AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE ACT
(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, as we hear from Members of this House every day, I thought it would be refreshing to bring the people’s voice directly to this floor. So I asked my constituents to send me their thoughts that I could deliver as a 1-minute speech.

The following is from Susan Sigmund of San Diego, who sent me this on the Affordable Care Act to be reviewed by the Supreme Court. She offered: “Being given the opportunity to speak before you, I wanted to make these 60 seconds witty, timely, and relevant to all. Having called at that, I will simply discuss my main concern right now. It’s the future of the health care law. The Supreme Court could strike it down next year.

“I have a preexisting health condition and will die in about 3 years unless I am able to buy a health insurance policy. I’m sure I am one of many facing this bleak possibility.

“As I understand it, if the mandate section requiring a policy goeds the provisions prohibiting preexisting condition discrimination. If the time comes, please do the honorable thing and vote to allow your constituents with preexisting conditions to buy health care insurance. Lives depend on it. Thank you.”

Mr. Speaker, I want to thank Mrs. Sigmund for bringing to the House her thoughts on health care.

REBUILD THE AMERICAN DREAM FOR THE 99% ACT
(Mr. ELLISON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, yesterday Members of the Congressional Progressive Caucus introduced an important bill, and it’s called the “Rebuild the American Dream for the 99% Act.” This bill, this important “Rebuild the American Dream for the 99% Act,” would create 5 million jobs, Mr. Speaker, over 2 years, and cut the deficit by $2 trillion over 10 years.

The “Rebuild the American Dream for the 99% Act” creates direct-hire programs to put Americans back to work; provides grants for on-the-job training and employment services; invests $50 billion for infrastructure projects; creates a national infrastructure bank; improves “Buy American” provisions; ends the practice of foreign currency manipulation; protects wounded veterans from job discrimination; extends unemployment insurance, including for people at 99 weeks; and supports the temporary continuity fund to help States pay for the cost of hiring unemployed workers. We can do these things. The “Rebuild the American Dream Act for the 99% Act” does it.

H.R. 3650, ZERO TOLERANCE FOR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in the calamity of news reports proliferating across America regarding the epidemic proportions of child sexual abuse, I introduce Zero Tolerance For Child Sexual Abuse, H.R. 3650. I ask my colleagues to join me for a national statement of abhorring and standing against the abuse of our children.

On a much happier topic, I thank our leader for her comments on our returnees. What greater gift than the men and women who have served on the front lines to honor us by their presence here in the holiday season. What greater gift than the men and women who have served on the front lines to honor us by their presence here in the holiday season. Our message should be “no silent State, no silent neighborhood, no silent community” in reference to honoring them as they come home.

OPPOSING H.R. 3630, MIDDLE CLASS TAX RELIEF AND JOB CREATION ACT
(Ms. SCHAKOWSKY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Why did I vote against H.R. 3630 yesterday? I could list many reasons, but I only have 1 minute so here are three.

One, the bill extends unemployment insurance for some jobless Americans and then drastically cuts months off of benefits for others, and it makes all who are unemployed jump through demeaning hoops in order to get any benefits.

Two, in order to reluctantly give the middle class a payroll tax break, it asks seniors and people with disabilities to pay more for Medicare, but it refuses to ask millionaires and billionaires to pay one more cent.

Three, the bill threatens public health by preventing the Environmental Protection Agency from regulating dangerous mercury and other emissions, and then it goes a step further by threatening the public health by cutting the Prevention and Public Health Fund.

H.R. 3630 is a political statement, not a serious proposal. What a statement to make—more support for dirty air and water, increased health care costs for middle-income people, and less help for those struggling to find jobs.

SUPPORTING THE PRIMARY CARE WORKFORCE ACCESS IMPROVEMENT ACT
(Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. I rise today to urge support for the Primary Care Workforce Access Improvement Act.

This bipartisan bill, which I’ve introduced with my colleague Mr. THOMPSON from California, will ensure that some of the most rural parts of our country will have greater access to doctors and that the high quality of health care that we value as Americans will continue.

Right now, some areas of Washington State don’t have enough doctors because there isn’t enough funding for their residencies. Other areas, like Garfield County, simply have no doctors at all. As cochair of the Congressional Rural Health Caucus, I can tell you...