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God bless you, and I salute you.

#### EMPLOYMENT NONDISCRIMINATION ACT

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

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge House leaders to let us vote on the Employment Nondiscrimination Act.

In 1979, my late husband, Paul, was the first U.S. Senator to introduce legislation to ban job discrimination based on sexual orientation. I agreed with him then and feel just as strongly about ENDA today. Employees should be judged solely by their ability to do their jobs.

After I was elected in 2007, I was proud to cast one of my first votes in support of the passage of the Employment Nondiscrimination Act, an effort spearheaded by the relentless Barney Frank. While ENDA passed in the House of Representatives in 2007, it did not move in the Senate; but on November 7, the U.S. Senate made history by passing ENDA. It is now time for the House to act—to pass ENDA and to finally expand protections in order to prevent employment discrimination.

Mr. Speaker, for the sake of dignity, justice, and equality, let us vote.

#### CANCER DRUG COVERAGE PARITY ACT

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

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, orally administered anticancer drugs are becoming the standard care for certain types of cancer as a promising alternative to traditional chemotherapy, which is administered through the vein. They are also driving some of the most exciting research in fighting cancer as 35 percent in the oncology pipeline are oral chemo drugs.

Unfortunately, insurance policies have not kept pace with the science. Typically, IV chemotherapy is covered as a medical benefit while oral chemotherapy is covered under the prescription drug component. This creates a disparity in coverage and a financial disincentive to choose oral chemotherapy. Cancer patients should choose a course of treatment based on what they and their doctors believe will work best.

That is why I have introduced the Cancer Drug Coverage Parity Act. It would require insurance plans to provide coverage for oral chemotherapy at a cost no less favorable than that of traditional chemotherapy. My bill has 68 bipartisan cosponsors. I urge my colleagues to join us to support the development of these promising new treatments to patients who need them.

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#### AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, even with the difficulties of the health care Web site, we are seeing great things coming out of this Affordable Care Act. Across the country, millions of people who lacked affordable health care options yesterday are checking out their new options today. This law is working.

I continue to hear scores of success stories from California. Marilynn, who is a breast cancer survivor, was paying nearly \$1,300 a month for her Anthem Blue Cross policy. Through Covered California, she is saving now more than \$500 a month.

Although the healthcare.gov Web site has had its problems—that we are fixing—know that the California exchange has become a model for the rest of the country. Early enrollment results demonstrate that Covered California is working and people are signing up. We led the Nation in our readiness for this new law, and newly released numbers show that 131,000 Californians have already enrolled in new quality health plans on Covered California, more than any other State exchange.

Rather than rooting for its failure, let's work together to make this a reality for all Americans.

#### HEALTH CARE ACT ADVANCES EQUALITY, FREEDOM, AND FAIR- NESS

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I pause today to think about history. I thought a lot about the 50th anniversary of President Kennedy's assassination, and today is the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address. I thought I should bring some words to us from the Address. The world can never forget what the soldiers of Gettysburg did:

It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of free-

dom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the Earth.

I am proud to serve in this House where John Kennedy served. I am proud to serve in this House where Abraham Lincoln served. It is my opinion that part of that work was providing equality, freedom, and fairness. I believe President Lincoln would support the Affordable Care Act and health care for all.

#### WE NEED A FAIR AND BALANCED BUDGET

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

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, many of our constituents are still recovering from the reckless Tea Party government shutdown. Now it is time to do our job and pass a budget, help grow the economy, and create jobs. Budgets are statements of our values and priorities as a Nation.

Our top priority in passing a budget must be to end the harmful, across-the-board budget cuts known as the sequester. We must extend emergency unemployment compensation which millions of jobless workers and families rely on. This will end at the end of December if we don't do this.

Although our economy has improved, there are still 4 million people in this country that have been unemployed for 6 months or more. These same individuals have already experienced reductions in their benefits due to sequestration and automatic SNAP—food stamp—cuts as of November 1.

Tea Party Republicans have refused to create jobs, they have cut job training, and now they are ready to pull the plug on this vital lifeline. This is morally wrong and economically stupid.

I urge the budget conferees to extend the Emergency Unemployment Compensation program for at least an additional year and to repeal the sequester. We need a fair and balanced budget that reflects our values.

#### PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM

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

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow will mark the 50th anniversary of the executive order of President Kennedy which established the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Five hundred exceptional individuals have received the award in these 50 years. Tomorrow, 16 will be honored, including President Bill Clinton.

For us in Hawaii, it is noteworthy that the Hawaii-born President will be honoring Senator Daniel K. Inouye. In his press release, the President recognized the Senator for his lifelong public service, including the highly decorated 442nd Regiment in World War II, for which he was awarded the highest

military honor, the Congressional Medal of Honor.

It is, however, most noteworthy that when asked how the Senator wanted to be remembered, Senator Inouye said:

Very simply, that I represented the people of Hawaii honestly and to the best of my abilities. I think I did okay.

He was a true American, a humble man, and truly deserving of the highest civilian honor of this great country.

#### AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, despite the fact that the robust provisions passed in the House were significantly reduced in the Senate, the people of the Virgin Islands are benefiting in many ways from the Affordable Care Act.

As an example, a physician related to me that the insured 21- to 25-year-olds and the preventive care without copay kept her practice afloat, and the insurance rebate and tax credits for small businesses enabled her to provide insurance for her employees without requiring contributions from them.

In addition, seniors and people with disabilities saved an average of \$647 on medicines. Health centers in my district were able to expand space and services; children with sickle cell, asthma, and diabetes could be insured; every newborn will get an important home visit; and the new Medicaid dollars will enable us to provide coverage for up to half of our now uninsured.

We still have work to do to ensure full access in the Virgin Islands and the Nation, but the Affordable Care Act has already made a positive difference in the lives of many of our constituents. The ACA is helping Americans in all of the States and territories, and we will continue to build on its successes, not yield to Republican opportunism and obstructionism.

#### BROKEN PROMISES

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

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, the train wreck and broken promises of the President's health care reform act continue.

The gentleman from Connecticut earlier said that we were hysterical. Mr. Speaker, my constituents are hysterical about these broken promises.

Allen from Harford County writes about his 31-year-old son. His 31-year-old son can't get a full-time job because employers won't hire people full-time because of the Affordable Care Act. He writes:

I'm writing today to voice my concern as a parent and to report that my healthy 31-

year-old son's health insurance premium will be tripling. Currently, he has his own CareFirst BlueCross plan and was recently notified that it was going to be canceled, and his premium will go up from \$200 a month to \$600 a month.

Mr. Speaker, this is a train wreck. Parents and families are hysterical. They can't afford a \$600 premium for a single person working a part-time job. Canceled policies and skyrocketing premium costs are two broken promises. America deserves better.

#### BENEFITS OF OBAMACARE

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

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, my Republican friends continue to obsess with repealing a law that is making a difference and will make a significant difference in the years to come.

I want to address some of the benefits that have accrued to my congressional district in North Carolina:

Eight thousand young adults now have health insurance through their parents' plan; 150,000 individuals now have health insurance that covers preventive services without any copays, co-insurance, or deductible; and 138,000 residents in my district are saving money due to the ACA provisions that prevent insurance companies from spending more than 20 percent of their premiums on profits and overhead.

Because of these provisions, 13,000 people in my district received a rebate of \$87 per family last year and \$158 per family the year before.

Although Republicans have been relentless in their efforts to dismantle and discredit ObamaCare, the facts are uncontroverted.

#### 35TH ANNIVERSARY OF JONESTOWN

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

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today we mark the 35th anniversary of the massacre of Jonestown.

Prior to September 11, this was the deadliest event in U.S. history, excluding wars and natural disasters. More than 900 innocent people were killed after being seduced by the charismatic but deeply disturbed Jim Jones.

Mr. Speaker, among the dead was Congressman Leo Ryan, the first Congressman to be assassinated in the line of duty. He went to Guyana out of concern for the safety of his constituents there. Most of them were of African American descent.

Congresswoman JACKIE SPEIER, who was then on Congressman Ryan's staff, was shot five times and had to wait 22 hours for assistance.

Today, I introduced a resolution honoring their extraordinary bravery and calling on the Speaker to establish protocols to memorialize Members who die

in the line of duty. Out of the tragedy of Jonestown, true heroes were revealed.

#### GIVING TUESDAY

(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, we all know about Black Friday and Cyber Monday, but I am proud to support Giving Tuesday, a national day dedicated to charitable giving and volunteerism.

On December 3, Giving Tuesday will harness the collective power of charities, families, businesses, and individuals to transform how people think about, talk about, and participate in the giving season.

Launched by the 92nd Street Y in New York City last year, in the district that I am privileged to represent, Giving Tuesday inspires Americans to take action to improve their local communities and strengthen our country.

Thousands of partners in all 50 States are joining in this national movement of individuals and organizations that believe that everyone, whether you are a large donor or an individual volunteer, has a role in helping to solve the challenges our communities face every day.

Americans are the most charitable people in the world, and Giving Tuesday is a day for us as a Nation to celebrate our spirit of generosity.

I urge everyone to spread the word about Giving Tuesday to your constituents so together we can celebrate the giving season and aid the important work of charities and organizations.

#### REPAIRING THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, my son played basketball at Dillard University. I went down to see his games as often as I could. On one occasion, we were driving around in his car, we were at a busy intersection, and the car stops. I didn't know what was wrong, but eventually I realized that he simply didn't have gas in it. I was not happy, but I didn't stand outside of the car and just continue to talk to him about the fact that the car stopped running and needed gas.

What we did is, we tried to get some gas to get the car out of the busy intersection because a lot of people were trying to get by. It would have been of no value for me to stand there and lecture him or talk about how horrible the situation was. We wanted to fix it.

That is the same thing with the Affordable Care Act. There are some problems. I think it would be crazy for anybody to say there are not problems. The law has already been passed by Congress, signed by the President, and