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Do Americans want 3 million new jobs in this country for the cost of a postage stamp a day? You bet. We are going to pay for this bill. Americans want it.

COMPETITION IS NEEDED FOR HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, as we continue to learn more about the single-payer, government takeover of the health care system proposed by my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, I would like to point out why this isn’t a good idea.

First, we can’t afford it. Cost estimates are now up to $3.5 trillion of money we don’t have. Medicare, even with heavy subsidies from private insurance, is on the course of bankruptcy. How will we afford a Medicare-for-all program?

Let me make it clear, the government cannot be both competitor and make up the rules of the game. It would be like Microsoft being put in control of the Internet. How would other companies compete with Microsoft?

A single-payer system option will erode the private insurance market that is propping up the public health plan we have today. It is becoming very clear that the public option group has the ultimate goal of destroying competition and choice and substituting it with a government takeover of our health care system.

So what is the end game here? The end game is that once the Federal Government gains full control of our health care system and steps between you and your doctor, we will have exploding budgets which will lead to rationing.

PERMISSION TO EXTEND TIME FOR DEBATE AND MODIFY AMENDMENT DURING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2647

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, at this time, I ask unanimous consent that the amendment No. 2 be modified in the following manner:

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that the Honorable John M. McHugh, Representative from New York, has served the House of Representatives and the American people selflessly and with distinction and that he deserves the sincere and humble gratitude of Congress and the Nation.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

Mr. SKELTON (during the reading). I ask unanimous consent that the amendment be considered read. The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the initial request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

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There was no objection.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 572 and rule XVIII, the Chair is in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2647.