

The President did say: If you like your plan, you can keep your plan, but he simultaneously championed a law that replaced custom care with cookie-cutter care.

Millions are being booted from their health plans as a result.

SUPERSTORM SANDY 1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, 1 year ago today, New York City and the entire eastern seaboard were ravaged by Superstorm Sandy. Entire communities were shattered, families were torn apart, and lives were lost.

In New York City, the water level was so high it was covering cars. The Nation's largest and busiest mass transit system closed down for the first time in a century; 8½ million people lost their power and some still do not have it returned; and 125 Americans lost their lives.

The gratitude I feel for all those who helped their friends and neighbors is hard to express. There were a great number of heroes and heroines, and we sorely needed them.

On the Federal level, with the support of this body, FEMA has approved over \$3.2 billion in funding for emergency work and over \$1.4 billion in assistance to over 182,000 survivors. The Small Business Administration has approved \$2.4 billion in low-interest loans. The National Flood Insurance Program has provided more than \$7.9 billion to policyholders.

I would like to thank all of my colleagues and all those who stepped up to help during these difficult times. New York and others are deeply grateful.

OBAMACARE ROLLOUT III

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

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, over and over and over again, the President told the American people: If you like your health plan, you can keep it.

If that were true, why then is Kaiser Health News reporting that "health plans are sending hundreds of thousands of cancellation letters to people who buy their own coverage"? The Kaiser report goes on to say that some consumers are now being forced to "buy more costly policies."

If folks turn to the government for help—if they go to healthcare.gov—they will be met with so many bugs and glitches as to make signing up almost impossible.

Mr. Speaker, this is simply not fair. Nor is it fair that the President wants to find people who can't sign up using his own faulty Web site.

House Republicans want to promote fair solutions that create more jobs for all Americans. That is how we are going to get our economy growing.

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA, LAS VEGAS

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

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, the annual Battle for Nevada between the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and the University of Nevada, Reno, is not just a football game played once a year; it is a time-honored tradition that reflects the best of Nevada's sports rivalries. The victor not only wins bragging rights for a year, but also the coveted Fremont Cannon, which is painted in the winning school's colors.

For 8 long years, Reno has claimed these spoils. But this past Saturday, after a great game between Nevada's two outstanding universities, UNLV celebrated its first victory against the Wolf Pack since 2004 and the long-anticipated return of Fremont Cannon to Las Vegas.

Congratulations to UNLV's coach, Bobby Hauck, and all the Rebels for their 27-22 victory against UNR. You have made southern Nevada proud.

As part of a friendly wager placed on the game and in honor of Make a Difference Day, my colleague, MARK AMODEI from Nevada's Second District, and I will be performing a community service project wearing Rebels red.

Go Rebels.

SUPERSTORM SANDY 1-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

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

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, as a Member of the House Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, I rise today to recognize the 1-year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy and remember those who tragically lost their lives, as well as those continuing to rebuild from that destruction.

In the year since Superstorm Sandy ravaged the east coast, communities across the Nation have suffered through new extreme droughts, storms, wildfires, and flooding.

My home State of Hawaii is incredibly vulnerable to the effects of climate change. As you can imagine, a sea level rise is a real threat and concern for us. Earlier this year, Honolulu joined more than 70 other U.S. communities asking for the President to cut greenhouse gas emissions that are driving climate change and increasing Hawaii's risk of extreme weather events and sea level rise.

When I was in the Hawaii Legislature, I am proud to say that we passed a bill, and were one of the first States, to address the greenhouse gas emissions.

As we reflect on this somber anniversary, I remain committed to ensuring the people of Hawaii have the resources to prepare, respond, and recover from devastation. We must all remember it is climate change.

OBAMACARE

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

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I hope that the American people have fully understood what has been going on here for the last 6 weeks.

The Republicans offered what? The Republicans offered to delay ObamaCare as a compromise position in order to have the continuing resolution to keep our government going. That compromise was rejected. We were called all kinds of names, and then we were told we were the ones that closed down government.

Take a look at what has happened. ObamaCare, this disaster that is taking place, the glitches, all of the problems, we know now ObamaCare wasn't even ready. The President and the country needed the extra time in order to perfect ObamaCare, but he would rather have closed it down—our government—rather than reach a compromise with the House of Representatives.

That is what this is all about. We had arrogance on the part of our Chief Executive unwilling to negotiate with the House. What was the House offering? Time to delay ObamaCare so it could work.

Now the American people have not only suffered a closure, but now are suffering from an ObamaCare that is not ready to be launched.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind Members to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

CONGRATULATING ASTRONAUT RICK MASTRACCHIO

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

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations and support to Astronaut Rick Mastracchio of NASA's best and brightest and a proud son of Waterbury, Connecticut.

Astronaut Mastracchio and two colleagues will launch on a mission to the International Space Station on November 6, bringing along a package of trackable geocaching tags from Waterbury Elementary students.

He will spend 6 months on the ISS, conduct several hundred experiments, and return to Earth in May.

Astronaut Mastracchio attended Crosby High School and received his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering and computer science from the University of Connecticut.

He is a veteran of three space flights, having logged nearly 40 days in space.

He continues to be an inspiration for students back home in Connecticut and around the world.

We wish him the best of luck and a safe journey.

OBAMACARE ROLLOUT I

(Mr. CONAWAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, just how unworkable is the Affordable Care Act, or the “Unaffordable Care Act,” as I am often corrected back home in District 11?

Let’s take a look at some recent headlines about the launch of the new Web site:

The Orlando Sentinel called it a “hit-or-miss proposition.”

CNN said:

Americans are still having a tough time.

Wow, what an understatement.

Yes, we all know about how the ObamaCare Web site—built with taxpayer dollars—is riddled with glitches.

But is a bad Web site the only problem Americans face? Not by a long shot.

How about those premiums that are shooting up all over America for affordable health care?

Last month’s mediocre jobs reports show our economy is still struggling, and higher insurance costs will not help hardworking Americans solve those problems.

This is not what we were promised, but it is exactly what we are getting under the Unaffordable Care Act.

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CONGRATULATING LINDENWOOD UNIVERSITY-BELLEVILLE ON 10TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. ENYART. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the 10th anniversary of Lindenwood University’s campus in Belleville, Illinois.

On November 3, 2003, Lindenwood acquired the 22-acre site at the old Belleville West High School. Fifty-two students enrolled in evening classes that semester. In the decade since, Lindenwood University-Belleville has grown into a strong and vibrant institution that contributes much to the richness of Belleville and to the higher education choices of southern Illinois. Today, Lindenwood has over 1,000 full-time students enrolled in a wide range of academic programs, with hundreds more in graduate, continuing education, and specialized programs.

This past spring, I had the high honor of addressing graduates at Lindenwood’s first commencement exercises. I quoted Lindenwood University’s mission statement to provide programs “leading to the development of the whole person—an educated, responsible citizen of a global community.”

In its first decade, Lindenwood has done just that. I congratulate Lindenwood University-Belleville on its 10th anniversary and wish the entire campus community much continued success.

OBAMACARE ROLLOUT

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, more and more news continues to come to light about the poor workmanship that went into the Obama administration’s Web site for ObamaCare. It is a problem and it is a mistake, and Americans are dealing with it all across America. The Associated Press reports that folks in the administration “saw red flags for months,” and The Washington Post said that bureaucrats insisted on plowing ahead despite this known failure that would lie ahead.

So, Mr. Speaker, we would ask a question: Why are the American people going to be required to be in a health care system other than the one that they chose? And the answer is because President Obama and Democrats passed a law years ago that is something that the American people do not want and were misled into. Premiums are skyrocketing, and some insurers are kicking people off their plan that they were on entirely.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans have a plan for the future, and it allows people to have their own doctor, their own insurance company, and to make their own decisions.

CLIMATE CHANGE

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

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Sustainable Energy and Environmental Coalition, I rise today to recognize the 1-year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy and remember those who tragically lost their lives as well as those continuing to rebuild from the destruction.

My constituents in Colorado understand the pain that comes with extreme weather events, having recently suffered from devastating and historic flooding and fires. The flooding killed nine people, damaged or destroyed almost 18,000 homes and businesses across the State, damage to our roads and bridges is estimated to be \$450 million, and our cities and counties saw over \$170 million in infrastructure damage.

Yet floods were not the only severe weather events in Colorado this year. Numerous wildfires and droughts damaged and destroyed property and crops and took lives.

I applaud the President for putting forth his climate action plan in an effort to implement meaningful policies that are slowing the effects of climate change. Congress should take further action to minimize the impacts of these natural disasters and to better understand our weather patterns.

We will and we must work together to rebuild stronger and smarter to better prepare for future natural disasters that are becoming all too common be-

cause of the real impacts of climate change.

LET THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT WORK FOR FAMILIES

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

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I want to share a letter I received from a constituent of mine named Mary Ann from Milford, Connecticut. She is suffering from cancer, and she wrote to me during the recent Republican government shutdown. She wrote:

I’m attaching a picture I snapped of the statement I received from my insurance company regarding my chemotherapy treatment of the month of July, which was one treatment.

Over \$110,000.

I’m grateful I have insurance right now, but it’s COBRA. It is expensive, and it runs out in 18 months. If the Affordable Care Act is not in place in 18 months, I will never be able to get insurance or treatment.

This is real for me. It is life or death for me, and I am grateful that President Obama is not willing to negotiate with my life as this Nation is held hostage by political terrorists.

Mr. Speaker, I receive calls and letters like this every single week. The Affordable Care Act is already making a profound difference for individuals and their families. Those on the other side of the aisle who talk about it is not necessary, they have health insurance. They have it.

Why is it that this body goes on to say “no” to health insurance for millions of Americans who are out there? This body needs to stop partisan political games and let the Affordable Care Act work for families. It is a matter of life or death.

CLIMATE CHANGE

(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, as a member of the House Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, I rise today to recognize the 1-year anniversary of Superstorm Sandy and to remember those who tragically lost their lives, their homes, and so much of the communities that they knew.

The storm’s crippling impacts still persist up and down the east coast. While we cannot blame climate change for any one event, all of these natural disasters taken together are undeniable evidence of a looming man-made disaster.

My constituents in California are also struggling to deal with climate change. In my State, 12 of the 20 most damaging wildfires occurred in the last 10 years, and crops have been decimated due to rising temperatures and water scarcity.

We need to ask ourselves: What have we learned from Sandy? What have we