

at age 42 because of ovarian cancer because she did not have health insurance and waited too long to see what was causing all of her symptoms. Yes, people in America actually die from not having health insurance.

Darla from Fitchburg, writes me. She says, "I lost my job because of unpredictable attendance due to my health issues. Upon losing my job I signed up for COBRA. Last week I received a letter indicating that my COBRA eligibility ends soon. In order for me to get health coverage, I would have to work at least 20 hours per week, but my physicians believe that it would do me more harm than good relating to my health issues. If I don't get some sort of health insurance, I will need to stop all treatments, as I have no money to pay for doctors' services. My prescription drugs will have to stop, as I will not be able to pay for them either. What can I do?" Darla asks.

Kimberly, from Madison, Wisconsin writes to me, "I am writing today because of my family's frustration and anxiety over health care. Although we hear a lot of rhetoric about making health care more affordable and/or more available for Americans, nothing is happening, at least not soon enough.

"Let me briefly share our story," Kimberly proceeds. "My husband recently started his own business. Obviously, it will take some time for his new company to see any profits, much less income. In the meantime, we are without health insurance. I am 5 months pregnant, and we have a 2-year-old son. Because of my preexisting condition, we cannot buy affordable health coverage. COBRA would cost us \$1,200 per month. I am currently applying for Medicaid and other forms of public assistance as a last resort. This is ridiculous.

"As someone with no insurance, I wonder what could possibly be the problem with implementing a public health care system. Oh, I have heard the horrible stories about having fewer choices in doctors or longer waiting lists for procedures and less incentive among doctors and researchers to develop new technologies. But what is most frightening to me is the chance that my son might get sick, or my baby might be born with expensive complications while we are uninsured.

"I am not naive. I know that funding public health care is an issue. But is it wise to sacrifice the health and well-being of American citizens to avoid the challenge of implementing a change? I, for one, would be satisfied to pay more for goods and services if I could rest assured that my family's basic health care needs were being met."

David, from Cross Plains, Wisconsin writes, "My wife and I have been self-employed for over 18 years, and have paid thousands of dollars for health insurance premiums. As of a few months ago, we had to drop out and are now without health insurance. The cost is completely out of reach. In fact, it is nuts. Now that I am 50 years old, it is

not a matter of if I will have health problems, it is a matter of when. Tammy, we will lose everything we have ever worked for. So much for the American dream. Now we look forward to dying broke and possibly homeless."

Victor, from Stoughton, Wisconsin, writes, "My wife can only work part time because of her health. Her employer offers a generic policy that costs only \$3.97 per week and requires no background check. This policy covers basically nothing. Medical supplies, check-ups, doctors' visits necessary on a routine basis for my wife to survive are now not covered. My wife is uninsurable because of her health, and we have been turned down for health insurance that we have applied for. We cannot believe that this is happening."

Ronald, from Deerfield, Wisconsin writes, "I was on COBRA insurance for 3 years, which ended this past fall. I spent from March until September trying to get private insurance, but could not because of my neck injury. I was, in effect, looked at and dismissed by 33 private insurance companies because of my preexisting condition with my neck injury. Imagine how you would feel, after being dismissed by this many companies. I was finally insured through disability and Medicare. The sad reality of it is that if I want to try to work full-time again, I cannot, because in doing so it would cost me the only insurance options that I have left.

"The truth is that many other countries can and do provide equitable health insurance to all of their citizens, no matter what preexisting conditions they have, or their ability to pay, or what income level they have. I believe this country does have top-notch medical facilities, but not decent or equitable insurance for the poor and middle-income families.

Susan, from Baraboo, Wisconsin writes me, "I am writing you today regarding health insurance coverage for single people with no children. As of this time, I feel that I am left out of the loop in regards to this topic. I am 42, and last September I was diagnosed with breast cancer. In January of this year, the company that I worked for informed us that they would be closing down. I was laid off in December while I was out due to my cancer treatment. I have been searching for health care coverage everywhere because my COBRA will be going up, and I am on unemployment and barely able to pay the \$244.76 for the coverage now. I cannot get insurance because of the breast cancer.

"The High Risk State Insurance Program, which is the Wisconsin program, is too expensive for me to get coverage, since they want 4 months of premiums up front, and as they only cover some things. What are single people supposed to do," Susan asks? "We don't qualify for any government assistance because we are single. We cannot go without insurance. There are no programs to help us out. So when you are working on health care in the House of Representa-

tives, please remember that there are other single people out there also in my shoes. I am at a crossroads because I have no avenue for assistance when it comes to health care. Come November, I will be unable to get coverage when I need it at this point in my life:

Janet from Portage, Wisconsin writes, "I have a 53-year-old brother who has psoriasis all over his body and arthritis that is caused by this. Three weeks ago he fell and needs surgery on his shoulder to repair it. He has no job, no money, and no insurance. We started looking for a program to help him. There are none that we can find. There is nothing to get him help to get his shoulder fixed. But after it heals wrong and he is disabled because of it, then there are programs to help him. They won't help him get it fixed so he can find a good job. Instead, they would rather support him for the rest of his life instead of trying to help him now:

Gail, from Janesville, Wisconsin writes, "My husband recently lost his job. He applied for over 100 positions, only to be told that he lacked a college degree, or he is overqualified, or that they can only pay \$8 an hour. I was diagnosed with breast cancer in June of 1998, and again in 2003. I have gone through breast cancer twice, and have undergone a mastectomy and reconstructive surgery. COBRA has run out, and without a stable income, we cannot afford to pay the premiums for our own health care policy. My husband is 59 and I am 58, and we have no medical coverage. I have looked into every insurance company and get turned down because of my medical history. All our lives we have paid into these insurance companies, only to be turned away when we need the coverage the most."

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Lastly, I want to relay a story that was shared with me by Laurie. Laurie is a fourth grade teacher in the Madison, Wisconsin, public school system. Laurie recently had a student fall during recess and break his foot. Laurie wrote: "As he was waiting, in extreme pain and cold, for the school nurse to get to him, he cried to an assistant waiting with him, 'I can't go to the doctor. We don't have insurance.'"

That a 9- or 10-year-old boy should think even something like this is an atrocity.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that as Cover the Uninsured Week continues, my colleagues will join me in recognizing that obtaining comprehensive, affordable health care presents a very real challenge for millions upon millions of Americans. We cannot turn a deaf ear to our constituents' pleas for help. I invite my colleagues to join me in working on this most pressing domestic priority to provide affordable health care for all Americans.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. CLARKE (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today after 6:00 p.m.

Mr. BUYER (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of medical reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. CUMMINGS) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MALONEY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. JONES of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. LEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WILSON of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MILLER of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. SCHWARTZ, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KUCINICH, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. JONES of North Carolina) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, April 25 and 25.

Mr. POE, for 5 minutes, May 1.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 46 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, April 25, 2007, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

1250. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-37, "Class Exclusion Standards Temporary Amendment Act of 2007," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1251. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-36, "Quality Teacher Incentive Clarification Temporary Act of 2007," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1252. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a

copy of D.C. ACT 17-35, "Retail Service Station Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2007," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1253. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-34, "Comprehensive Plan Response to NCPD Recommendations and Technical Corrections Act of 2007," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1254. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-33, "Nonprofit Organizations Oversight Improvement Amendment Act of 2007," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1255. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. ACT 17-38, "Public Education Reform Amendment Act of 2007," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c)(1); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1256. A letter from the Acting Chief Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Tariff of Tolls [Docket No. SLSDC 2006-26584] (RIN: 2135-AA25) received March 15, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1257. A letter from the FHWA Regulations Officer, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Construction and Maintenance [FHWA Docket No. FHWA-2006-23552] (RIN: 2125-AF18) received March 15, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1258. A letter from the Acting Chief Counsel, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Seaway Regulations and Rules: Periodic Update, Various Categories [Docket No. SLSDC 2006-26397] (RIN: 2135-AA24) received March 15, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1259. A letter from the Secretary, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Maintenance and Repair Reimbursement Pilot Program [Docket No. MARAD-2006-23804] (RIN 2133-AB68) received March 15, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1260. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel Aviation Enforcement and Proceedings, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Domestic Baggage Liability [Docket OST-2007-27020] (RIN: 2105-AD62) received March 15, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1261. A letter from the FHWA Regulations Officer, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Size and Weight Enforcement and Regulations [FHWA Docket No. FHWA-2006-24134] (RIN: 2125-AF17) received March 15, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1262. A letter from the Regulations Officer, FHWA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Statewide Transportation Planning; Metropolitan Transportation Planning [Docket No. FHWA-2005-22986] (RIN: 2125-AF09; FTA RIN 2132-AA82) received March 15, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1263. A letter from the FHWA Regulations Officer, Department of Transportation,

transmitting the Department's final rule — Surface Transportation Project Delivery Pilot Program [FHWA Docket No. FHWA-05-22707] (RIN: 2125-AF13) received March 15, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1264. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Modification of Class E Airspace; Creston, IA. [Docket No. FAA-2006-25941; Airspace Docket No. 06-ACE-11] received March 15, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1265. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Mineral Point, WI [Docket No. FAA-2006-24448; Airspace Docket No. 06-AGL-02] received March 15, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1266. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of Class E Airspace; Williamsburg, KY [Docket No. FAA-2006-26040; Airspace Docket No. 06-ASO-13] received March 15, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1267. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 30535; Amdt. No. 3205] received March 15, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1268. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No. 30537; Amdt. No. 3207] received March 15, 2007, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. OBEY: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 1591. A bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes (Rept. 110-107). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. ARCURI: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 330. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1332) to improve the access to capital programs of the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes (Rept. 110-108). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SUTTON: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 331. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 249) to restore the prohibition on the commercials sale and slaughter of wild free-roaming horses and burros (Rept. 110-109). Referred to the House Calendar.

Ms. SLAUGHTER: Committed on Rules. House Resolution 332. Resolution providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1591) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes (Rept. 110-110). Referred to the House Calendar.