

Act, would stop the implementation and enforcement of ObamaCare and force government agencies associated with Federal Data Services to certify that the American people's private information is not being exploited for targeting based on political beliefs.

Oversight, Mr. Speaker, is an important function of Congress, and we should ensure that the American people's right to privacy and political freedom are protected.

I thank the gentlewoman from Tennessee for introducing this important bill. It's time we demand accountability from the IRS and prevent them from further intruding on the rights of American taxpayers.

□ 1410

MEDICARE AUDIOLOGY SERVICES ENHANCEMENT ACT

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

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer solutions for seniors who are hard of hearing.

Under current Medicare rules, seniors are unable to visit the audiologists of their choice due to a payment structure that classifies these specialists differently based on their locations. Even though they offer the same care, an in-practice audiologist for an ENT can bill services directly to Medicare under the ENT's provider number. However, if the patient is referred to an independent audiologist, he cannot bill these services directly.

The Medicare Audiology Services Enhancement Act, which I will introduce this week, will end this inequity and allow independent audiologists to directly bill Medicare—expanding access to care for our seniors.

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association and ENT physicians across the country have already expressed support. I urge my colleagues to sign on to this good piece of legislation.

IN TRIBUTE TO FORMER U.S. REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA VUCANOVICH

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

Mr. AMODEI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a true ambassador of the Silver State, Congresswoman Barbara Vucanovich, who was the first person to hold the Second Congressional District seat from Nevada and who died yesterday, peacefully, after a brief illness. She was 91 years old.

She was elected to the House of Representatives in the same year that HARRY REID—a name that may be familiar to some in this part of the building—was also elected to the House of Representatives from Nevada. She served 14 years, which is the second-longest tenure of any Member of Congress from the State of Nevada.

A champion of rural constituents, concerned with mining, grazing, and water issues, it might also interest you to know that she was a national leader on the issues of the early detection and treatment of breast cancer and of the repeal of the 55-mile-an-hour speed limit. She was also the lady who led the fight in the House to create the only national park created in the lower 48 States during the Reagan administration—the Great Basin National Park in Nevada.

She was most notably, though, not only the dean of the Second Congressional District, but she was also somebody who set the standard by which we can all learn, Mr. Speaker, and that is this: it was never about Barbara Vucanovich when she served in these Halls; it was about the people who gave her the job. She embodied public service and humility.

For that, Godspeed, Barbara. We wish you well, and thank you for a life well lived and for serving the people of the Silver State.

AMERICANS DESERVE BETTER

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

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because Americans deserve better.

We deserve the American Dream that our parents and grandparents lived. We deserve a government that wants to help us succeed with a fair chance and a level playing field for everyone.

We deserve a government that doesn't stifle innovation and success with crushing regulations. We need a government that doesn't decide who lives and who dies with a massive Federal health care bureaucracy. We deserve a government that is fair and honest and doesn't spy on us. We deserve a government of the people, for the people, and by the people, not one that targets people based on their political beliefs and snoops through our phone records and emails and is too big and powerful to be held accountable.

Americans want a strong economy so they can have better lives for themselves and better lives for their families.

My Republican colleagues and I will continue to push for solutions that strengthen economic growth, protect the freedoms and liberties that our forefathers fought for and those unalienable rights with which we are endowed by our Creator—life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 7, 2013.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, I hereby reappoint as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress the following person: Dr. Sharon Leon, Fairfax, Virginia.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 5 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1705

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. RIBBLE) at 5 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.

PERMISSION TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON H.R. 1960, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Armed Services be authorized to file a supplemental report on the bill, H.R. 1960.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from South Carolina?

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 11, 2013.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on June 11, 2013 at 3:44 p.m.

That the Senate passed S. 954.

Appointment:

Senate National Security Working Group.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules