

Mr. Speaker, we are listening. If you are not able to attend, but would like to share your story, please visit [www.gop.gov/yourstory](http://www.gop.gov/yourstory). ObamaCare has always been fundamentally flawed. I will continue to do all I can to protect the American people from this horrific law.

#### UNFINISHED LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, with fewer than 7 legislative days left in the year, the window to address the staggering list of unfinished business before the House is rapidly closing: no farm bill, no long-term budget, no tax reform, no ENDA, no comprehensive immigration package, no replacement for the sequester. In fact, the GOP has continuously failed to govern and create real solutions to the pressing issues facing this country.

Over the past 11 months, Republicans have undermined the important economic progress that we have made, disproportionately harming low-income women and children and keeping 11 million undocumented immigrants in the shadows. They have gutted nutritional programs, voted to repeal health care reform 43 times, and shut down the government in a fit of pique, putting millions at economic risk.

This holiday season, as Americans enjoy exchanging gifts with family and friends, I am afraid all they are going to find from House Republicans is a lump of coal.

#### CAUGHT BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, ObamaCare exemplifies perfectly the problem of bureaucratic hubris. Confident that Americans would come to see their mass-produced health care as “better,” the “suits” in Washington chose to pass a completely partisan law and, regardless of promises, forced unwanted insurance changes on millions of Americans.

Many of my constituents object to the characterization of “better.” Coverage isn’t better if it is not what a family wants or needs. It is not better if its shiny new mandates make health care unaffordable.

Holli from St. Clemmons knows this too well. She wrote to say:

I am a geriatric care manager. I pay \$171 per month. My deductible is \$2,500. I went on [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov) and was informed I now will get no financial assistance to pay for my plan. If I choose the lowest cost plan, I will be paying \$330 per month. My doctor is not listed as a provider, and my drug deductible will be \$2,500. I feel I am caught between a rock and a hard place.

“Better,” for Holli, would be a health care law that doesn’t make her insurance preferences illegal.

#### SAFE CLIMATE CAUCUS

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

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today marks the 100th consecutive legislative day the Safe Climate Caucus has spoken on the House floor calling for action to address climate change.

The science, itself, is clear: climate change is already contributing to significant environmental changes—unprecedented droughts, floods, and hurricanes, to name a few.

But climate change is not only a serious environmental problem. It is a serious economic problem as well. American businesses, large and small, understand this threat; and they are responding accordingly. They are increasing their energy efficiency, reducing pollution, and implementing more sustainable business practices. American businesses understand that the changing climate is already hurting their bottom line, and they are taking action to strengthen their competitiveness and their resiliency.

Congress should be doing the same. Yet our majority continues to stick its head in the sand and do nothing. Climate change poses a real and immediate threat to our economy, and we really can’t afford to wait any longer. I urge my colleagues to join with American businesses in taking action now to address this urgent problem.

#### TIME FOR REAL SOLUTIONS

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

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to one number that has remained too high for too long, and that is the number of unemployed people in this country. Right now, that number stands at 11.3 million. That is 11.3 million of our fellow Americans. These are not just statistics. These are real people. They are our friends, our neighbors, our children; and they deserve better. These are policies that encourage real economic growth that will create jobs Americans need—not higher health care costs, policy cancelations, and threats of job loss brought on by ObamaCare.

This unworkable law is causing health care premiums to rise all across the country, particularly in my home State of North Carolina; and millions of Americans have had their insurance policies canceled. This is not a plan for growth. It is a plan for more strain on hardworking Americans. It is time for real solutions. It is time to get Americans back to work.

#### THIS CONGRESS IS LAZY

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

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, by the end of December, 1.3 million unemployed Americans will lose their unemployment benefits because Congress refuses to act. It has been 1,066 days since I arrived in Congress, and the Republican leaders have still not allowed a single vote on serious legislation to address our unemployment crisis.

As we approach the holidays, many families will grieve and worry. Many will suffer because, in January 2014, they will be the victims of the unemployment crisis. The sad fact is this: we have solutions, but the Republican leaders have abandoned these common-sense solutions and will not bring them to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, in this tight jobs market, it is not the unemployed who are lazy. It is this Congress that is lazy. Our mantra should be: Jobs, jobs, jobs.

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#### AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the Affordable Care Act.

As the American people know, Members of Congress now are covered by this law. And, rightly so, we should engage in the D.C. exchange. I want to tell you about my personal experience with the D.C. exchange.

The President said you can keep your health care plan and that your premiums will go down. Mr. Speaker, I lost my health care plan. I have five children. My premiums have gone up significantly. I don’t know if I can keep all the same doctors that treat my children.

If this is such a great law, why isn’t the President of the United States covered by this law? On day one, why didn’t the President of the United States have a Rose Garden ceremony as customer number one under his law, ObamaCare, and sign up for this? The answer is that he hasn’t signed up for it because maybe he doesn’t think it is good enough for his family, but yet it is good enough for the American people.

That is the height of hypocrisy and arrogance in Washington, and it needs to stop.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

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

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise in support of H.R. 3546, the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Extension Act of 2013.

Without congressional action, the Federal Emergency Unemployment