

the passengers and an individual in his home. Out of that devastation, there was a spirit that actually united this Congress in enacting flight safety and pilot training rules that would have prevented the crash. The families never gave up and are eagerly awaiting the final implementation of those potentially life-saving rules.

Sounds like a happy ending, doesn't it? And yet this week, because the House Rules Committee refused to allow my amendment to protect those specific rules, we are at risk of losing all those hard-fought, bipartisan safety reforms.

With the so-called "Regulatory Freeze Act," these reforms would simply die. Some who voted for them in the past now call them job killing. I call them people saving.

Listen, I know we need to end overburdensome regulations on small business and farmers—I get it. But there's a commonsense way to do it. But to freeze all government regulations—all of them—regardless of the health and safety of our citizens is over the top even for this town. This only proves that Washington is broken and we need to fix it. This country deserves a better Congress.

MOUNTAIN HOME BOMB SQUAD GLOBAL WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP

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

Mr. CRAWFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Mountain Home AAA 11-year-old baseball team for winning the Global World Series Championship earlier this year.

During the 4-day, 24-team tournament, the Mountain Home Bomb Squad suffered a first round loss, but went on to win six straight games. In the championship game, they defeated the Missouri Wildcats 10-1. This championship is a great source of pride for the entire Mountain Home, Arkansas, community.

I'd like to commend the team manager, Dr. Eric Arp, and Coaches Tony Dibble and George Sitkowski for their leadership on the 11-and-under Global World Series Championship. Additionally, I would like to recognize players Garrett Steelman, Austin Mize, Clayton McManess, Luke Dibble, Sam Arp, Bradley Ludwig, Austin Helms, Luke Jackson, Jordan Anderson, Will Sitkowski and Luke Kruse for their leadership as well.

Now that the Bomb Squad has brought a Global World Series trophy home to Mountain Home, I have no doubt that the players will set new, even higher goals to achieve.

Congratulations once again to the Mountain Home Bomb Squad and the entire Mountain Home community for their Global World Series victory.

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PROTECT THE RIGHT TO VOTE

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

Ms. CHU. Few things are as sacred as the right to vote. Generations have fought, bled, and died so that you and I can have a voice in our democracy. This is why we must guard against measures that take this away, like the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, which prohibited all Chinese immigrants from becoming naturalized citizens so that they would not be able to vote. It lasted 60 years, until 1943, preventing people who'd lived in this country for decades from exercising their voices.

Laws like this, poll taxes, or literacy tests, should be a thing of the past in America. Every U.S. citizen, no matter what their background, should have access to the polls. But today, State governments across the country are enacting laws making it much harder for as many as 5 million Americans to vote, requiring, for instance, photo IDs for grandmothers who voted for years but no longer drive.

When barely half of Americans vote, we should not be erecting more barriers to democracy. We should be removing obstacles. We must protect the right to vote.

WHY FOCUS ON RED TAPE?

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

Mr. HULTGREN. Madam Speaker, on Monday I hosted a jobs fair in the western suburbs of Chicago with several of my colleagues. Over 1,500 jobseekers showed up.

I've visited with more than 100 northern Illinois business owners since I entered Congress. In each factory tour and office visit I ask: What would it take for you to create one more job, just to hire one more person? The answer is always the same: Cut red tape.

The reality is 60 to 80 percent of all new jobs come from small businesses. Red tape throws an unfair burden on small businesses and paralyzes job creators. It has led to the least number of business start-ups in decades.

There's a reason we focus so much on rolling back red tape here in the House. It's jobs.

GROUP A STREP INFECTIONS

(Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to raise awareness of group A strep infection. A series of tragic events within my district have brought this pressing health situation to my attention. One of my constituents, Stephen Sweetman, a dedicated fireman, contacted my office after the deaths of his mother and his 2-year-old son.

Sean died just days after originally presenting with invasive strep A symptoms last February. After flying to New York for Sean's wake, Mr. Sweetman's mother died of group A strep infection just 14 days after her grandson. Both were originally misdiagnosed with a stomach bug.

While medical diagnosis presents enormous challenges, especially for rare diseases, I am deeply concerned with the medical misidentifications which led to these terrible deaths. Recently, several of my colleagues and I sent a letter to the Appropriations Committee asking that we focus on this issue.

I hope that we can come together to raise awareness for group A strep infections.

OBAMACARE COSTS—CBO CONFIRMS

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

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, the Congressional Budget Office came out with its report yesterday, their latest analysis of the President's health bill, and what it confirms is there are flaws in the law.

CBO reports that this \$1.6 trillion program will cost individuals and businesses \$5 billion more than was initially estimated. CBO says that the health premiums that they already predicted would increase by \$2,100 now will increase even more. CBO estimates that 11 million people who currently have employer-based coverage will simply lose their health plan.

The President said we could keep our coverage, but under the law, employers are dropping coverage, and premiums are simply increasing, which drives up the cost of health care for everyone. And remember, historically, the CBO greatly underestimates their analyses.

We need to repeal this law and replace it with commonsense solutions that simply increase competition in the marketplace and places the consumer, not the government, in charge of health care.

GRANT AFFECTED STEEL WORKERS ELIGIBILITY FOR COMPENSATION

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

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, an alarming number of former employees at Bethlehem Steel in western New York are now suffering from cancer and other diseases due to radiation exposure as a result of having unknowingly worked with and around uranium during the Cold War.

After a multiyear fight, and thanks to the determination of workers and their families, those who were employed at the site from 1949 to 1952 are eligible for \$150,000 in compensation for