FORMING A MORE PERFECT UNION
(Mr. INSLEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. INSLEE. "We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union"—that is what got America started. And when we form a more perfect union, it is always a continuous and ongoing process. Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, are rights, at those times it was always controversial.

But Americans are going to grow confident in this for two reasons. Number 1, we know that all Americans should have a choice in health care. It shouldn't be the government's choice. It shouldn't be the insurance company's choice. It should be individual Americans' choice, and that is what they will get today.

Number 2, we know that a nation is truly healthy only when all of its citizens have health care.

Today, we will have choice. Today, we will have health care. Today, we are forming a more perfect union in the tradition of this great country.

WISE COUNSEL FROM THE NFIB
(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. I urge Members of both parties to pay attention to the counsel of the National Federation of Independent Business, NFIB, the Nation's leading small business association.

"Small business has been struggling with health care costs for decades, and our members need help now." These bills 'are not the answer—they compound current problems and make health care even more expensive for small businesses. Costing nearly $1 trillion, these bills will send health insurance costs soaring, increase the cost of doing business and set our economic recovery back toward with destructive policies," including a tax on small business health plans, targeting small construction firms with destructive new mandates, an unprecedented increase in the Medicare payroll tax.

In July, NFIB warned a similar bill would kill 1.6 million jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

As we vote today, I share the concern of former Director Bill Walker that the bill will be a free ticket, no show.

COURAGE WILL BE THE CALL OF THE DAY
(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. My colleagues shame us for scaring the American people about the contents of this bill. We know the consequences of this bill will be frightening and horrible.

Freedom dies a little bit today. Unfortunately, some are celebrating.

WE MUST END THIS DEBATE WITH UNDERSTANDING
(Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MURPHY. I must end this debate with understanding.

WE HAVE A HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY
(Mr. GOHMERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GOHMERT. I would ask my colleagues across the aisle—sometimes I raise my voice. I'm not going to do that today, so I need you to listen. I'm very sincere.

I know that there are some wonderful-hearted people that have been...