

And it creates health savings accounts. Oh, Mr. Speaker, I did not understand the economics of health care until I got my first medical savings account. I thought health care costs \$50 a visit, because that is what my copay was.

When I got my first medical savings account, my insurer sent me a list. And they said: ROB, if you want to go to the doctor for a CT scan, you can go to this one down the road that charges \$200, or you can go to this one down the road that charges \$2,000. You just do whatever you think is best.

I went and looked last night, Mr. Speaker. If you want to go in for a CT scan in Washington, D.C.—we have fabulous hospitals here—you can go to George Washington University right down the street here in Foggy Bottom, and if you have a United plan, the cost is going to be \$1,500 for your CT scan. If instead of driving west to George Washington University, you drive north to Howard University, you can go to Howard University hospital and get the same CT scan for \$200.

Mr. Speaker, I can't bring down health insurance costs unless I bring down healthcare costs. And I can't bring down healthcare costs unless we have transparency in healthcare pricing so that you and I and 300 million Americans become more active consumers of these products. Health savings accounts give us that opportunity.

But I can't solve all of our healthcare problems in one bill. And shame on this Congress for having created the expectations across a decade of stuffing giant bills through this body at one time, that we have come to set expectations that we can do everything for everybody in a single bill. We can't. And even if we could, we shouldn't. Taking issues one at a time leads to better legislating.

So we have a three-phase approach here, Mr. Speaker.

First, we are going to pass the American Health Care Act, which repeals the Affordable Care Act taxes and penalties, it replaces the mandates with policies that will stabilize markets and increase individual choices. We are going to do that tomorrow morning.

Then comes the administrative action: What can we do through the White House?

You will remember when they passed the Affordable Care Act, they delegated much of that authority to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. Today, that Secretary is my good friend from across the river in Georgia, Dr. Tom Price. So the second phase is for Dr. Tom Price to grab ahold of those dials that he has at Health and Human Services and make those changes that will encourage choice and lower prices, stabilize markets.

And then third, we are going to come back to this body, back to this floor, back to the United States Senate and pass stand-alone legislation that authorizes association health plans, that promotes competition in insurance,

that deals with the IPAB repeal, and on and on. In fact, we have begun that this week, Mr. Speaker.

There are two legislative processes. There is the process where you can pass something in the Senate with 51 votes. That is called reconciliation. And there is the process where you have to deal with the filibuster in the Senate. That is for everything else.

Mr. Speaker, right now, we are still getting the rust out of the gears here in this body. There are lots of new Members here. We have got a chance to pass a bill tomorrow morning that can move through the Senate with 51 votes. But then we are going to be back.

Like I say, we have started this week. We have already passed, in a bipartisan way, legislation to increase competition in the insurance market and legislation to allow small businesses to band together so that they can provide better plans at lower costs to their constituents.

Mr. Speaker, there is some suggestion that fixing a failing ObamaCare, an ObamaCare that is in a death spiral, is somehow a partisan issue. Again, as I began, I said there are folks on the Republican side who sometimes say nothing good ever happened in ObamaCare and folks on the Democratic side who sometimes say nothing bad ever happened.

But the truth is, 20 different times, this Republican-controlled House passed bills that President Obama signed into law to fix problems in the Affordable Care Act—20 different times. One of the first bills I voted on when I came to Congress was one of those bills. The President signed it into law.

The Affordable Care Act—I don't need to go through the whole history with you, Mr. Speaker. You remember. It was jammed through the Senate on Christmas Eve. It moved through the House on a Sunday night at midnight with no amendments and no changes. It was not ready for prime time. It needed these fixes. And even with these fixes, the death spiral continues.

But we needn't say to one another that collaborating to solve a failing ObamaCare system is anathema to what anyone believes. We have done it not once, not twice, but 20 times during the Obama Presidency alone.

Mr. Speaker, I will close with this tonight. It is a Kaiser Family Foundation study. They went to folks who have policies in the Affordable Care Act exchange system, and they said: Are you better off today than you were before the passage of the Affordable Care Act?

Again, these are folks who have enrolled in the Affordable Care Act.

What they found is it is about 50/50. It is just this small red and green sliver, Mr. Speaker, of the entire healthcare market in this country, just this small sliver that enrolled in the Affordable Care Act. Again, almost twice as many people rejected the Affordable Care Act, are paying penalties

to the IRS, and are staying out of the system as got into the system. But of those people who got into the system, about 80 percent of which are receiving Federal subsidies to stay in the system, only about half said that they are better off today than they were before.

That is \$1 trillion that we have spent—borrowed from our children and spent—to reform health care for 300 million Americans even though most Americans valued the plan they had, created a system where more Americans opted out and decided to pay a penalty than agreed to take the free health care that was being offered. And of those who agreed to take the health care, more than half of them believe things were better before.

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Mr. Speaker, I will stipulate, if it is valuable, that folks who passed the Affordable Care Act before you and I got here were trying to do the best they could to serve their constituency the best they know how, but it didn't work. Insurers are leaving the plan. Families are losing their policies. Premiums are skyrocketing double and even triple digits annually.

We can do better. We can do better, and we have an opportunity to start that process tomorrow. I regret that even the word "ObamaCare" has become so toxic that it divides people even upon its mention. But families are being caught in that divide. Families are being caught in the political crossfire as we discuss this.

The President has said: Send me a bill because I want to put a stop to that uncertainty. I want to put a stop to that insecurity. I want to put the American healthcare system back on track.

We can do it together tomorrow.

America needs us to do it together tomorrow, and I hope that we will.

Mr. Speaker, thank you so much for agreeing to be here with me during this time tonight, and thank you for agreeing to keep my friend Jon Richards in your prayers as you lay your head down this evening.

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

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1228. An act to provide for the appointment of members of the Board of Directors of the Office of Compliance to replace members whose terms expire during 2017, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 305. An act to amend title 4, United States Code, to encourage the display of the

flag of the United States on National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, March 24, 2017, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

890. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits received March 22, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

891. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Ceiling Fans [Docket No.: EERE-2012-BT-STD-0045] (RIN: 1904-AD28) received March 22, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

892. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedure for Walk-in Coolers and Walk-in Freezers [Docket No.: EERE-2014-BT-TP-0054] (RIN: 1904-AD72) received March 22, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

893. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Central Air Conditioners and Heat Pumps [Docket No.: EERE-2016-BT-TP-0029] (RIN: 1904-AD71) received March 22, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

894. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Test Procedures for Compressors [Docket No.: EERE-2014-BT-TP-0054] (RIN: 1904-AD43) received March 22, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

895. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Energy Efficiency Standards for the Design and Construction of New Federal Low-Rise

Residential Buildings' Baseline Standards Update [EERE-2016-BT-STD-0003] (RIN: 1904-AD56) received March 22, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

896. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Clarification of When Products Made or Derived From Tobacco Are Regulated as Drugs, Devices, or Combination Products; Amendments to Regulations Regarding "Intended Uses"; Further Delayed Effective Date; Request for Comments [Docket No.: FDA-2015-N-2002] (RIN: 0910-AH19) received March 22, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

897. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's FY 2016 Biosimilar User Fee Act Financial Report, pursuant to the Biosimilar User Fee Act of 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

898. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's FY 2016 Generic Drug User Fee Amendments Financial Report, pursuant to the Generic Drug User Fee Amendments of 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

899. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's FY 2016 Prescription Drug User Fee Act Financial Report, pursuant to the Prescription Drug User Fee Act of 1992 as amended; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

900. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's FY 2016 Prescription Drug User Fee Performance Report, pursuant to the Prescription Drug User Fee Act; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

901. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's 2016 Medical Device User Fee Amendments Financial Report, pursuant to the Medical Device User Fee Amendments of 2012; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

902. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Fatty Acids, Montan-Wax, Ethoxylated; Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0337; FRL-9958-10] received March 22, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

903. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Cyantraniliprole; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2014-0357; FRL-9958-53] received March 22, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

904. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Cloquintocet-mexyl; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0299; FRL-9959-11] received March 22, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

905. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection

Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — *Aspergillus flavus* AF36; Amendment to an Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0566; FRL-9959-92] received March 22, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

906. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Isoamyl acetate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0378; FRL-9956-02] received March 22, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

907. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Octadecanoic acid, 12-hydroxy-, homopolymer, ester with a, a', a''-1,2,3-propanetriyltris[w-hydroxypoly(oxy-1,2-ethanediyl)]; Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0617; FRL-9958-97] received March 22, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

908. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Polyglycerol polyricinoleate; Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2016-0606; FRL-9959-12] received March 22, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

909. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Energy Efficiency Standards for the Design and Construction of New Federal Low-Rise Residential Buildings' Baseline Standards Update [Docket No.: EERE-2016-BT-STD-0003] (RIN: 1904-AD56) received March 22, 2017, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

910. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report on U.S. support for Taiwan's participation as an Observer at the 69th World Health Assembly and in the work of the World Health Organization, as provided in the Act to Address the Participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization (P.L. 108-235), Sec. 1(c), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 290 note; Public Law 108-235, Sec. 1(c); (118 Stat. 658); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

911. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a notification of a qualifying export to Australia of defense articles and defense services, pursuant to Article 12(3) of the Treaty Between The Government of The United States of America and the Government of Australia Concerning Defense Trade Cooperation, and Sec. 126.16(o) of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

912. A letter from the Associate General Counsel, Department of Agriculture, transmitting a notification of a nomination and designation of acting officer, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

913. A letter from the Board Secretary, Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting the Board's FY 2016 No FEAR Act report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 2301 note; Public Law 107-174, 203(a) (as amended by Public Law 109-435, Sec. 604(f)); (120 Stat. 3242); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.