

we are forced to rely on news reports, and what I am reading in the news is not good.

The article that I just included in the RECORD also quotes a Harvard professor who says: “Think of this as the if-you-have-rheumatoid-arthritis-you-should-pay-\$30,000 provision.”

The article says that we could go back to a world where insurers could simply tell the mother of a mentally ill child that she couldn’t buy insurance. It is ironic that the Republicans want to take away a woman’s choice about a pregnancy, and then it looks like they are going to take away any insurance she needs for prenatal care or maternity care.

What are we doing here, Mr. Speaker? What will we be asked to vote on later today? If these sorts of dangerous ideas are being considered, we, the American people, deserve to know. Twenty-four million people are going to lose their insurance under the proposal the Republicans are considering. People will pay more and get less. There will be huge tax cuts for the rich. Again, we don’t even have the final text. This is awful. This is unacceptable.

I will remind my colleagues that this is about the American people. Put the people of this country ahead of your party, ahead of your ideology, and ahead of this President who just discovered that health care is complicated.

This is a life-or-death issue for many in this country. Health care is very personal. Don’t take it away from people. Let’s work in a bipartisan way to make the improvements in the Affordable Care Act that we all know need to be made, but don’t just tear apart a healthcare system that is providing an additional 20 million Americans health insurance.

Please don’t do this. Slow down. Provide us the text of the bill. Let’s have hearings. Let’s bring the American people into the Congress and listen to what they have to say. Listen to what your own constituents have been saying to you in townhalls. They don’t want what you are selling here today. They don’t want your rescue plan. They want health care for themselves and their families, and that is what they deserve.

So, please, vote down this martial law rule and go back to the drawing board.

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Seven years ago, Mr. Speaker, this town was abuzz with this new healthcare plan, the Affordable Care Act, that was signed by the President of the United States. We were promised an enormous opportunity to make health care better.

Mr. Speaker, fortunately, the American people had a chance to make a decision, and the American people—after watching and seeing not only people in-

capable of putting databases together, incapable of understanding marketplaces, and incapable of understanding the limits of the American people’s real need to understand and to have a better healthcare system—gave up on ObamaCare, the Affordable Care Act. They gave up on it because, after 7 long years, they understood it simply didn’t equal what they were sold.

The Republican Party is selling what we believe in, and this is the beginning of that sell. It is a beginning of an understanding for most Members of this body and the American people to understand you can keep your own doctor and you can keep your own healthcare plan, but you, too, can make your own decisions. You can become a consumer.

Oh, my gosh, somebody from Washington isn’t going to tell us exactly what to do? Let’s scare everybody; let’s make them think that the American people can’t make their own decisions without the IRS or Washington telling them what to do.

I understand there are some frustrations. I get that. I can be frustrated; I am not. It is true last week I held a townhall meeting in Dallas, Texas. It is true a bunch of people yelled and screamed at me. They simply wanted to know: Yes or no, yes or no.

Mr. Speaker, policy is not like that in our country. The Republican Party does owe people thoughts, ideas, and plans. We will have the bill, and when we do it, we will own it, and we will be proud of it.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this rule.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a joint resolution of the House of the following title:

H.J. Res. 83. Joint Resolution disapproving the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Clarification of Employer’s Continuing Obligation to Make and Maintain an Accurate Record of Each Recordable Injury and Illness”.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 9355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy:

The Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) (Committee on Appropriations).

The Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) (Committee on Armed Services).

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy:

The Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) (Committee on Armed Services).

The Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) (Committee on Appropriations).

The message also announced that pursuant to section 1295b(h) of title 46 App., United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy:

The Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) (At Large).

The Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) (Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation).

The message also announced that pursuant to section 194(a) of title 14, United States Code, as amended by Public Law 101-595, and further amended by Public Law 113-281, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy:

The Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) (Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation).

The Senator from Connecticut (Mr. BLUMENTHAL) (At Large).

The message also announced that pursuant to section 6968(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Naval Academy:

The Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) (Committee on Appropriations).

The Senator from Maryland (Mr. CARDIN) (At Large).

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o’clock and 22 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) at 8 o’clock and 5 minutes p.m.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

