

We need to fix a broken immigration system. I know the leader believes that as well. We need to invest in growing our country, to get rid of the sequester because the sequester is going to hurt our country. And, frankly, I think the leader agrees on that. We may not agree on how to do it, but I think he agrees on the objective.

So, Madam Speaker, on all of those, we ought to be giving our best efforts, not in a partisan way, but in a bipartisan way, as Americans, not as Democrats and Republicans.

Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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Mr. CANTOR. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next, when it shall convene at noon for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislation business.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. WALORSKI). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia? There was no objection.

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

Mr. REED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the effort that we took today, this afternoon, in this Chamber with the passage of the Keep Your Health Plan Act. This act honors a promise that the President made to all of America, you can keep your health care if you want, and that is what we did today.

I have been hearing, Madam Speaker, from constituents all over western New York, in my district. Two, in particular, I spoke to yesterday. One, from Ithaca, New York, after meeting with a navigator as a small business owner, trying to get health insurance because he received a cancellation notice that they were going to lose their insurance this January 1, told me that he decided to forego health insurance next year because of the cost associated with it.

I talked to a young man from Bath, New York, who told me, My employer just notified me that my hours are going to be cut from 35 hours a week down to 25 hours, and he didn't even receive health insurance from that individual, but yet was told it was because of ObamaCare, and they would need to put him under a part-time status and lose those hours of work. Well, those hours of work are real dollars out of his pocket and his family's pocket.

I applaud the bipartisan effort we did today. Thirty-nine Democrats joined us on this side to allow Americans to keep their health care.

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MAFFEI. Madam Speaker, it is my pleasure to rise today to congratulate Nina Davaluri on winning the 2014 Miss America competition, and to proclaim our welcoming her back to central New York for her homecoming celebration this weekend.

I had the privilege of meeting Nina when she was Ms. Syracuse, and I can tell you that she will be a different kind of Miss America. She graduated from Fayetteville-Manlius High School and then went on to the University of Michigan, where she earned a degree in brain behavior and cognitive science. She was an exemplary student and, during her time in college, made the Dean's List and won several scholastic awards.

She is also very involved in the community. She is talented and driven and civic-minded, and she believes in empowering women around the world through education and opportunity, and that is what she has been doing as Miss America.

She has also already broken down barriers and changed the face of the Miss America competition as the first Indian American woman to be crowned Miss America.

Madam Speaker, I would ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating Nina Davaluri on her victory at the 2014 Miss America competition and wish her the best of success in all her future endeavors.

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to voice the concerns of a small business in Pennsylvania's Fifth Congressional District, whose economic security is in jeopardy due to the Affordable Care Act.

The is the story of a sixth-generation, family-run business that has been marginally profitable over the years. The business has grown through tough times, while staying committed to always providing health care insurance through policies that allow their employees the choice and the flexibility to have the doctor that they want.

Since the ACA has taken effect, this business is now facing drastic increases in costs, which threaten their profitability and, in turn, this threatens jobs in our community.

The President has offered the American public little assurance that he can save the plans, plans that he originally said we could keep. The public doesn't need another press conference or PR fix. They need real solutions moving forward.

I commend my 39 Democratic colleagues on the other side of the aisle who joined us in passing the Keep Your

Health Plan Act today. These Members realize there needs to be accountability in government. The American people deserve as much.

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

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, it is past time for this Congress to work together to improve the Affordable Care Act. This law can be improved, but it is also helping people throughout this country and in my home State of Nevada.

One example that I would like to share with you today is that of Michelle, a constituent from Pahrump, Nevada. Michelle enrolled in a plan on the exchange that will save her \$200 per month and allow her access to OB-GYN services closer to home. She called her enrollment in the program an overwhelmingly positive experience.

Michelle is currently on a HIPAA-guaranteed plan that costs her \$565 a month. If she gets sick and needs an urgent visit, mammogram or other OB-GYN services, she has to drive to Las Vegas from Pahrump.

After enrolling in the Affordable Care Act, she will save more than \$200 a month and have access to local urgent visit and OB-GYN services in Pahrump.

Madam Speaker, now is not the time to turn back the clock or leave constituents like Michelle behind. If Republicans are successful in defunding or even delaying the Affordable Care Act, Michelle will lack insurance. She will have to go back to the predatory plan that offered her no real coverage and costs even more.

I ask my colleagues on the other side, let's work together to make the Affordable Care Act work for the American people.

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

Mr. ROKITA. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of International 15q Day.

Now, what is International 15q Day? It is a day to raise awareness of the similarities between Angelman, Prader-Willi, and Chromosome 15q Duplication syndromes. All three are genetic disorders originating in the 15th chromosome.

My offices are supporting these efforts today to shine a light on those that suffer from these disorders. These disorders are so rare that they do not get the attention or dedication to research that many other diseases and disorders do.

My son, Teddy, now almost 6 years old, was diagnosed with Angelman syndrome in early 2010. Angelman significantly impairs his capacity for motor

development and severely inhibits his intellectual development. In addition to that, it is likely he will never speak.

But through his challenges, he is such an inspiration to everyone he meets. We do not know what Teddy's ultimate impact on the world will be, but we know it, and those of these other children, will be great.

My wife, Kathy and I, are so humbled by the support of our family and friends, including my staff, who, in all of our offices today, are wearing blue to recognize International 15q Day for Teddy, his fellow angels, and all those affected by these disorders.

Madam Speaker, I encourage all Americans to learn more about these disorders by visiting www.angelman.org.

OBAMACARE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, I won't take long.

I got this email from a constituent that, on Tuesday of last week, my 89-year old mother-in-law fell and broke her hip. Her doctor gave her only a 50 percent chance of survival, but survive she did. He, the doctor, stated after the operation that she was lucky that it happened now, because "in 2 weeks I could not have performed the same procedure because it is not an approved procedure under the new rules. It's too expensive."

We all wondered what her chances of survival would have been under Dr. Obama. That is from Jay, in my district.

There are all kinds of terrible things that are happening as a result of the passage of ObamaCare. I voted "yes" on the bill today. Apparently, the Senate is not going to take it up. It just said if the insurance companies could allow them to continue on their policies without making it illegal, as ObamaCare does, to keep those policies.

We have numerous proposals. Anybody that says Republicans don't have any solutions, we have got numerous solutions. I filed a bill that would have been a better, far better bill to ObamaCare back before ObamaCare passed. CBO wouldn't score it. They helped the Democrats all they could, but especially after the director was woodshedded at the White House.

There are many solutions, and one solution now would be to allow insurance policies that have been approved for this year by State commissioners, let them go on, like those that are on the Federal, State, or local cafeteria plans for Federal, State or local workers.

There are many things we can do to have a bridge to get us through the next year if we can just repeal

ObamaCare. It did not look like a possibility a few months ago but, as Americans are finding out more and more about the disaster of this government taking over everyone's health care, they are finding, gee, maybe it wouldn't be such a bad idea, as we had 30-plus Democrats, in a bipartisan vote today, express, gee, maybe we should have allowed people to keep their insurance if they wanted it.

One article today from FOX News, "Obama's Insurance Plan 'Fix' Stirs Confusion, Ridicule At the State Level," points out what a disaster it is. The President's even adding to the problems by unilaterally passing a new law, as he has done repeatedly. Normally it is reserved only to monarchs, kings, emperors, those kind of things, to step up and say, I am changing the law.

He has done it with regard to immigration. He has done it with regard to ObamaCare. He ignores parts of laws or laws he doesn't like, and that has also been done at the Department of Justice.

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Here is a headline, CNN: ObamaCare Enrollment Numbers "Complete Disaster." And we are finding out that 26,000-or-so signed up and bought insurance when they needed 500,000.

Here is one from McClatchy: "Roiling Health Care Waters, Obama's Fix Could Make Matters Worse," by Anita Kumar and Lesley Clark.

From The Weekly Standard, Daniel Halper: "Fairy Tale" Continues As Obama Proposes Extralegal ObamaCare Fix. It is unconstitutional.

And by the way, Madam Speaker, it seems like those who had the President for constitutional law are probably entitled to file a class action, wanting their money back. Because, clearly, the President is not familiar with the fact that the executive branch just can't announce or change laws as they wish without getting Congress' approval.

Here is another, ObamaCare Architect: "Could Be the Beginning of a Death Spiral" from Today by Daniel Halper. In fact, it quotes the architect of ObamaCare being interviewed by Megyn Kelly. She asked, "Is that the beginning of the so-called death spiral?" And he said "That could be the beginning of a death spiral," as people did not sign up for ObamaCare like they needed to.

And then one from Human Events: There is No "Fix" for ObamaCare. And, Madam Speaker, I think that is the bottom line here. We have got to repeal ObamaCare. People are already being dramatically, adversely affected. It has changed the 40-hour workweek. It has changed people's ability to have their own decisions about their own health care.

We need to move, as Ben Carson suggested, toward health savings accounts, encouraging those higher deductibles with cash to take care of the difference. There are all kinds of

great solutions. Many of us have them. We just need to repeal ObamaCare for the good of America.

And it is deeply saddening to know that our government is not even warning people about going on ObamaCare, that when they enter their personal information, it is subject to being stolen by identity thieves and may put them in great personal identity quandaries and difficulties legally. So I bring that up because somebody needs to warn people about the problems of registering with the ObamaCare Web site, if they can get through.

My hope and prayer is that we will do the right thing by America. We will get back to acting within the Constitution. And friends like our leader, who spoke moments ago, expressing profound ignorance of what has gone on here on the floor, as he has stated that we had PAUL RYAN and many other Republicans voting for the government not to pay its bills.

There is no Republican I know of that has voted that way. Apparently, he has paid more attention to mainstream media that has misrepresented the truth than he has to what has actually gone on here. No Republicans voted for America not to pay its bills. In fact, Republicans are the ones who voted repeatedly to compromise before the shutdown.

But HARRY REID had it in his mind that if there were a shutdown, if he could refuse to compromise on anything, force a shutdown, then Americans would get misrepresentations as to what occurred. They would blame the Republicans, and then they would get the majority back here in the House next year.

But a funny thing happened on the way to that plan. Many people are starting to find out: wait a minute, Republicans compromised repeatedly. HARRY REID is the one that wouldn't bring a compromise to the floor, wouldn't even allow negotiations to occur with a conference committee. And then people are finding out why Republicans were so concerned about ObamaCare, because it is a disaster. It is affecting people's ability to get the health care they need.

It is so grossly unfair. It is putting people at risk. It is time to stop the figurative bleeding of America and repeal ObamaCare.

And with that, I yield back the balance of my time.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on November 14, 2013, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval the following bill.

H.R. 2747. To amend title 40, United States Code, to transfer certain functions from the Government Accountability Office to the Department of Labor relating to the processing of claims for the payment of workers who were not paid appropriate wages under certain provisions of such title.