

aren't careful, this country won't have doctors anymore because anybody that's interested in going to med school will go to law school.

The government takeover of health care fails to address the concerns of the people that we really should listen to the most, and that's the doctors.

HEALTH CARE TAX ON SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

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

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to tell you about a constituent of mine by the name of Cathy Magill. She represents a personal side of this health care debate. Cathy is a small business owner in my district; she and her brother own a company that installs windows in new homes. In a difficult economy, she now has something else to worry about, a new tax she will have to pay if she doesn't spend thousands of dollars a year on health insurance for each of her employees. They have told her they would rather keep the money in their own pockets and pay for health care the way they see fit.

If the Obama health care reform bill is passed, Cathy told me she will have no choice but to fire two of her employees so she can provide health insurance for the remaining three.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is a job killer. We should make health care more affordable and accessible to every American, but this is not the way to do it. And people like Cathy Magill in my district deserve better, and so do the American people.

NEW TAX ON JOB CREATORS

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

Mr. REICHERT. Last week, I received a note from a constituent about the proposed government takeover of our health care. She said, As a small business owner, we are struggling already. We provide our employees and their families with insurance and cannot afford additional taxes. Please continue to fight this fight, keep up this fight, keep us from rising taxes, keep us from costing small businesses more taxes.

That's why I stand here today to give a voice to my constituents who are extremely afraid, frightened, worried about this massive \$1.1 trillion proposal and a new 8 percent tax on their small business.

The stimulus isn't stimulating the economy. Unemployment continues to rise, and now we want to slap a new tax on job creators.

People are hurting in my district and across the Nation. This bill is out of touch with reality, out of touch with the American people.

SOMEBODY MUST PAY THE BILL

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

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, we all know that America's got the best health care of any nation in the world. But when some people can't afford it and some people don't have access to it, then that is a crisis and we need some reform. But we need the right kind of reform. We don't need this Democratic plan that's being rushed through the House.

I've been talking to my constituents back home and they say, We want to make sure that we have the right to choose our own doctor. They say, We want to have the right to get the treatment we need when we need it.

And that's what the Republican reform does.

That's not what the Democratic reform does. In fact, stop and think about this: Democrats will tell you health care is expensive, but we're going to provide more health care to more people, and it's not going to cost anybody any money except maybe a few millionaires. Those numbers don't add up.

You better think about it because somebody's got to pay the bill. It might just be you.

THE CHANGE AMERICA DIDN'T VOTE FOR

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

Mr. SCHOCK. In the last campaign we heard a lot about if you don't make more than \$250,000 a year, you won't pay any new taxes. So what does the new majority do? Their first act in Congress is to pass the \$787 billion stimulus package meant to jolt the economy. Yet all it has done is jolt the national debt up to a new high of \$11.5 trillion.

Next, the new majority comes forward and says, We want to decrease carbon outputs. We want to pass a cap-and-tax proposal meant to limit carbon monoxide. Well, that bill, if passed, will limit jobs in America by over 2.7 million fewer jobs, and now we're hearing that they want to limit costs on health care. In actuality, this plan, their health care proposal, will limit access to care. Their bill will actually decrease the number of jobs and will actually add a tax on every small business owner in America in the form of an 8 percent increase in payroll taxes.

More taxes, fewer jobs. I don't think that's the change America voted for.

FOR-PROFIT HEALTH INSURANCE SYSTEM

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

Mr. KUCINICH. Why are there 50 million Americans without any health in-

surance? It's pretty simple. It's because people cannot afford to pay the premiums. Why is it that half the bankruptcies in the United States are connected to people not being able to pay their hospital bills? It's because the copays and deductibles are through the roof and they threaten family financial stability.

Why do these things happen? It's because we have a for-profit health insurance system; \$1 out of every \$3 goes for the operation as a for-profit system—\$800 billion a year for corporate profits, stock options, executive salary, advertising, marketing, the cost of paperwork. If we took that money and put it into care, we would have enough to cover everyone.

This is a battle between the insurance companies and our people. We're either going to have a government of the people, by the people and for the people, or we're going to have a government of the insurance companies, by the insurance companies, and for the insurance companies. I think we remember what Lincoln said at Gettysburg. He didn't say that the insurance companies were going to run the country.

WHERE THE JOBS ARE

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

Mr. SIMPSON. I repeatedly heard Members come to the floor to ask the question, Where are the jobs? The Obama administration and congressional Democrats told us that with the passage of their \$787 Billion stimulus package that unemployment would not rise above 8 percent. Well, it now stands at 9½ percent.

It's a legitimate question: Where are the jobs?

Let me tell you where the jobs are. As reported on the news last night on the spending of the stimulus package, we are spending your tax dollars on building a living snow fence for \$80,000; \$31.5 million on a bike trail in California; \$1.5 million on a deer underpass; \$3.4 million on a turtle tunnel in Florida. That's right, a turtle tunnel in Florida. I hope some of the money from this stimulus is going to train the turtles as to the advantages of using a turtle tunnel.

These are the Democratic stimulus dollars at work, your tax dollars at work.

DO NOT PASS THIS BILL

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

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. You know, people come to the U.S. from all points of the globe to get the medical treatment that America is best at all across the world. It's the best system ever invented, and we've evolved it over these 200-plus years.

This experiment that the Obama administration is pushing the Congress to pass would rip out that system and put in its place what I think would be an inferior system. People don't understand why we need to do it. And, in fact, we don't have to do it.

Our proposal is essentially three things that would allow us to keep this great medical system that we have, bring down the costs and make it affordable to everyone. We would allow small companies to form co-ops and bargain for their insurance coverage, much the same as the Kentucky Farm Bureau does in Kentucky even today. We would do away with junk lawsuits that drive up the cost of practice and cause doctors to perform very expensive defensive medicine.

Do not pass this bill.

SLOW DOWN ON HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, it's time for us to slow down.

The second day in office, the President said within 12 months Guantanamo will be closed. He's now found out that rushing and making that decision was the wrong decision and that the teams that he has in place have clearly indicated they will not be able to make that goal.

Then we rushed into a stimulus bill, \$787 billion on the backs of our kids and our grandkids. And it's not working. Rushing through this process doesn't work.

We then did an ill-advised cap-and-trade system which has further put the brakes on our economy. We rushed it through.

And now we're looking at rushing through a health care bill. People are talking about what's in the bill. No one really knows because they're still negotiating, and there are still some that say we should vote and we should vote this week, even though a bill isn't in front of us.

Let's slow down; let's do this in a professional way and make sure that we have a professional product.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend my remarks.

Also, I have a parliamentary inquiry. The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LUJÁN). The gentleman will state it.

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker, this chart that I have here, I have been banned, as a Member of Congress, from mailing this to my constituents or just disseminating it.

Is it within the rules of the House, an order of the House for me to be allowed to present this chart here at this time on the floor of the House of Representatives?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's chart has not drawn any objection.

Without objection, the gentleman is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. MICA. I made that parliamentary inquiry because Members of Congress have been banned from distributing this chart which shows the Obama Democrat health care plan. Now, anytime you can get a bill from Congress and it proposes creating new agencies or activities, and in this case a health care reform, and you chart it, it tells a lot.

Once we charted this health care proposal, Members of Congress were banned from disseminating this chart. So, Mr. Speaker, this may be the only opportunity my constituents have to see this.

Last week, we asked with the stimulus package, Where are the jobs? This week we ask with the health care plan, Where are the reforms? There are over 53 new agencies, bureaucracies, and bureaucrats added in this health care so-called reform. I want health care reform. The American people want health care reform. But I don't think this is the reform that they asked for.

LET'S BE HONEST ABOUT THIS HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, some things just don't add up. We're told that the Democrats' version of health care reform will cost less in the long run. Haven't we heard this before?

When Medicare was instituted more than 30 years ago, for the first 25 years we were told that it would cost this amount. Instead, it costs nine times that much and that holds true for just about every government program that we institute.

There are multiple, multiple times that it costs more and more and more than we ever thought it would. How do you control costs when you have no money to spend, when you have to borrow money? You control costs by rationing. Markets control costs with competition, a ration by competition. But governments control costs by rationing. And so what will happen here inevitably is that the services that you are now used to receiving, the medical services will be severely circumscribed.

Let's be honest about this reform, at least, and tell people what they're going to get.

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CONGRESS SHOULD NOT APPROVE A GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the administration's plan for a government takeover of health care will raise

taxes, ration care, extend wait times, and let a government commission make decisions that should be made by families and their doctors. This scheme will increase our national deficit by hundreds of billions of dollars and will increase, not decrease, the cost of health care.

During a recent health care telephone town meeting with 1,200 of my constituents, I asked them the question if the government should determine how much health care they received. More than 9 out of 10 said "no."

President Obama is intent on making the government too big, too intrusive, and too expensive. We should listen to our constituents. Congress should not approve a government takeover of health care.

VOTE DOWN THE HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL

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

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, President Obama, in part of his campaign to be elected to office and part of his campaign after he had been inaugurated as President, said that we have an economic calamity, and we can't fix it unless we first fix health care, and that health care is broken.

Well, if you have a business that's broken, it doesn't take a \$1 trillion to \$2 trillion program to try to fix it. If the problem with health care is we're spending too much money on health care, why do we have to spend \$1 trillion or \$2 trillion more to fix it? I mean that is the number one question that doesn't seem to be answered by the administration.

And the second one, a statement that is not believable to the American people, is the idea that when the President promises if you like your health insurance program, you get to keep it. In fact, if they pass this legislation, they will take it away, and it says in section 102 of the bill that they're going to take it away. The American people are not going to be able to decide if they get to keep their health insurance program because the government will write new rules for every health insurance program, and the employers will decide whether the insurance is cheaper under the public plan, the government-run plan, or the private.

Vote this down.

IT'S THE ECONOMY THAT'S BROKEN

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

Mr. EHLERS. Mr. Speaker, I am very reluctant to criticize the President of the United States. He has the most difficult job, as do we, and we must work together. But I'm really confused because he keeps referring to our health system as broken. I don't know what