

do it Federally. We're not going to do it based on employer. It's not going to be just based on the luck of the draw; hey, I got lucky, I didn't get born with asthma. That's not the way we're going to choose who's going to get health care.

We're going to take hospitals and we're going to fund them globally. We're not going to incentivize them to run up the bill. We're going to say here is your area, this is the number of people you have in it, this is the number of uninsured people you have in it, this is the number of seniors you have in it, this is the number of people who have higher needs; here's your budget. You come in under budget, you keep the extra money.

Doctors are going to be the same way Medicare is. Patient gets to choose, you come in, you provide the service. And if you think we can't afford to pay for it, this is an old chart from a couple of years ago. \$2.2 trillion we're paying for health care in this country, \$2.2 trillion. It's actually \$2.5 trillion today. This is the dreaded socialized part: Medicare, Medicaid, DOD. So essentially this is what it would like for more Americans. By the way, you're paying this out-of-pocket number, and you're paying about, let's say, let's round it, \$200 billion in profits of this guy, for your private insurance companies.

And what we're saying is don't do it that way anymore. Other countries don't do it that way, but put aside other countries. When you hear people come to the floor of this Congress and say, oh, you want to make a system like England, you want to make a system like Canada? No, I want to make a system like United States of America where we tried something 44 years ago that has been an abiding success and that's Medicare.

I want to try that. I want to try that plan that—I don't know, I really do have to get the exact number. It would be a good thing to get—that half my colleagues have. A third of my colleagues have Medicare. If it's good enough for Congress, why isn't it good enough if you're 55 or if you're 60 or if you're 45?

That's the kind of plan that we should have, and if you think we can't afford to do it for less than \$2.5 trillion, you're wrong. We can, because the present system is completely unsustainable.

And so the question is not whether we're going to do something. It's kind of like Buddhism. It's not whether you're going to have change but what type of change it's going to be. We can continue along this arc—it's funny, the 30 Something Group's charts aren't nearly as good as mine—but this arc here that says our national health expenditures are going to keep going up and up, they actually have a better one here. Here it is. Share of our GDP, are we going to let it get to 20 percent of our GDP? How about 50 percent? Sixty percent? How far are we going to let it continue to grow?

The answer isn't whether we're going to do something; it's what we're going to do and when. Well, the what we should do is take a system like Medicare that is efficient, that is well-liked, that is understood, that is simple, and extend it to more Americans.

What we're not going to do, what we're not going to do is follow the advice and counsel of my friends on the other side who for the hour preceding mine went on some screed about ACORN, you know, kidnapping, Planned Parenthood, babies, and bringing them into Obama-funded death camps or something. We're not going to have a conversation like that. I mean, you can keep doing it. It didn't stop you for the last 6 years. I guess you've got to do it and you've got to feed the beast of the talk radio and everything else, but the adults of this institution and President Obama and the Senate, we're going to try to solve this problem because that's what we get paid to do.

And we have the luxury in this body of laying down our head tonight with pretty good insurance, Medicare many of my colleagues have, and I see no reason why all Americans shouldn't have that, they shouldn't have what so many Members of Congress have.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 3183, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

Ms. MATSUI (during the Special Order of Mr. WEINER), from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111-280) on the resolution (H. Res. 788) providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 3183) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CARNEY (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and through October 13 on account of serving in active duty.

Mr. NEUGEBAUER (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for September 29 and the balance of the week 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. NYE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SNYDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NYE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, October 7.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, October 7.

Mr. FORBES, for 5 minutes, today.

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

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

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WESTMORELAND, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PENCE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. FOXX, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. GRAYSON, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2131. An act to amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

H.R. 2918. An act making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3593. An act to amend the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 to extend by one year the operation of Radio Free Asia, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 58 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, October 1, 2009, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of Rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3865. A letter from the Acting Associate Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rates [Doc. No. AMS-FV-09-0013; FV09-916/917-2 IFR] August 25, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3866. A letter from the Acting Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Peanut Promotion, Research, and Information Order; Section 610 Review [Doc. No.: AMS-