

Shelby Township is as healthy as can be. Yet her premium just jumped \$10,000 this year. That is the ACA in a nutshell: You are in trouble if you are healthy, and you are really in trouble if you get sick.

This is what affordable care looks like in their world. This isn't what care is in the real world. Mr. Speaker, everywhere else you see it works when patients and people make their own decisions.

Mr. Speaker, if you need a plumber at 2 a.m., there is no problem. He is at your door in 1 hour, Mr. Speaker. If you show up at the ER, though, Mr. Speaker, bring a book and a sandwich because you are going to be there for a while.

Michigan has the longest wait times on average of any State in that immediate region and some of the longest wait times in the country. If you want a flat-screen TV, Mr. Speaker, you can have one delivered to your doorstep in hours. However, a lifesaving dialysis machine will cost you \$30,000 and might take you weeks to get.

Do you know why, Mr. Speaker?

It is because government doesn't meddle in television manufacturing and people have choices.

Mr. Speaker, you can fix your eyes for \$1,500, but if you need your heart fixed, it will cost you hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Do you know why, Mr. Speaker?

It is because people have choices.

Here is the truth: Every single time Washington gets its mitts deeper into healthcare, prices go through the roof and care gets worse.

That is why I introduced the Patients Deserve Price Tags Act. The Patients Deserve Price Tags Act is pretty simple. Before a person walks into a hospital or to a doctor's office, he ought to be able to know what the heck something costs: No more games, no more surprises, and no more \$47 aspirin.

This is bipartisan, bicameral, and commonsense stuff. In literally every part of life elsewhere, buying a car, groceries, or a cell phone, you know the price before you swipe your card and before you put your hard-earned cash on the register, Mr. Speaker. You can shop around, find a better deal, and walk away if it is too rich for your blood. It is your choice, Mr. Speaker. Only in healthcare do they hide the price until after you have already gone on the table, Mr. Speaker. Then they send you a bill that ruins your life and puts you in debt.

While hospitals and insurance companies rake in record profits, American families are drowning in medical debt, more medical debt than credit cards, car loans, and everything else combined. My bill ends this nonsense and gives the power back to you, Mr. Speaker.

Every hospital in America will have to post their real prices online in plain English where everyone else can see them. If they don't hold the prices, we fine them and hold them accountable

to the people. Fines will actually mean something.

Mr. Speaker, insurance companies will have to give you a straight answer online, on the phone, or in the paper about exactly what your care is going to cost you before you get it. For the first time, they will have to publicly post their real rates and drug prices, too.

Sunlight is the best disinfectant, and that is all the people demand.

Mr. Speaker, the people back home know how to spend their money better than the Federal Government. We give them a price, and they will find the best deal. Give them the power, and the prices will come down. That is how the real world works.

We are keeping a promise that should have been kept a long time ago: real transparency, real competition, and real power will be back in the hands of patients.

I am asking every one of my colleagues to join our bipartisan bill, Republican and Democrat, to stand with the families getting hammered by these bills.

Mr. Speaker, cosponsor the Patients Deserve Price Tags Act. Let's finally give the American people, all of the people who sent us to represent them, honesty and the control they deserve.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 12 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 at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Abide with us most Holy God. Allow Your holy spirit to descend among us and move around us that we would know of Your presence and power in the living of these days.

May Your calm accompany us in every encounter. Your serenity still the tumult of our busyness. May Your nearness impress upon us the significance of each moment of every day.

Then throughout this day, train our ears to listen for Your voice and heed Your words of guidance.

Sensitize our souls to the leading of Your spirit as we attend to the stewardship of Your grace.

Discipline our wills to yield with humility to the way You would have us serve this Nation and her needs.

For You are our Father, and we Your children. We are the clay and You the

potter who fashions our lives and shapes our days. We are all the work of Your hand. We pray that our efforts would reveal Your divine design.

In us, O Lord, may You be glorified. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. HOYER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HOYER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

PUTIN BREAKS ALL TREATIES

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, 31 years ago, Ukraine signed the Budapest Memorandum, giving up their nuclear arsenal in exchange for territorial guarantees by America, Russia, and the United Kingdom. Sadly, it has been murderously broken by war criminal Putin as Soviets break all treaties.

President Donald Trump tried to deter war criminal Putin by sending Javelin missiles to Ukraine, placing troops in Poland, and stopping Nord Stream 2.

Ukrainian courage and determination is inspiring, affirmed by unity of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe led by President Pere Joan Pons with Ukraine support from U.K. MP Chair Sharon Hodgson.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as Trump is reinstituting peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump as the New York Post has editorialized: Putin sent Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner packing with yet more aerial assaults on Ukrainian civilians. American public support for Ukraine is growing.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BOB MITCHELL

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great Marylander, a fellow University of Maryland Ter-rapin, and dear friend, Bob Mitchell, who passed away on November 12, just days shy of his 89th birthday.

Bob built our community, literally. An accomplished developer, he built more than 5,000 homes in roughly 40 communities throughout the capital region.

Bob was a leader in his industry, serving as president of the Maryland National Capital Building Industry Association, the Maryland State Builders Association, and the National Association of Home Builders.

His greatest pride, however, was his family.

My prayers are with his wife, Marlene; their four children; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren as they mourn this great loss. I mourn with them. He was a friend, a friend who I liked, who I respected, and who I learned from.

The House mourns with them. Maryland mourns with them. May God bless and keep Bob Mitchell.

ATTACK ON CHILDREN'S HEALTH

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to Secretary Kennedy and the Trump administration's most recent attack on our children's health.

On Friday, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the panel of anti-vaxxers that Secretary Kennedy put in charge, upended over three decades of precedent on hepatitis B vaccine recommendations for babies.

Secretary Kennedy's fascination with quackery has, once again, set health, science, and medicine in America backward.

The new guidance says that only babies whose mothers test positive for hepatitis B or whose status is unknown should receive the vaccine.

For every other baby, the committee has decided not to give a recommendation.

If acting CDC Director O'Neil approves this recommendation, countless babies will be at risk of liver disease and other long-lasting health issues.

Mr. Speaker, I call on the administration to reject this unscientific and reckless proposal before it harms our children.

SANTA FE PRIDE CENTER GRAND OPENING

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

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of a new beacon of hope and belonging in our Land of Enchantment. The doors of

the QC, Santa Fe's first LGBTQIA+ Center, have opened, and those doors open a space where every New Mexican can breathe freely, stand proudly, and be wholly themselves.

In this home of chosen family, community, and courage, Santa Feans will gather not just for events or activities but to share joy, to be seen, to be embraced without condition. The QC adds its own bright colors to Santa Fe's already vibrant tapestry, a testament to the leadership of the Human Rights Alliance Executive Director Kevin Bowen and the entire community's tireless passion, persistence, and commitment to equality in Santa Fe and throughout New Mexico.

Mr. Speaker, it brings me great joy to know that these advocates continue to fight for equality in New Mexico and uplift members of our beautifully diverse community. I stand in celebration with them.

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FARMERS FACING HARDSHIPS

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, many farmers and producers are in dire need of help, facing hardship because of decisions made beyond their control.

At kitchen tables right now, farmers are often forced to make unthinkable choices, like shutting down a farm that has been in their family for generations. For farm families, relief is not their preference, but right now, it is urgently needed for survival.

The recently announced assistance package is a step in the right direction, but some growers, such as tobacco, are being left behind. Others are left fighting to figure it out amongst themselves.

Short-term aid only tackles part of the problem, but we need balanced trade policies and certainty, or else many farms may be at risk.

CONGRATULATING CAMERON ELK SUICIDE PREVENTION TASK FORCE

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cameron Elk Suicide Prevention Task Force for receiving the Program of the Year award from the Pennsylvania Office of Rural Health.

The award recognizes an outstanding health program in a rural community that uses unique, creative, and innovative approaches to increase access to healthcare services and improve community health outcomes.

The task force addressed this need by designing 30,000 locally manufactured

988 Lifeline challenge coins; distributing 500 copies of the book "988/End the Stigmas," designed by local artist and mental health advocate John Schlimm; and installing a digital billboard on the Elk County highway route that reaches thousands of vehicles daily.

Mr. Speaker, by bringing attention to mental health, we can help those affected seek and receive the care they need. I applaud the Cameron Elk Suicide Prevention Task Force for its innovative approach to educating high-risk communities and saving lives.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Ferrari, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 414. An act to require covered digital advertising platforms to report their public service advertisements.

S. 1437. An act to require the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to establish a program to identify, evaluate, acquire, and disseminate commercial Earth remote sensing data and imagery in order to satisfy the scientific, operational, and educational requirements of the Administration, and for other purposes.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3898, PROMOTING EFFICIENT REVIEW FOR MODERN INFRASTRUCTURE TODAY ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3383, INCREASING INVESTOR OPPORTUNITIES ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3638, ELECTRIC SUPPLY CHAIN ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3628, STATE PLANNING FOR RELIABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3668, IMPROVING INTERAGENCY COORDINATION FOR PIPELINE REVIEWS ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 1071, DISINTERMENT OF REMAINS OF FERNANDO V. COTA FROM FORT SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL CEMETERY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 936 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 936

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. 3898) to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make targeted reforms with respect to waters of the United States and other matters, 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 amendments specified in