

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

THE PRESIDENT'S SHUTDOWN

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in less than 1 week, funding for the Federal Government is set to expire, which would result in a devastating government shutdown. On Friday, House Republicans passed a bipartisan continuing resolution to keep the government's doors open so that services are not interrupted, our national security will remain intact, and American families will be protected from the unsustainable, unaffordable health care law which destroys jobs.

It is obvious by the President's threat to veto the legislation that we cannot rely on our Commander in Chief to negotiate. Sadly, last week, he ordered his administration to prepare for a government shutdown, proving that he is unwilling to help solve this crisis.

Now is the time for the Senate to act. House Republicans remain optimistic that Senate leadership will find a solution to prevent the President's government shutdown. I appreciate the courage of Senator TED CRUZ to educate the American people on the consequences of Big Government, reducing freedom.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

GRAY WOLF

(Mrs. KIRKPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service recently published notice of two proposed rules. The first is to delist the gray wolf and list the Mexican wolf as endangered. The second is to consider expansion of the geographic boundaries of the Mexican wolf experimental population area in Arizona and New Mexico, as well as modification of the 10(j) rule for managing the experimental Mexican wolf population. Much of the area in consideration is in Arizona's First District, which I represent.

The Service has not scheduled a hearing of these proposed rules in Arizona, where folks live and work on these multiple-use rural landscapes. It is imperative that the Service hold hearings in Arizona, close to the areas that are most affected by these proposals, and that there be adequate time to analyze and submit comments.

It is equally imperative that the Service continue to work with, as a partner and cooperating agency, the

Arizona Game and Fish Department. This is the boots-on-the-ground State agency the Service has depended on the most in managing the Mexican wolf program.

OBAMACARE'S BROKEN PROMISES

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

Mr. HOLDING. Mr. Speaker, in just 6 days, ObamaCare's insurance exchanges are scheduled to open. But what consumers will find in terms of health plans and cost will be a far cry from what they were promised by this administration.

The American people are tired of ObamaCare's broken promises. President Obama said that, "if you like your plan, you can keep your plan." But that just isn't the case. The authors touted this law as a "job creator," but, instead, it has caused employees to lose hours and made small businesses drop coverage for employees and question whether they can continue to hire.

Mr. Speaker, with the mentality of "we have to pass it to find out what's in it," this administration forced a 2,000-page bill into law. This doesn't even account for the already tens of thousands of pages of regulations folks are going to have to navigate through.

It's clear, from reports detailing increased costs and taxes to the polls showing that the majority of Americans do not want this, that ObamaCare must be repealed, reformed, or delayed.

BIPARTISAN SOLUTION TO IMMIGRATION

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

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the need for a bipartisan solution to our Nation's immigration challenges.

This past Saturday, I spoke at a naturalization ceremony in Tacoma, Washington, where 72 men and women from all corners of the world took their oath of allegiance to our Nation. I saw the joy on the faces of these new American brothers and sisters, including several military members who risked their lives to protect our Nation before they themselves had the rights to citizenship. Personally, the day also marked the 65th anniversary, to the day, of my grandmother's and mother's immigration to the United States from Holland.

The occasion served to remind me that we are a stronger Nation because of our Nation's diversity and the experiences that people bring here. We are indeed a Nation of immigrants, but we're also a Nation of laws. It's time to modernize those laws in a way that allows us to further secure our borders and create a feasible solution for the 11 million undocumented people here in the United States.

Improving our legal immigration system will ensure American workers receive the benefits of competing on an equal ground. It will reduce exploitation and give undocumented workers and their families a path toward achieving opportunity.

I hope we can cross party lines and pass a meaningful, comprehensive immigration reform bill.

OBAMACARE TO HIT NORTH CAROLINA HARDEST

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak on behalf of North Carolinians who cannot afford to be worse off under ObamaCare.

Today, single North Carolinians in their mid-twenties can pay as little as \$35 a month for health insurance. Under ObamaCare, they will pay \$183 for a bronze plan. In direct contradiction to the President's promise of savings, health care costs for a family of four may even increase \$7,000. Where is the affordability in that?

Americans aren't interested in the administration's PR. They're concerned with whether they'll have to spend more on January 1 than they are spending today. The answer to that question is, sadly, yes for many in my State under ObamaCare.

ObamaCare is going to hit too many North Carolina families right in the wallet. It should be repealed and replaced with our American Health Care Reform Act.

OCTOBER 1 SIGNALS A NEW DAY

(Mrs. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, in just 6 days, the health exchanges will be open for enrollment and many people will have access to quality, affordable health care for the very first time.

The Congressional Black Caucus just completed 8 town halls across the country to fully and accurately inform our communities about the exchanges and Medicaid expansion and when and how to enroll and who their navigators and their certified enrollment assisters are. Everywhere we went, we found people hungry for the information we shared, including how the law had already helped thousands of people in their area: the young people who stayed on their parents' insurance, the many Medicare beneficiaries who were able to get preventive services and wellness visits without a copay, and the many people who got significant rebates from their insurance companies and how much each Medicare beneficiary saved in prescription drug costs. They were very angry about the misinformation that continues to be spread about the Affordable Care Act.

We Democrats are proud of the work we did with President Obama to create