

What I'm concerned about is because we haven't gotten our fiscal house in order, we are not able to invest in a lot of things, like medical research and roads and education, the way we need to in order to be prepared for the future. I've got a 3-year-old and a 5-year-old, and I want their America to be as good as the one that I grew up in. To do that, we have to invest in these things.

So I call this the "PAC-MAN problem" because nearly two-thirds of our Federal budget is on autopilot. It's mandatory spending. Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and interest make up that mandatory spending; and this is money that's basically spent without congressional approval because it's written into the law. Unless we save and strengthen those programs represented by the yellow here, then they're going to go bankrupt; and they're going to crowd out the investments that we need to make that will help families and help grow our economy. Basically, PAC-MAN eventually will swallow all the investments up; and when it does, all the spending for medical research, scientific development, and all of these other things will go away. So we've got to get that under control for our families.

Mrs. ROBY. We do. I thank the gentleman from Arkansas. I know you ran over here to join us tonight. I thank all of those States and districts that are represented here tonight.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1549, HELPING SICK AMERICANS NOW ACT

Mr. BURGESS (during the Special Order of Mrs. ROBY), from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 113-46) on the resolution (H. Res. 175) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1549) to amend Public Law 111-148 to transfer fiscal year 2013 through fiscal year 2016 funds from the Prevention and Public Health Fund to carry out the temporary high risk health insurance pool program for individuals with pre-existing conditions, and to extend access to such program to such individuals who have had creditable coverage during the 6 months prior to application for coverage through such program, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

RADICAL ISLAM AND THE "T" WORD

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. YOH). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) for 30 minutes.

Mr. GOHMERT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I must say how proud I am of the Members of Congress from the class that came in 2 years ago and of those

who are coming in now. It's an honor to serve with folks who care so much about the country and where we're going; but to know where we're going, it's important to know where we've been.

Of course, over the last week or so, we have endured terrible heartache because it wasn't just Boston that was attacked, and it wasn't just the little town of West, Texas, that lost so many people. *E pluribus unum*—"out of many, one." When tragedy strikes, we come together as one people to mourn. That has been true in the past. That's why it's so heartbreaking when Americans note that some gloat when other Americans are killed. Thank goodness it's such a rare thing. But with the tragedies in Boston and with the horror of the explosion and fire down in West, down in BILL FLORES' district, we will continue to pray for those who are enduring such suffering, for those who have lost loved ones. There is no easy way to lose a loved one. Everyone in America has either lost a loved one or will; and when it happens, it allows you to empathize and sympathize so much more easily with those who have lost loved ones. So we grieve; we mourn.

An important after-tragedy aspect for those who are in government is to make sure that we figure out exactly what went wrong so that Americans are spared this tragedy in the future. A former Secretary of State once asked in the aftermath of a tragedy, which she was overseeing in the department, what difference does it make? Having had Embassies attacked before—and yet this consulate in Benghazi was not adequately protected—it raises very serious issues, and the answer should be very clear when the question is: What difference does it make?

It makes a difference in not having to console those who have lost and mourned with those who have lost and consoled and help those who are trying to heal. It means all of that suffering doesn't happen if we find the mistakes and make sure they are not replicated in the future.

It was difficult—and it continues to be difficult—to get information out of the State Department, out of Homeland Security in having questioned the Secretary of Homeland Security myself and finding that she couldn't even answer how many members of the Muslim Brotherhood were part of her closest advisory council, the Homeland Security Advisory Council, or what backgrounds people had that would indicate ties to the Muslim Brotherhood within her Countering Violent Extremism Working Group. It's called the Countering Violent Extremism Working Group because, heaven forbid, we should offend anyone who is trying to kill us and wants to destroy our way of life.

It's also interesting as we dig into the situation—I mean, I've been hammered in the last week and accused of being an intolerant racist simply because people did not know the facts

when they leveled such allegations, but I don't expect any apologies as they find out the truth that, yes, there have been radical Islamists who have been known to have changed their Islamic surnames to Hispanic-sounding names and to have falsified their identification documents so they would appear to be Hispanic and then make their way across our southern border.

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There is nothing racist in that. In fact, it actually can be construed as a compliment because these people knew that radical Islamists were not wanted in this country and that in this country most of us are greatly appreciative of the heritage that Hispanics bring.

As I've said many times, I think something that has been a foundational part of making America great has been, generally speaking—with a hat tipped to atheists and all the other religions in America—traditionally there was a faith in God, there was a devotion to family and there was a hard work ethic. And generally speaking, that's what I see more than any other things in the Hispanic culture. I'm hoping that culture will help revive those aspects in our American culture. So it's certainly not intended as a snub, and, in fact, it is just stating a fact. This is something that's occurred. But it's always apparently a fun game for liberals to preach about tolerance and then be the most intolerant people in the country when it comes to conservatives or conservative Christians.

Jesus told us 2,000 years ago, You'll suffer for my sake. I didn't suffer as a Christian growing up, but some are all too willing to oblige nowadays to make sure that Christians do suffer, that they are persecuted, that they are condemned for their religious beliefs; and they go after Christians in a way that they would never seek to condemn even radical Islamists.

But I hope that out of the disaster and the heartbreak and the harm and damage that came not just to Boston, Massachusetts, but to a central heartbeat of America and Boston, which is such an important and integral part of America—we all got hit on 9/11. We got hit as Americans when our consulate was hit and four Americans were killed in Libya. We got hit when rebels took the weapons that this administration helped provide and killed Americans in Algeria.

We all take a hit when there are mistakes in judgment, mistakes in judgment like helping bomb Qadhafi, even though this administration had agreements with him. He was providing intel on radical Islamic terrorists. Well, that source is gone now. And this administration, despite being warned by many of us that, Look, we know there are al Qaeda that are actually embedded in the revolutionaries; don't help until we know who we're helping, but this administration made clear it didn't need congressional approval and it did not