

depends on these programs, and we must do everything we can here in the House to strengthen Medicare and Medicaid.

No programs have changed the lives of Americans more over the last 50 years. We cannot strengthen these programs. We cannot ensure the long-term survival of these programs by passing budgets that turn Medicaid into block grants or Medicare into a voucher system.

Medicare and Medicaid save lives, help people live longer, and provide the peace of mind that comes with affordable health care that is there when you need it most.

Moving forward, I hope the House breaks with its recent tradition and works together to pass meaningful legislation that boosts these programs, like the Affordable Care Act.

Happy 50th birthday, Medicare. Happy 50th birthday, Medicaid. Here's to many, many more.

QUESTIONS FROM TEXANS ABOUT THE IRANIAN DEAL

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I have asked people on my Facebook page what they think about the Iranian deal. Here are a few of the 300 responses.

Tammy says: Why were our hostages left out of the negotiation? Why even trust Iran at all to live up to the deal when they hate America?

John says: Why are there no American inspectors? Why no instant inspections?

Jacob says: Why are they doing a deal with the world's number one state sponsor of terrorism? This used to be called treason.

Carlos says: Ask them if they remember who Neville Chamberlain was and his policy toward Nazi Germany. Giving into Iran has a very similar overtone to what Chamberlain and the world did back then.

Adam says: 24 days' notice, no USA inspectors, no prisoners coming home? No inspection of their most lucrative site? China and Russia can sell them weapons?

Mr. Speaker, the American public wants some candid answers. Tomorrow Mr. Kerry will testify before our Foreign Affairs Committee. Time for some frank, no-double-talk answers from the administration on this Iranian deal.

And that is just the way it is.

RECOVERING MISSING CHILDREN ACT

(Mr. PAULSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAULSEN. Mr. Speaker, one out of four child abductions in the United States are not committed by a stranger, but instead are perpetrated by a relative.

An inspector general's report has found that tax filings can help locate these missing children nearly half of the time because new addresses can be identified, but law enforcement can't access this critical information.

We owe it to these children to give law enforcement the tools they need in order to find the more than 200,000 children that are kidnapped by family members every year here in the United States.

That is why Congressman COURTNEY and I have introduced the bipartisan Recovering Missing Children Act, which will allow law enforcement, with a court order, to access tax filings that could aid in the search for abducted children.

This legislation has been endorsed by the Fraternal Order of Police, the National Association of Police Organizations, the Major County Sheriffs' Association, and the Sergeants Benevolent Association.

Mr. Speaker, this is a zero-cost, commonsense way to cut red tape and help law enforcement bring these missing children home.

RESILIENT FEDERAL FOREST ACT OF 2015

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, well, we have yet another reminder why we need for the Senate to take up H.R. 2647, the Resilient Federal Forest Act of 2015. We need to bring active management back to our forests.

Why is this important? Because now in California as well as the rest of the Western States the fire season is upon us.

In my district, the Lowell fire is burning near Alto, California. It has already consumed over 1,700 acres since Saturday, and it is only 20 percent contained. This is one of 12 fires burning in California. It is unknown how many throughout the West.

Sadly, four firefighters have already been injured in this blaze, two from the State and two from the Federal level. Thankfully, three of the men have been released, though one is still hospitalized with severe burns. Thankfully, they are nonlife-threatening.

Nonetheless, the nonmanagement of our forests are roadblocks that get thrown up by a few environmental groups to the type of wise management we need, especially in the time of

drought, especially in the time we have millions of dead trees in the Western States and in California.

They should be thinned. They should be managed. We should have a forest where it will be better for the habitat, better for everybody, and better for everything involved. Instead, we have roadblocks.

We need this bill. We need a much better attitude on managing our forests because, again, this is hurting our firefighters, putting them at unnecessary risk, as well as the homeowners in the area, the wildlife, the habitat, and the economy that used to come from those areas.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CLAWSON of Florida (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today and for the balance of the week on account of a family emergency.

Mr. COHEN (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of a flight delay due to weather.

Ms. GABBARD (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of a flight delay.

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and tomorrow on account of official business.

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today through July 29 on account of official business.

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Ms. SLAUGHTER (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of travel complications.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1626. An act to reduce duplication of information technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2499. An act to amend the Small Business Act to increase access to capital for veteran entrepreneurs, to help create jobs, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, July 28, 2015, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.