

fully deliver Governor Newsom's \$34 billion disaster supplemental request with no strings attached.

I have joined Democrats and Republicans across California in urging the administration to act immediately. Families can't afford further delay. We do not abandon people after a disaster.

EXTEND ENHANCED PREMIUM TAX CREDIT

(Ms. DEGETTE of Colorado was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, right now, we have a chance to protect Americans from going broke.

On January 1, families across this country were hit by the largest healthcare cost increases we have seen in more than a decade. Millions of Americans watched their premiums more than double overnight. A family of four making \$128,000 a year—teachers, nurses, small business owners—just got slapped with an average \$14,000-increase in their silver plan premiums.

As the senior Democrat on the Health Subcommittee of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, I have been raising this issue, along with my colleagues, for many months now. Despite the warnings, President Trump and congressional Republicans did nothing. They could have had a vote in December, yet they blocked Democratic efforts to extend the Affordable Care Act's enhanced premium tax credits. They looked Americans in the eye and said no.

We have an opportunity to fix this right now. This week, we can pass the bill that would extend the ACA's premium tax credits for 3 years. This extension will cut premium spikes by 80 percent, on average. It will wipe out increases for lower income families. It will save over 5 million Americans from losing their insurance.

This is the solution. We have it in our hands.

While this is a straightforward fix for the short term, we know that our entire healthcare system needs to have reform so that we can control costs.

I was part of the original team that negotiated and passed the Affordable Care Act. While we were forced to accept less than the universal healthcare plan we wanted, we secured protections that have since saved tens of thousands of lives, ending discrimination against people with preexisting conditions, letting parents keep their kids on their insurance policies while the kids start their careers, and guaranteeing that every plan covers basic essential care.

The majority, since that time in the last 15 years, has tried to destroy it. They have voted more than 70 times to repeal the Affordable Care Act and always with no replacement. They subjected the ACA to death by a thousand cuts, offering nothing but snake oil alternatives like high-deductible plans and health savings accounts that would leave families high and dry.

When we passed the ACA on this floor, I said this is just a start to affordable universal healthcare. Democrats have worked to improve the ACA. That is why we passed the tax credits in the first place. Millions of people signed up, and they were able to sleep without worrying about one hospital visit bankrupting their families. My colleagues on the other side want to rip that away, the reason for which I have no idea.

This crisis has shown that the only solution is ultimately universal healthcare. I have been a cosponsor of the Medicare for All Act since day one because I know it will guarantee a healthy nation. Unfortunately, my colleagues across the aisle have made it crystal clear: They have no appetite for meaningful reforms like Medicare for All.

Here is what we need to do right now: We need to extend the enhanced tax credits. They are the only thing standing between millions of Americans and complete financial devastation.

In my State of Colorado, we did the right thing. The State stepped in with our own tax credits, but not every State is Colorado. Americans in States like Florida and Texas will be out of luck, and in Colorado and every other State, we can't afford to take this burden on forever.

We need a nationwide solution. We have the votes for this fix. Four Republicans joined us in the petition to bring this bill to the floor.

We must pass it. We must bring it to the floor, pass it in the House, and send it over to the Senate this week. President Trump must sign it into law. If we don't, here is the reality: Families will drop health coverage to put food on the table, gambling with their lives. Medical debt will bury them bill by bill, week by week. They will keep waiting for the Trump healthcare plan that will be promised but will never come.

For anybody at home sitting there asking: Do the Republicans know what they are doing? The answer is, sadly, yes, they do.

Americans are watching. They know that the Democrats are fighting like hell for them and for their healthcare. Now, they are waiting to see if the majority has any conscience left.

It is time to vote "yes."

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 14 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1200

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON) at noon.

PRAYER

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

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and steadfast spirit within us. For You know the human heart—its desires and its demands, its feebleness and its faithlessness—and yet You are quick to show us mercy.

As we approach You on this day, testify to us of Your matchless wisdom, that even in the corners of our soul, in our inmost beings, we would know the conviction and the consolation of Your eternal truth. Restore us to the wholeness that is ours when we entrust everything—heart, mind, and soul—to You.

Grant us the joy of Your salvation and maintain in each of our spirits the willingness to follow Your guidance and to yield to Your correction.

Then open our lips, that the words we speak today will reflect the sincerity of a faith shaped by a humble spirit, that they will proclaim the hope of a faith that depends on Your everlasting promises, and that they will sing the joy of a faith that has received the gift of Your redeeming love.

We stand in the bounty of Your mercy and pray in the power of Your gracious and loving name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. LATIMER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LATIMER 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Ferrari, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 224. An act to amend section 102(a)(20) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 to require the exclusion of service-connected disability compensation when determining whether a person is a person of low and moderate income, a person of low income, or a person of moderate income, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following for titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 320. An act to reauthorize the Earthquake Hazards Reduction Act of 1977, and for other purposes.

S. 1626. An act to reauthorize the National Landslide Preparedness Act, and for other purposes.

EXPRESSING THE PROFOUND SORROW OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE DOUG LAMALFA

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

H. RES. 978

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable Doug LaMalfa, a Representative from the Senate of California.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECOGNIZING MARK LUSK

(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 recognize Lycoming County Sheriff Mark Lusk, who retired Monday after 50 years of outstanding community service.

Mark was elected as Lycoming County sheriff in 2009 and served in this role for four consecutive terms. Over his 50-year career, Mark has held a variety of positions, including patrolman, criminal investigator, corporal, chief of police, and deputy coroner.

Mark's leadership has been pivotal, and he was responsible for many rescue operations when the county experienced major floods.

Beyond his role as sheriff, Mark has volunteered for the Old Lycoming Township Volunteer Fire Company for 45 years. He has also worked alongside the local VFW and American Legion.

Mark has received various awards for his leadership over his career. In 2007, he was recognized by the Lycoming County Department of Public Safety and the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, Mark has dedicated his career to serving the community and answering the call of those in need. I thank him for his service, and I wish him the very best.

WAR FOR OIL

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

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, unable to run America, Trump says that he will run Venezuela.

Unwilling to provide help to Americans facing soaring health premiums, he offers new tax subsidies to Big Oil.

Long eager to drag America back to the ugly glory days of White nationalism under his hero, President William McKinley, Trump now is apparently going to make imperialism great again, also.

Declaring that he and he alone will dominate the Western Hemisphere, he sends a chilling message to his fellow authoritarians, like Putin, Xi, and others: Might makes right. Just stay in your own neighborhood.

With no interest in democracy, he has made clear that this is a war for oil and that he will work with any pawn that will get it to him, even those who are launching a new wave of repression in Venezuela.

Colombia, Mexico, Greenland—he is handing Putin a gift by dividing NATO. Our allies had to meet yesterday to defend Denmark on Greenland from this bully in chief.

So many conflicts but no plan to provide security to American families. He ignores our needs.

RECOGNIZING CO-OP CITY TIMES

(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, in a world where local news services—newspapers and radio stations—are disappearing on a frightening level, it is important to recognize and salute those organizations that are continuing to provide information about our localities, the lives and times of the individuals of our communities.

In the Bronx—specifically, in Co-op City—we have a public debt of gratitude that we owe to the Co-op City Times, which is serving the 40,000-plus people who reside there.

Owned and operated by the Riverbay Corporation, the Co-op City Times, led by Rozaan Boone, editor-in-chief, and her team of reporters, covers the work of the Co-op Board of Directors and the many organizations of Co-op City, from the NAACP branch to The American Legion post and every other group in between.

The Co-op City Times provides weekly news, free of charge, that covers the events and information of the individual building organizations, local arts and performances, and the churches and houses of worship and all of their events, and they spotlight the persons and the personalities that move Co-op City every day.

I thank Co-op City Times from the floor of the House of Representatives for showing that local news can still be vocal news.

END HUNGER NOW

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

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, after months of delay, the Trump adminis-

tration finally released an annual food security survey, which confirms what we know to be true: Hunger is increasing in this country.

Nearly 48 million Americans, including 14 million children, in the richest country in the history of the world, are food insecure, meaning that they lack the money and resources to acquire adequate food to feed their families. Those are moms, dads, grandparents, and kids who are unable to consistently access the most basic necessity: food.

Mr. Speaker, it is no wonder that the Trump administration has unilaterally canceled all future food security reports. They know that their big, ugly bill and Trump's terrible economy are going to cause food insecurity to skyrocket, and they are desperate to hide the data from the American people.

Mr. Speaker, I am here to say that Democrats in Congress are not going to stand by while Trump tears apart basic needs programs. We will continue calling attention to the increase in hunger caused by this administration and their Republican allies in Congress, and we will always fight for a future when we finally end hunger now.

□ 1210

ELECTING A MEMBER TO A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. HOUCHEIN. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 979

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS: Mr. Knott.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4593, SAVING HOME OWNERS FROM OVERREGULATION WITH EXCEPTIONAL RINSING ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5184, AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVERMANDATING EFFICIENCY STANDARDS ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 6938, COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE; ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT; AND INTERIOR AND ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026

Mrs. HOUCHEIN. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 977 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows: