the Ports Caucus, I understand the unique security challenges that ports pose to our economic and national security. Ports are a crucial piece of our economy, and a potential attack or disruption to trade operations could have a disastrous impact on the American economy.

Last week, the Brookings Institution released a study highlighting troubling cybersecurity weaknesses at our Nation's ports, an all too often overlooked area of infrastructure vulnerability.

We need to do better and finally take a comprehensive examination of the security of our Nation's ports facilities and develop a plan to address any gaps or vulnerabilities.

This is why I urge my colleagues to support the GAPS Act, my legislation that directs the Department of Homeland Security to conduct a comprehensive classified study of potential gaps in port security and prepare a plan to address them. After all, think tanks aren't the only ones looking for security weaknesses at our ports.

STOP OBAMACARE

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

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, just last week the administration chose to delay implementation of the employer mandate by 1 year. While this delay grants

business owners more time to determine their options, it is not the repeal that we need.

The House majority leadership sent a letter to President Obama today asking him to explain what prompted a delay in the employer mandate. The American people—families like yours and mine—are left wondering what led to this decision and why the individual mandate, which will be just as costly, remains in place. I join my colleagues in requesting this vital information.

The requirements of the health care law have always left more questions than answers. I continue to hear from Kentuckians who wonder if they will lose their coverage, be forced to choose different providers, or be saddled with enormous new costs. ObamaCare continues to be the train wreck that will destroy jobs, and we have to stop it.

SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS ACT

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

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to legislation I'm reintroducing, the School-Based Health Centers Act.

My bill is simple and straightforward. It reauthorizes the only source of Federal support dedicated to the operations of school-based health centers. These centers provide vital, preventive, and primary health services to over 2 million students nationwide. They are often the only source of health care for children and adolescents, and they are easily accessible, keeping students healthy, in school, and learning.

Yet, in the current economic climate, many of the nearly 2,000 centers are at risk of cutting services, jobs, or even closing. That's why I've reintroduced legislation to ensure that these important health centers not only remain open, but can expand to serve even more students.

Students deserve reliable access to quality comprehensive health care services, and at school-based health centers, they can find one of the best ways to do just that.

I strongly urge my colleagues to join me in cosponsoring the School-Based Health Centers bill.

COLLECTION AND USE OF DATA

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

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, earlier today the Financial Services Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's widespread collection and use of data.

At this time, Washington is flooded with scandals over mass surveillance and political targeting. Over the past