

TrumpCare still includes billions of dollars in cuts to Medicaid, a critical source of healthcare for 1.75 million of America's veterans, two-thirds of U.S. nursing home residents, and one in five Americans. The latest Senate TrumpCare bill cuts Medicaid by as much as a third.

Every version of TrumpCare we have seen would result in more than 20 million fewer Americans covered over the next 10 years.

There is still no sign of a TrumpCare bill that would not break President's Trump's healthcare promises to the American people. The President promised "insurance for everybody." He said: "Everybody's going to be taken care of."

Every version of TrumpCare would break that promise, big league. The President promised that Medicaid would not be cut under his healthcare plan. No version of TrumpCare has been proposed that even comes close to keeping that promise.

President Trump promised the American people a healthcare plan that would "lower premiums" with "much lower deductibles."

It is time for Americans to get a real plan and not be left with broken promises.

VIOLENCE IS NEVER THE ANSWER

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

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge a tragic incident that occurred today in the Second District.

Early this morning, a man drove his truck into the side of the Bay County Government Center and caused a fire that resulted in his death. My district office has an office in that building. Thankfully, no workers or visitors were injured in the incident, and all of the district staff are safe.

It is a sad day to witness someone so troubled take such an action and, ultimately, their own life. While there is still much to learn about this person's motivations and the reasons behind this attack on a public building, we should all remember that, no matter how inflamed our passions, violence is never the answer.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking the first responders and the law enforcement officers who are addressing this incident, and please join me in a prayer for the Bay County community as they come together to respond to this tragedy.

TRUMPCARE BILL

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

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, as we wait for a vote on a bill to repeal the Affordable Care Act, I want to remind my colleagues that 51

percent of Americans have a favorable opinion of the Affordable Care Act, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation. That is more than the support for Congress or the President.

More importantly, a recent study from Kaiser found that the ACA markets are stabilizing and insurers are regaining profitability. Yet we continue to hear false arguments saying that markets are collapsing or in a death spiral. That is not true.

If the majority Republican is serious about fixing our healthcare system and cutting costs to healthcare, they should give up plans to repeal and start putting solutions over politics.

I have said for years that the ACA is not perfect. No bill this Congress ever passed is. But in order to fix it, we need to work together on a bipartisan basis.

The bill that the Senate and House GOP has proposed will undermine protections for Americans with pre-existing conditions. Now we are hearing there is an amendment on the Senate side that will essentially allow for the sale of policies with skimpier benefits, so long as insurers offer an option that covers all ACA-mandated benefits. We know where that goes. We will not be able to afford those benefits.

WATERS OF THE U.S. RULE

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

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, in 2015, President Obama's EPA implemented the waters of the U.S., or the WOTUS rule, which arbitrarily and unilaterally expanded which kinds of waterways could be regulated under the Clean Water Act.

This rule turned every irrigation ditch, pond, and puddle on a farm into a new target for Washington regulators. In addition, this rule circumvented the Congress and the investigative process.

As a Representative for one of the largest agricultural districts in the country, I have heard time and again from farmers about the costs of these renewed regulations, not to mention the headaches caused by trying to comply.

By the EPA's own estimates, the rule would cost farmers and small businesses up to \$460 million a year. It is not only bad policy, but also a bad idea to arbitrarily make it more difficult for farmers to do their jobs and provide our food and fuel for our economy.

That is why I was relieved to see that President Trump rescinded this rule last month. By rescinding this rule, the President sent a strong message that Washington must put farmers ahead of bureaucrats.

WILSON AMENDMENT TO THE 2018 NDAA

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

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, on the night of April 14, 2014, Boko Haram kidnapped 276 girls from the Chibok Government Girls Secondary School in Nigeria, a night we all remember.

Although some girls fled or have been released, more than 100 Chibok girls remain in captivity today with Boko Haram, the deadliest terrorist organization in the world.

Last year, Congress unanimously passed bipartisan legislation sponsored by U.S. Senator SUSAN COLLINS and myself to require a 5-year strategy to conquer Boko Haram. Last night, an amendment to solidify the bill and add a sense of Congress that expresses our support for the kidnapped schoolgirls and the United States strategy for countering Boko Haram was passed in the 2018 National Defense Authorization Act.

I thank Armed Services Committee Chairman THORNBERRY, Ranking Member SMITH, Rules Committee Chairman SESSIONS, Ranking Member SLAUGHTER, and Congressman ALCEE HASTINGS.

We will continue to fight against Boko Haram and their vicious and cruel tactics against the Nigerian people. We will continue to wear red every Wednesday until all of our girls are released.

Remember to tweet, tweet, tweet, #bringbackourgirls.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would ask Members to heed the gavel.

CHANGE OF COMMAND

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

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in recognition of a time-honored U.S. Navy tradition: the change of command at NSWC Crane, a vital military command in my district in southern Indiana, located on the Navy's third largest base in the world.

Today, as we welcome our new commanding officer, Captain Mark Oesterreich, and family, to southwest Indiana, we say good-bye to Captain J.T. Elder, who has steered this premier center of excellence for the past 3 years.

Captain Elder empowered his team to manage NSWC Crane by focusing on people, connecting with its workforce, and being a champion for leadership development.

As a community leader, he realized that fostering relationships with neighboring cities, towns, and counties was essential to attracting and retaining Crane's outstanding workforce, and nurturing its workforce for the years ahead.

As Hoosiers everywhere join in salute, we are deeply indebted to Captain Elder for his remarkable 28-year contribution to our Nation's defense. I wish Captain Elder and Cynthia fair

winds and following seas in the next chapter of their lives.

WORK TOGETHER TO FIX HEALTHCARE

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

MR. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, Senate Republicans continue to push a flawed and harmful healthcare bill, TrumpCare. It fails to address the basic healthcare needs of Americans.

Republicans themselves are deeply divided on the subject. You have Republicans negotiating with Republicans and they can't come to consensus. Democrats, meanwhile, have been willing to work to come to consensus to work together to fix those real issues that we know we have to address in the Affordable Care Act. We have not been given the opportunity.

There has been no transparency in any of this discussion, no hearings, and no public input. The entire process is behind closed doors. Of course, we know why. This is a bill that kicks millions of Americans off of healthcare. Twenty-two million people would lose health insurance. For those lucky enough to get healthcare, they will pay more for less. Their out-of-pocket expenses will go up. If you are 50 to 64, there will be an age tax.

This is a terrible piece of legislation. It ought to be rejected and we ought to work together to fix the problems we have.

TAMPA BAY AREA COMBATS HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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

MR. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, in light of the important anti-human trafficking legislation passed by the House, I want to recognize efforts in the Tampa Bay area to combat human trafficking.

I am especially proud of the joint task force formed by Pasco County Sheriff's Office Corporal Alan Wilkett, BayCare's Liana Dean, and many others. Their work brings us closer to a community that is safer for our most vulnerable citizens.

Human trafficking is not a distant problem for other countries. It is a human rights crisis happening right here at home. Last year, Florida reported 550 human trafficking cases. That is the third largest number of cases in the country. It is unacceptable.

We passed three bipartisan bills to strengthen detection systems, improve education efforts, and protect victims. We have got to pass them in the Senate as well and have it become law.

The fight against human trafficking is a fight for the safety and security of our communities.

TACKLING THE CAUSE OF THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

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

MS. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, in my home State of Hawaii, hospitalizations and emergency room visits from opioid-related conditions have more than doubled in the last decade. More people are now dying from overdoses than motor vehicle accidents. This opioid epidemic is killing 91 Americans all across this country every single day.

For years, companies like Purdue Pharma, the maker of the commonly known drug OxyContin, have profited off of the suffering of millions of Americans who are dealing and struggling with opioid addiction. Now Purdue and others are going overseas, targeting foreign populations, using the very same shady marketing tactics, lies, and false advertising that helped them get rich at the expense of the American people.

This is absolutely unacceptable. We can't just keep wringing our hands about the opioid crisis without actually tackling the cause of it. Purdue and those responsible should be prosecuted for the deaths and lives that have been ruined as a result of their lies.

LET'S GET ON WITH BUSINESS

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

MR. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I don't believe I have ever seen a bigger mountain made out of a tinier molehill in my 29 years in Congress than what is being made out of Donald Trump, Jr.'s, meeting with the Russian lawyer. It reminds me of the Wendy's ad several years ago that asked: "Where's the beef?"

I know that hindsight is 20-20 and holier than thou, but this is ridiculous.

Do you really believe that Chelsea Clinton would have refused to meet with a Russian lawyer who she was told had evidence that would incriminate Donald Trump?

Donald Trump, Jr., met with this woman for a few minutes, saw she had nothing, and nothing came out of it. No action was taken. Even Director Comey testified he had seen no evidence that even one vote was altered by anything the Russians did.

They have been investigating this for months, and this is the best they can come up with?

It is time to stop crying over the election and do something about some real problems.

AMENDMENTS TO NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

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

MS. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I applaud my colleagues for passage of my three amendments to the National Defense Authorization Act last night.

Two of my amendments would address our Nation's opioid crisis as it impacts our Nation's servicemembers and veterans. They would direct the Defense Department to study the effectiveness of their opioid prescriber education policies and require Department providers to counsel or give referrals to the VA for transitioning veterans that suffer from addiction or chronic pain.

My third amendment would direct the Department of Defense to analyze sexual coercion in the military as part of its annual report on sexual assault.

While I commend the Department for their progress in reducing the occurrence of sexual assault in the military, more work needs to be done. Understanding sexual coercion is important to the safety of our brave men and women, and important for our national security.

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RECOGNIZING MISS MOLLY MATNEY

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

MR. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Miss Molly Matney, an outstanding resident of Metcalfe County in the First Congressional District of Kentucky.

Ms. Matney was crowned Miss Kentucky 2017 on July 1. She is an agriculture major at Western Kentucky University and hopes to pursue a career as an agricultural lending executive. Her talents and accomplishments distinguish her as a valuable asset to the Miss Kentucky organization, as well as the First District of Kentucky.

The "Farm Fit" platform she has developed encourages consumption of products found in local farmers' markets to help individuals maintain a healthy lifestyle. This concept complements and reemphasizes fundamental aspects of the Kentucky Department of Agriculture's "Kentucky Proud" campaign.

Her yearlong travels will allow her to promote both of these initiatives throughout the Commonwealth. I am confident she will utilize her knowledge of Kentucky's agriculture industry for the betterment of her platform and will continue to be a deserving advocate for Kentucky farmers.

I wish her the best of luck as she prepares to compete at the Miss America pageant in Atlanta City, New Jersey, on September 10, and I look forward to her continued contributions to the First District of Kentucky.

MILITARY HUNGER PREVENTION ACT

(Mr. McGOVERN asked and was given permission to address the House