

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, under the current health care proposal in the House, the health coverage of 16 million Americans who hold individual market health plans is in jeopardy.

We've heard, "If you like it, you can keep it," but this bill breaks that promise, takes away the freedom to choose, and drives up costs.

Under this bill, private providers of individual health plans will be prohibited from enrolling even one new member. It's simple economics. Without new enrollees, the existing members will only get older, get sicker. Costs will skyrocket and so will the premiums.

Cost will prevent the providers from providing quality coverage. Cost will force 16 million Americans out of their current health care coverage. This is not choice. This is not freedom.

Last week, I offered an amendment in the House Ways and Means Committee to stop this. The amendment was rejected.

I urge my colleagues to reject this bill so we can discuss solid solutions that will protect and strengthen health care of every American.

#### THE COST OF INACTION

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. I rise today because we cannot forget one important factor in the health care reform debate, that the cost of inaction far outweighs today's price tag.

We believe that we can live with our health care system as is; yet we forget, until we show up in the emergency room at 1 in the morning with our daughter who is sick, that there is already a bureaucrat in the room: our health insurance company.

We believe that those who are uncovered are costing us nothing; yet they are overwhelming our emergency care facilities and costing you, the taxpayer, overwhelming amounts in fees that they cannot pay out of pocket.

We believe that health care reform is synonymous with rising costs; yet we forget that costs are already on the rise. We're paying more out of pocket, whether covered by an insurance plan or not, and getting less.

If health care costs continue to increase at the rate they have, most American households will be spending 45 percent of their income on health insurance by 2016. Premiums have doubled in 9 years, three times faster than wages.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, the cost of inaction far outweighs today's price tag.

#### INTERNATIONAL TAX PROPOSALS

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

Mr. ROSKAM. Americans are seeing jobs sift through their fingers like so many grains of sand. We have seen 2

million jobs lost since the stimulus passed, millions more under the cap-and-tax scheme that moved through the House, and even millions more lost if the health care plan moves forward.

But our adventures don't stop there. The administration has proposed \$200 billion in tax increases on worldwide American companies in the form of changes to tax deferral rules.

A report released in June, coauthored by a former Clinton administration official, acknowledged that the deferral changes would cost as many as 2.2 million American jobs.

This isn't about big, bad American companies. This is about American companies and workers having the tools to compete overseas to pursue 95 percent of the world's customers who are living outside of the United States and our borders.

Deferral is one of these tools that we need to make sure that is in place over the long run to make sure that Americans can compete in worldwide markets.

#### CONGRATULATING DR. JIM NAVE

(Ms. TITUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate a dear friend and admired leader in our community of Las Vegas, Dr. Jim Nave. Dr. Nave was recently recognized for his outstanding work as a veterinarian at the American Veterinary Medical Association's Annual Convention, where he received their award for his distinguished contributions to the advancement of veterinary medical organizations.

His achievements in the veterinary field are incomparable, both in quantity and in quality. He has served as president of the Nevada Veterinary Medical Association and on the Nevada Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners. He was also named Nevada's outstanding Veterinarian of the Year in 1988.

In addition, he has been both the chair of the AVMA executive board and president of that organization, where he helped establish a mentoring program, create the National Commission on Veterinary Economic Issues, and restore the rank of brigadier general to the leader of the Army Veterinary Corps, in which he served, earning the Bronze Star for his brave action in Vietnam.

Dr. Nave is an internationally respected leader in the field, and I congratulate him for receiving AVMA's most prestigious award. I also thank him on behalf of the people of Las Vegas and their beloved pets for all his compassion and his dedication.

#### SPENDING SPREE IN CONGRESS

(Ms. FALLIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FALLIN. American families have taken a hit time and time again, and

they are hurting. The stock market has tanked, gas prices spiked, hundreds of thousands of jobs have been lost, and unemployment has soared.

It is no secret that we need to reform our Nation's health care system and provide relief to American families throughout this country by helping them with access to affordable health care and quality coverage for healthy living. But we can't do this unless we rein in the excessive costs and prevent an explosive deficit in spending.

In just 7 months, this House passed an energy bill that will cost American families \$846 billion in new taxes and a \$1 trillion economic stimulus bill that is yet to create the jobs it was predicted to do. Our national debt now stands at \$11.5 trillion.

House leaders now have been on a spending spree and are about to raise taxes even higher for this health care reform bill. This approach is wrong, and the American people know it.

Mr. Speaker, with all this spending in this bill, I cannot find a sincere attempt to rein in the cost and increase access to quality care. I only see more regulation, less choice, and major tax increases on families and businesses. There are market-based solutions to provide affordable health care and to make it more portable and to have quality access to quality care.

Unless we are able to reform this health care system, it is going to be another spending spree here in Congress.

#### SOME HISTORICAL FACTS

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

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, people are entitled to their own opinions but not their own set of facts. The historical facts are that it was the Reagan-Bush administration that busted the budget year after year establishing unprecedented deficits.

But then the Clinton administration came in, passed the Balanced Budget Amendment, against Republican opposition, implemented the PAYGO concept, and generated \$5.6 trillion of projected surpluses. In fact, Alan Greenspan was worried about too much surplus.

Then, the Republican Bush administration comes in, rejected the PAYGO concept, passes two tax cuts, starts a war, not one dime of which were ever paid for, and now the Democrats will come back and pass statutory PAYGO because PAYGO is defining of the Democrat Party's commitment to fiscal responsibility and accountability.

#### DENY FUNDING TO PLANNED PARENTHOOD

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

Mr. PENCE. The time has come to deny any and all funding to Planned