

her own illnesses, she taught her children to read in preschool years, raised her children to appreciate life, to love God, to count spiritual blessings, to be strong of heart, always to be grateful, to be kind, honest, respect others and never to quit.

Her name was Virginia, and she was my mother. And today would have been her 85th birthday. Happy birthday, Mom.

ALL PAIN AND NO GAIN

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, as we spin in circles here on health care, let's not forget the failed policy of a national energy tax, or cap-and-trade. These coal miners lost their jobs the last time we passed environmental laws, and with their jobs went their health care benefits. I've always said that cap-and-tax is a direct attack on coal by the environmental left.

And if you don't believe me, yesterday's article says Sierra Club opposes transmission lines to link AEP to Allegheny coal fire power plants on the grounds that it would increase coal use. I also say that cap-and-tax is all pain and no gain, especially if China and India do not comply.

Well, we also have a quote by Rajendra Pachauri, who is the Chair of the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. And he says: "India will continue to use coal to meet its energy demands." And finally, the science of climate change is not exact and not conclusive. Channel 2, CBS Chicago, says that Chicago sees coldest July in 67 years.

IF IT IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, IT IS GOOD ENOUGH FOR CONGRESS

(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, as Democrats push for a government takeover of health care, I hope they will abide by a very simple standard: if a government-run health plan is good enough for the American people, it's good enough for Congress.

During consideration of the over 1,000-page bill in the Education and Labor Committee, I successfully got an amendment passed that would provide that Congress Members who vote in favor of government-run health care would enroll in the plan themselves. The American people should monitor that this provision is kept in the bill.

I want to commend Congressman JOHN FLEMING, a physician, for originally promoting this concept of fairness. I urge my Democrat colleagues to adopt this standard if they insist on dragging a Big Government bureaucracy between patients and doctors. The

American people deserve better to protect jobs.

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

THE RECOVERY ACT IS WORKING

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

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, I came to the floor yesterday to talk about 145 teaching jobs that were saved, thanks to the Recovery Act in one community school district alone. Today I'd like to talk about jobs that have been created and saved for Oregon's first responders.

Mr. Speaker, just yesterday, the first wave of COPS grants was announced. That means 21 more police officers patrolling our streets in Oregon thanks to the Recovery Act. A number of those are in Oregon City, a city I know very closely, which desperately needs the assistance for an understaffed police department. These are 21 first responders that would not have been on the job, again, without this recovery package.

The Oregon Department of Corrections also received \$103 million to save guard positions and prevent prisoners from being released from Oregon's prisons. Oregon is in very tough shape with this economic downturn.

These are just a few examples, with more announcements on the way. Over the next couple of weeks, Byrne grants targeted to help local police communities investigate and prosecute criminals and provide revenue for juvenile justice programs that help steer our troubled youth away from a life of crime. The Recovery Act is working.

ANOTHER MISSED OPPORTUNITY

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

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, in Monday's Wall Street Journal, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Secretary of the Treasury Geithner co-authored an opinion piece outlining the issues to be discussed in the U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogue. No mention of human rights. No mention of the Chinese Government's suppression of journalists. No mention of the dozens of human rights lawyers across China who have been stripped of their licenses, no mention of the 35 Catholic bishops that languish in Chinese prisons and slave labor camps, no mention of the Chinese Government's crack-down on the ethnic Uyghurs, no mention of how China continues to repatriate North Korean refugees, no mention of human rights.

Human rights simply cannot be separated from economic policy. The Obama administration has missed yet another opportunity to make human rights a fundamental component of U.S. foreign policy.

GAO MORTGAGE REPORT

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

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, the Joint Economic Committee just concluded a hearing highlighting a GAO report that analyzed the performance of subprime loans in all 435 congressional districts, as this map illustrates. This report that I requested provides a sobering snapshot of the ongoing foreclosure crisis inherited by the Obama administration. The dark red is where there are high instances of foreclosure.

So we see that California, Florida, and Nevada are the places where the most nonprime loans were originated with noxious prepayment penalties and exploding interest rates. The end results are obvious. The hearing reviewed past Federal regulatory failures and identified the actions that the administration and Congress have taken to reduce foreclosure rates and prevent a future recurrence. The report is online by congressional district with the hearing Web site at the JEC Web site, www.jec.senate.gov.

SOCIALIZING THE COUNTRY IS NOT THE ANSWER

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

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, recently the President said in a speech: "Folks are skeptical and that is entirely legitimate because they haven't seen a lot of laws coming out of Washington that help." That is an understatement. Americans have found themselves at the mercy of the mass social agenda of this administration and the liberal leadership in Congress.

First it was the \$750 billion stimulus bill that neither created nor saved any jobs; then came cap-and-tax. Both of these bills were passed only minutes after being fully released, but not read, and were the first two installments of this liberal/socialist agenda.

But this health care bill, H.R. 3200, is the mother of all bad bills and seeks to recast America as a new socialist state. If it passes in its current form, we can expect tax increases for all American families, waiting lines with DMV-style medicine, an explosion of taxpayer-funded abortions and a lack of good health care for the elderly.

Americans are urging Democrats to finally reach across the aisle and work with Republicans for a change.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, if you wonder why health care reform is so hard, look at the rhetoric surrounding efforts to help senior citizens and their families cope with end-of-life decisions. It has morphed into something that has been, I think, rather