

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION AND ABORTION INSURANCE FULL DISCLOSURE ACT OF 2017

SPEECH OF

HON. ANNA G. ESHOO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to H.R. 7, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act.

This bill is an unprecedented attack on a woman's right to make her own healthcare decisions and another attempt by Republicans to undermine the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

This legislation goes far beyond the long-standing Hyde Amendment which Congress passes every year during the Appropriations process preventing taxpayer dollars from being used for abortions. The Hyde Amendment is included in each Appropriations bill every year. This bill stretches increase taxes on millions of individuals and small businesses that purchase private healthcare plans that include abortion coverage. It takes away protections for rape survivors and pregnant women whose lives are in danger, and bans women in the military from abortion care in a military hospital overseas, even if they use their own money to pay for that care. This will deny millions of American women access to truly comprehensive health care.

A woman's right to choose whether to end a pregnancy is protected constitutionally. The decision is private. It is a matter of faith and it is a matter of conscience. I believe women already have the right to make decisions about reproductive health care, that it is protected constitutionally. This legislation should be rejected for its overly broad reach, its false advertising and its attack on the constitutionally protected right to privacy.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2017

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, I was absent for Roll Call vote 63.

Had I been present for Roll Call vote 63, H. Res. 55—Providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7) to prohibit taxpayer funded abortions, I would have voted “no”.

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH FUNDING DEFICIT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2017

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to clarify a statistic I inadvertently missstated on the House Floor on January 3rd.

I intended to highlight how medical research at the National Institutes of Health has been cut by \$7.5 billion since 2003, when adjusted for inflation.

The cost of conducting medical research increases each year, yet the NIH's budget has not kept up with this pace. As a result, the NIH has been able to support less research each year.

Thankfully we started to reverse this trend in 2016, when we provided a \$2 billion increase however that is not nearly enough to close the gap.

Even with the money provided by 21st Century Cures for the next decade, Congress has barely put a dent in the NIH's funding deficit. For example, in 2017, with the increase provided in the House Mark and the Cures bill, the NIH would still be over \$7 billion short of the 2003 level.

I would also note that the Cures funding is a gimmick—there is no guarantee that Congress will provide that funding each year.

I regret my error in omitting the term “when adjusted for inflation.” But it is clear that when you look at the cost of research and the money we appropriate for the NIH, we have a long way to go.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2017

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, due to numerous flight delays caused by weather along the southeast, I was not present during the vote series held on Monday, January 23, 2017.

Had I been present I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. H.R. 423 and YEA on Roll Call No. H.R. 582.

PROMOTING THE 2017 MARCH FOR LIFE

HON. F. JAMES SENSENBRENNER, JR.

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2017

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise to recognize the March for Life on Friday January 27th, 2017 here in Washington D.C. This is a gathering of thousands of Amer-

icans from across our great country, all who are standing up for the protection of unborn children.

Ever since the abysmal ruling by the Supreme Court in Roe vs. Wade, the barbaric practice of abortion on demand has been rampant in our country. All too often we fall into the trap of conflating women's health with abortion, assuming that if one supports protecting life, then we're failing to care for women's health. Nothing could be further from the truth.

I stand here today with the millions of Americans across our country who believe that the lives of innocent children must be protected. I have long been a staunch advocate for pro-life issues despite vocal opposition. As Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, I shepherded the partial-birth abortion ban through Congress. It was one of my greatest honors to watch President George W. Bush sign it into law, and I was relieved that the Supreme Court upheld it. I have fully supported every effort in Congress to stop federally funded abortions, both in the United States and abroad, and will continue to fight efforts to federally fund these horrific practices.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2017

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, on January 23, 2017, I missed roll call vote 60 due to unavoidable delay. Had I been present, I would have voted “yes” on final passage of H.R. 423, the Anti-Spoofing Act.

TRIBUTE TO THE ASSYRIAN AMERICAN CIVIC CLUB OF TURLOCK

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2017

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Assyrian American Civic Club of Turlock as we celebrate its seventieth-year anniversary. Since the club's founding in 1946, it has provided service to Assyrian Americans in the City of Turlock through the promotion and protection of the Assyrian culture, education, religion and humanitarian rights.

The club was established in the fall of 1946 to help families preserve their deep rooted culture that can be passed on to future generations. It is progressive in nature not only to the benefit of Assyrian Americans, but also to all in California's 10th Congressional District.

The members of the Assyrian American Civic Club of Turlock recognize civic responsibility to their people and allegiance to the United States of America. It is in their core interests to uphold the principles of freedom and

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democracy, support the Constitution, instill a sense of individual obligation and responsibility for Assyrian unity, and support programs that perpetuate Assyrian cultural heritage. The club is dedicated to promoting goodwill and understanding among Assyrians and non-Assyrians alike.

The club also recognizes and values the importance of education. On March 13, 2002, it created the Assyrian Civic Club Education Foundation. This 501(c)3 non-profit continues to provide hundreds of scholarships to high school and university students, as it has done so for the past 15 years. The foundation educates, informs, and enhances cultural values for Assyrians in the community through their own local radio and television programs. Additionally, the civic club has its own facility that the community at large utilizes, while also serving as a place for Assyrian Americans to come together for social, recreation and educational activities.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring and recognizing the seventieth anniversary of the Assyrian American Civic Club of Turlock for its service and outstanding contributions to the Assyrian community as we celebrate this important milestone.

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF THE UNITED WAY OF GREATER AUGUSTA

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2017

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, it's the people who make a community a great place to live, work, and in my case, represent. The generosity of the community and their care for their neighbors defines this part of Virginia. Over the past 75 years, the United Way has harnessed these values and used them as a catalyst to improve the lives of people in the community.

Around 1942, United Way organizations were founded in Staunton and Waynesboro. As these organizations continued to grow, in 2004 they merged to become the United Way of Greater Augusta, Inc. in order to offer more effective services to the community. This organization has long worked toward positive change in their community, and I am honored to pay tribute to the United Way of Greater Augusta, Inc. as they celebrate 75 years of service to the people of Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County.

Through grants, workplace campaigns, corporate partnerships, and individual donations, the United Way has raised funds to help make a positive impact in the community. They have helped families and individuals in the Greater Augusta region by providing support to local agencies like the Valley Children's Advocacy Center, the Daily Living Center, Valley Hope Counseling Center, and Renewing Homes. The United Way has also made targeted investments in programs such as Stuff the Bus, the Financial Stability Center, and Imagination Library. The work of the United Way has evolved throughout its 75 year history, and I am confident that it will continue to do so to meet both the short-term and long-term needs of those it serves in the Greater Augusta region.

There are many people responsible for the continued growth and success of the United Way of Greater Augusta. Countless volunteers have donated their time to serve the community. Board Members have served as active voices in the community for the United Way's work. Staff members have worked hard to promote the work of the United Way and make sure the wheels run smoothly on a day-to-day basis. While I extend my gratitude to all of these individuals, I also want to specifically recognize Cynthia Pritchard for her service as President and CEO of the United Way of Greater Augusta. As she prepares to leave this position, it is clear that much of the good work of this organization would not have been possible without her guidance and leadership over the past seven and a half years.

Congratulations to the United Way of Greater Augusta on this momentous occasion. I wish them all the best, and look forward to the positive impact they will continue to make.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE SOUTHERN WAYNE COUNTY REGIONAL CHAMBER DURING ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Southern Wayne County Regional Chamber's 50 Year Anniversary on the date of its Business to Business Exposition Best of Downriver Black Tie Event. The SWCRC has played a critical role in promoting business and economic development by providing training and leadership opportunities to the Downriver community.

Since its founding in 1967, the SWCRC has helped the Downriver business community grow and prosper. The SWCRC today has over 650 members and provides them with a variety of networking, business development and education programs. The SWCRC gives emerging leaders in Southern Wayne County education and training through its Leadership 21 initiative, a six month program that gives individuals multidisciplinary training in the fields of economic development, government and healthcare. Additionally, the Chamber offers opportunities to network and meet other members of the business community, as well as promotional events and roundtables with leaders in a variety of fields. These services have allowed businesses to better serve the individuals in the Downriver area, have helped to improve the business climate in Southern Wayne County and have contributed to the economic revival of southeast Michigan.

The SWCRC's efforts have been instrumental in creating a strong business community that effectively serves the Downriver area. Its efforts have inspired a new generation of business leaders who are uniquely equipped to address the issues facing the community. It has also allowed organizations in the area to share best practices and better serve Downriver. I am proud to recognize the outstanding efforts of the SWCRC and its members, and it is my hope that they continue to make Southern Wayne County a great place to live and work in the coming years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the Southern Wayne Regional Chamber and its 50 years of success. Its work on behalf of the Downriver community has played a key role in helping the area grow and develop while providing jobs and other opportunities.

RECOGNIZING THE 8TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE LILLY LEDBETTER FAIR PAY ACT

HON. JOYCE BEATTY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 27, 2017

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, Sunday, our country recognizes the eighth anniversary of the landmark Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which former President Obama signed into law on January 29, 2009.

Congress passed and President Obama signed this legislation into law, the first of his Administration, in response to the U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.*, 550 U.S. 618 (2007), that severely restricted the time period for filing pay discrimination complaints against one's employer.

In the underlying case, Lilly Ledbetter, a production supervisor at the Goodyear Tire and Rubber plant in Gadsden, Alabama, discovered that she was being paid less than her male counterparts for nearly two decades.

Then and there, she made the decision to fight back for paycheck equality.

Unfortunately, the U.S. Supreme Court undercut her fight in ruling that Ledbetter could not bring a wage discrimination suit under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 simply because she did not file her claim within 180 days of a discriminatory salary decision.

Despite the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling, Ledbetter's fight was not in vain because Congress, in 2009, passed the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, which helps ensure fair pay for all Americans by expanding the time period in which employees may challenge an employer's compensation decision.

Because of this law, women today have the right to pursue legal action for pay discrimination—whenever it occurs.

Unfortunately, equal pay for equal work has not become a reality.

In 2015, the pay gap between men and women still remains, as women made only 83 cents for every dollar earned by their male counterparts.

And for women of color, that gap is even wider.

During the same time, African-American women made 65 cents to every dollar earned by men.

Hispanic women, faring even worse than black women, made only 58 cents to every dollar earned by their White male counterparts.

Pay disparities not only affect women during their careers, but follows them into retirement, reducing pensions and Social Security benefits because of a lifetime of lower wages and less money to invest. This negative impact is lasting because it affects generations yet unborn.

As we mark this anniversary, let us recommit ourselves to ending discrimination against women in all forms.