

President's health care law a "train wreck." Its effects are becoming clear and undeniable. It is stifling economic growth and job creation, premiums are skyrocketing, and record numbers of employers are delaying hiring or hiring part time to avoid the employer mandate.

I recently heard from a hardworking small business owner, Sue Lee, who owns a hardware store in Latta, South Carolina. Since the passage of ObamaCare, she has seen her insurance premium balloon to more than \$2,100 per month, or \$26,000 per year, for three employees. That's outrageous. How can we expect our small businesses to grow and expand when they are forced to comply with more and more burdensome Federal regulation?

I am so glad we have the Federal Government to dictate to we helpless citizens which coverages we need. We can't be trusted to make that choice ourselves. How can we expect our small businesses to hire when they can't afford to buy maternity coverage on every employee, regardless of their age, mental health coverage on every employee? And substance abuse coverage on every employee is mandated by this ill-conceived and poorly drafted law.

The American economy would have already recovered if we could get the Federal Big Brother out of the way. I'm glad we delayed the employer and individual mandates, but the only way to relieve this law's enormous drag on our economy and get hardworking Americans back to work is full repeal.

#### SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF SECOND MOBILE USER OBJECTIVE SYSTEM SATELLITE

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

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the uniform and civilian employees at the Navy's Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command, or SPAWAR, and their successful launch of the second Mobile User Objective System satellite MUOS-2.

With the MUOS-2 launch just hours ago, our services will have a next-generation narrowband tactical satellite communications system designed to significantly improve ground communications for U.S. forces. This achievement comes at a time when most DOD civilians, including those who worked on this project, are being forced to take a pay cut because Congress cannot fix sequestration.

It would be natural for our Federal workers to listen to the debate in Washington about the budget and feel that their work is not valued. Mr. Speaker, I value our Federal workers. And MUOS-2 is only the latest example of the important role they play even in these troubling times.

#### EMAIL SPYING BY GOVERNMENT AGAINST CITIZENS

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a few minutes ago, I sent out an email. I tweeted about an hour ago and posted on Facebook this morning. We have a world of instant, unlimited email storage, high-speed broadband, social media, and cloud computing. However, after 180 days, government agencies can snoop through everything I just mentioned. How in the cloud is this possible?

Because current law allows spying government to seize without warrant or probable cause emails over 180 days old. Big Government can demand a private company turn over a citizen's information without their consent, without their knowledge, or telling citizens later their emails have even been seized. This is a violation of the Fourth Amendment.

That's why Representative ZOE LOFGREN and I have introduced bipartisan legislation to protect a citizen's right of privacy against government. Our legislation will update the Electronic Communications Privacy Act. Government can't seize and snoop through your mail. It shouldn't be able to seize and snoop through your emails without warrant or probable cause.

And that's just the way it is.

#### WE HAVE A PRESIDENT, NOT A KING

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

Mr. STEWART. Mr. Speaker, I wish that our President had the same respect for our Constitution that our Founding Fathers had, but he doesn't. He simply doesn't; for far too many of his political decisions are made with little regard for the sacred document that has guided our Nation for more than 200 years.

Several weeks ago, the President announced that he is not going to enforce certain provisions of ObamaCare. Now, whether it is a good policy or bad policy is not the point. The point is the President does not have the authority to make such a decision. The President is constitutionally bound to enforce the laws of the land.

How would my Democratic friends feel if Mitt Romney had been elected and in his first day in office he had decided that he was going to pick and choose which parts of ObamaCare he was going to enforce? Or what if he decided that the capital gains tax was a drag on the economy and he was no longer going to enforce that law?

The President's willingness to pick and choose which laws he will enforce is dangerous and demeaning to our democracy. It's demeaning to the very

idea of an elected form of government. We have a President, not a King.

I hope the President will remember his constitutional oath.

#### THE HUMAN TOLL OF PRESIDENT OBAMA'S WAR ON LOW-COST AMERICAN ENERGY

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

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, this afternoon, I'm heading home, heading home to western Pennsylvania. People back home are being negatively impacted by President Obama's war on low-cost American energy and all the regulations that are emanating from the unelected Federal elites here in Washington, D.C. We've got power plants closing back in western Pennsylvania, resulting in hundreds of lost jobs. We've got miners with middle class incomes also being laid off. We've got truckers and shippers jobs also being threatened.

President Obama's anti-energy agenda hurts all of those folks in western Pennsylvania and around the Nation. These hardworking moms and dads are losing their jobs, their livelihoods, and their ability to support their families and communities. This is the human toll of President Obama's war on low-cost American energy. It's a tragedy, and it must end.

#### WORLD EVENTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, so much is happening in the world today, so much that is really earthshaking in its potential effect.

In the Middle East, I've spoken before about the potential rise of a new Ottoman Empire that, unfortunately, our own country, this Obama administration, has helped jump-start.

In Egypt, we supposedly had a friend. There were comments to direct attention to. Back on June 2, the BBC reported an interview in 2009 where during the interview the President was asked:

Do you regard President Mubarak as an authoritarian ruler?

President Obama said, in part:

He has been a stalwart ally in many respects, to the United States. He has sustained peace with Israel, which is a very difficult thing to do in that region. But he has never resorted to, you know, unnecessary demagoguing of the issue, and has tried to maintain that relationship. So I think he has been a force for stability and good in the region.

He points out, obviously there have been criticisms, but he saw him as a force for good in the region.

That's rather amazing when you look at what happened—we recall it was an