

the Affordable Care Act is having in my home State of California.

A woman by the name of Melanie wrote the following letter to the L.A. Times:

My daughter and I have been without health care for 3 years following my loss of employer-provided insurance. In that period, I have paid handsomely for those times when my mother-ministrations were not sufficient and I had to seek the care of a very expensive doctor. I've been waiting eagerly for ObamaCare for the two of us since the law was enacted in 2010.

Did I run into problems when I first tried to sign up in California? I did.

Did I persevere? I did.

Did I finally get through? I did.

In January, I'll be able to take care of a condition I've ignored for the last 2 years, and my college-age daughter will be covered as well. Although the subsidy certainly helps, I will be paying something for coverage we haven't had for years. To those who cry foul, I say "score."

Mr. Speaker, I couldn't have said it better. The reality is that because of ObamaCare, millions of vulnerable Americans now "score."

IN MEMORY OF DR. PERRY INHOFE

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

Mr. BRIDENSTINE. Mr. Speaker, last week, we celebrated Thanksgiving. We gathered with family and friends to thank God for his provision, his goodness, and his mercy.

But for some families, this Thanksgiving was bittersweet. Such was the case for Senator JIM INHOFE's family. They lost their son, Perry, in a tragic aviation accident on November 10.

Dr. Perry Inhofe was a highly skilled surgeon associated with Central States Orthopedics in Tulsa. David Long, Central States' CEO, said:

Dr. Inhofe was known as a very caring and compassionate physician. He was the kind of doctor who made you feel you had his full attention and that your health was the most important thing to him.

Continuing an Inhofe family tradition, Perry loved flying with his children and teaching them about flying. From what I understand, he was a good pilot.

Dr. Inhofe is survived by his wife, Nancy, and two sons, Glade and Cole.

I wish to express condolences to the whole Inhofe family. I pray they will be comforted and strengthened by the fact that Perry was a believer in the living Christ, who said:

I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live.

Amen.

DO NOT REPEAL OBAMACARE

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

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, now that the notorious problems with the ACA

Web site healthcare.gov appear to be largely behind us, it is important that we cut through the partisan noise and look at some facts.

One fact is that in 2 days—Sunday and Monday alone—almost 30,000 Americans have gone to healthcare.gov to sign up for health insurance. Many of these families are families with pre-existing conditions that would have no way to get health insurance other than healthcare.gov and the ACA.

In my own State of Connecticut, with less than 1 percent of the American population, 22,000 families have signed up for health insurance.

Mr. Speaker, from the President down, we were concerned by people losing their health care plans in the rather small individual market. But it is important for the American people to understand that when they hear the word "repeal," they need to understand that repeal means that the tens of thousands, the hundreds of thousands, the millions of Americans who will get insurance because of the ACA will lose it.

Millions of Americans will lose their new-found insurance if this word "repeal" ever becomes law. That is not right; and on that, I think we should agree.

CONGRATULATING CORPORAL MATTHEW HAMPTON

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

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to honor Corporal Matthew Hampton, an outstanding citizen of our community and a true American patriot.

In recognition of his service to this country, Matthew was recently awarded the 28th Palmer Veterans Appreciation Award.

Following his graduation from Grundy County High School, Matthew volunteered for the United States Marine Corps and was deployed to Iraq, where he served as a Huey and Cobra helicopter crew chief and gunner.

Corporal Hampton's exemplary service as a "devil dog" is reflected in the numerous commendations and military decorations he received, including the Naval Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, and National Defense Medal.

Mr. Speaker, this recognition is a testament to the heroism and dedication to duty that marked Corporal Hampton's exemplary service in the United States Marine Corps. I, along with a grateful Nation, congratulate him on receiving the Palmer Veterans Appreciation Award and thank him for his outstanding service to our Nation.

ACA AND BREAST CANCER

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

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight how the Affordable Care Act is already helping thousands of breast cancer survivors and those with preexisting conditions.

In late 2007, I heard those terrible words, "You have breast cancer." I underwent seven surgeries, but in some ways, I was one of the fortunate ones because I had health insurance coverage.

I have spoken to women who have foregone mammograms and even cancer treatments because the cost was simply too great to bear. Now, the Affordable Care Act emphasizes prevention by making it possible for Americans to get screenings, like mammograms, without a copay.

It also finally ends the egregious practice of denying coverage to patients with preexisting conditions, like my south Florida constituent Carolyn Newman, a survivor who will save \$7,000 a year with an affordable plan, thanks to the Affordable Care Act. She can save even more by shopping on the exchange.

With the Affordable Care Act making it possible for more women to access preventive services and not be denied coverage, we can work to eradicate breast cancer once and for all.

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AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to tell the story of the Montez Family, who live in my congressional district in Colorado.

They live in Arvada, Colorado, and because of the Affordable Care Act, they will now be able to afford health insurance. This is a success story of the Affordable Care Act and of its improving access to quality, affordable health care.

Both Joaquin and Rosalee Montez are employed, but neither of their employers provides coverage to their employees. They have a daughter in college, a 13-year-old son, and a 4-year-old daughter. With rates ranging from \$450 to \$600 per month, purchasing private insurance was too expensive for the Montez Family, especially with three kids, a house payment, and a car payment. Due to a constrained budget, the only time the kids were receiving health care was when they were "really, really, really sick," and always at an urgent care center. One time after their daughter got E. coli, the Montez Family was stuck with a \$17,000 hospital bill.

Thanks to the help of a navigator, they were able to get insurance through the Affordable Care Act, which is a success for this Nation.

BUDGET

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

Ms. HANABUSA. Mr. Speaker, December 13 is 9 days away. This is part of that side agreement when the CR was agreed to and when the debt ceiling was suspended. The budget is a statement of the House's and Senate's values and priorities, and that is what is to be agreed to by December 13.

One of the things we must say, Mr. Speaker, at the very minimum, is that sequestration has to go. The CBO says it will cost up to 1.6 million jobs if it is allowed to stand. Conversely, it will add 900,000 new jobs if it is gotten rid of.

Sequestration has affected programs like Head Start, SNAP, programs of the National Institutes of Health, mental health issues—just to name a few—as well as our defense industry. There is no longer any room in these budgets to accommodate all of these expenses just to pay what we need to pay to keep these programs going.

That is why we have to say that sequestration has got to go. That is why, in the next 9 days, you will hear more and more speak about sequestration and the fact that we must act on it.

CLIMATE CHANGE

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

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, for 100 consecutive days, the Safe Climate Caucus has brought to the House floor the reality and the ramifications of climate change.

There was a recent report from three very reputable think tanks, entitled, "The Arab Spring and Climate Change." Let me just quote from a couple of the troubling but illuminating conclusions that it comes to.

A prolonged and severe drought during the winter of 2010 in China "contributed to global wheat shortages and skyrocketing bread prices in Egypt, the world's largest wheat importer," accelerating political instability

... And in another part of the report, in quotes, "social, economic, environmental, and climate changes in Syria . . . eroded the social contract between citizen and government . . . strengthening the case for the opposition movement and irreparably damaging the legitimacy of the Assad regime."

The authors conclude that global warming may not have caused the Arab Spring but that it clearly made it come earlier.

The stresses climate change is imposing today on nations across the globe are harbingers of more severe consequences in the future. We have to address the reality and the ramifications of climate change now.

AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, today, the President put forth some conversation

about the Affordable Care Act that focuses especially on women's health. I am absolutely delighted to come to the floor to address that issue in that—and I hope every woman in America understands this—because of the Affordable Care Act, being a woman is no longer a preexisting medical condition. As the mother of five children—four daughters and one son—I am very excited about this.

Over the break, I had the privilege of being at a meeting with some researchers on the subject of breast cancer in particular, and they spent a good deal of the time telling us what the possibilities were with research that should be funded—that is a budget issue, another subject, but one that is related here—and that we could remove this threat to women's health with proper research.

They took time to say that one thing that was helping women with breast cancer more than anything was the Affordable Care Act—that they would have access to care without being discriminated against because of a preexisting medical condition, that no longer would they have annual or lifetime limits on the health insurance that they would receive. The relief of the stress from all of that is a very healthy thing for people who have a diagnosis.

So whatever it is—whether it is mammograms as my colleague Congresswoman DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ so generously shared her story with us about her experience or, earlier, as Congresswoman DELAURO shared hers and as other Members shared the stories of their constituents—this is really very important. Moms are the hubs of families. Many of them fear this diagnosis. Many families in America have been affected by it.

With our investments in research and with the Affordable Care Act, women have reason to be very, very hopeful that this can be prevented with early detection—and not only with early detection but with regular detection. Then, on top of that, if they have that feared diagnosis, they will receive the care that they deserve.

There is one other point I want to make about it because we all worship at the altar of biomedical research and what it means for our country and the thought that we could be rid of breast cancer in a handful of years: we want to make sure every woman in America and every person in America benefits from that research. The vehicle for that is the Affordable Care Act. It stands right there with Social Security, with Medicare, with affordable—and that is the word, "affordable"—health care for all Americans as a pillar of health and economic security for the American people.

Today, we focus on moms—we focus on women—and we say, Thank God. No longer will being a woman be a preexisting medical condition.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3309, INNOVATION ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1105, SMALL BUSINESS CAPITAL ACCESS AND JOB PRESERVATION ACT

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 429 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 429

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3309) to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to make improvements and technical corrections, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113-28. That amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived. No amendment to that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as original text. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 1105) to amend the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 to provide a registration exemption for private equity fund advisers, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. An amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113-29 shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered