

few months, Americans have seen and continue to see the potential for personal information to be misused and compromised by the government.

Now another government agency that has touted itself as being transparent is spending millions of dollars to collect and store information on potentially millions of U.S. citizens.

Even more troubling is that in today's hearing, the Acting Deputy Director of the CFPB couldn't even give a broad estimate of the number of Americans having their data monitored.

Americans have a right to know that their government has gone too far. It is time for the CFPB and the administration to answer questions from Congress, allow for greater transparency, and safeguard the privacy and constitutional rights of American citizens.

OUR NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, this month we celebrate one of America's best ideas, our national park system, and what it means for millions of our families each year to be able to enjoy the park system throughout our country. As we mark National Parks and Recreation Month, we remember that the parks in America belong to all of us.

We have some wonderful parks in California. Yosemite National Park is in my backyard, and it brings millions of Americans to California, who stand in awe of Half Dome and Yosemite Falls, Toulumne Grove and the Mariposa redwoods.

I have introduced legislation before this House that would protect Yosemite's vulnerable western boundary by expanding the park to include 1,600 acres that was originally intended by John Muir. This would ensure that we continue to preserve the park for future generations of Americans as it was originally envisioned almost 150 years ago.

It has been said that nothing is more American than our national park system. My bill would guarantee that we're protecting one of the crown jewels of this truly American treasure.

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OBAMACARE DELAYS EMPLOYER MANDATE

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Three and a half years and hundreds of millions in taxpayer dollars later, this administration still hasn't figured out how to implement their healthcare law. What more proof do they need?

More now than ever, it's clear that this law is too complicated, too expensive, and worst, failing American families.

Last week, the Obama administration announced they would no longer require businesses to offer health insurance to workers next year, nor require States to verify residents' income before signing them up for insurance.

While these actions provide much-needed relief to our job creators, who have been forced to shrink paychecks and freeze hiring, it still requires individuals and families to obtain insurance. It also opens the door to more waste, fraud, and abuse of precious taxpayer dollars.

American families want, need, and deserve patient-centered care, not the government-knows-best healthcare system.

It's time to repeal and shred this broken law into ribbons. Let's start over with real, commonsense reform before it's too late.

HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF KAITLYN KIRCHNER

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

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Kaitlyn Kirchner, a constituent of mine from Madelia, Minnesota. She created the winning recipe in the White House's second annual Healthy Lunchtime Challenge and won an invitation to today's Kids' State Dinner hosted by the First Lady.

Yesterday, I had the honor of meeting Kaitlyn and her family, and what an impressive young woman. At age 9, she created not only a healthy recipe that would make any chef proud, she did it making it healthy with 100 calories or less in the dish.

Since she's been 3 years old, Kaitlyn has been helping her mother handpick vegetables and cook seasonal dishes.

Her recipe for the competition was a garden stir fry featuring Minnesota homegrown carrots, broccoli, yellow summer squash, sugar snap peas, red bell peppers, and onions.

There's no doubt that Kaitlyn has a bright future ahead of her in whatever she decides to do. It's an honor for me to meet Kaitlyn and her family and congratulate her on this high honor and her contribution to making America a healthier Nation.

OUR MANTRA SHOULD BE: JOBS, JOBS, JOBS

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

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it's now been 919 days since I arrived in Congress—919 days—and the Republican leadership has still not allowed a single vote on serious legislation to address our unemployment crisis.

After learning of Friday's lackluster job numbers, many pundits and politicians actually cheered. It could have been worse, they said. They also said things are returning to normal.

Try telling that to any of the 11.8 million Americans who are still out of work, or to the millions more who are underemployed or have given up looking for work.

According to Friday's job numbers, the average length of unemployment is now at 35 weeks. Before the Great Recession, the average was just 16 weeks.

Mr. Speaker, it's no wonder people are losing hope. It's our obligation to restore that hope.

As we begin this July session, let's commit to passing a comprehensive bill to restore unemployment for young people, recent grads, and the long-unemployed.

Mr. Speaker, our mantra should be: jobs, jobs, jobs.

THE NEXT CHAPTER IN THE WAR ON WOMEN

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

Ms. TITUS. When the majority leader announced a list of bills that the House may consider over the next few weeks, I was disappointed to hear that, in July, instead of focusing on significant challenges that face our Nation, House Republicans will begin the next chapter in their war on women.

We may consider, we heard, appropriations bills and another farm bill that would have drastic cuts to vital programs like SNAP and WIC that disproportionately devastate low-income women and families.

We may, yet again, vote on legislation to repeal or gut the Affordable Care Act, which has provided millions of women with access to preventive care and ensured, finally, that being a woman is not a preexisting condition.

What's equally troubling is what we didn't hear, what's missing from the list. Where is a budget to replace the sequester, which is prohibiting access to lifesaving programs for victims of domestic violence?

Where is legislation to create jobs, put Americans back to work, and strengthen economic opportunities for the middle class?

And where is the Paycheck Fairness Act to finally ensure that women get equal pay for equal work?

I say we need another list.

CONDOLENCES TO THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CRASH OF ASIANA AIRLINES FLIGHT 214

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

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join Leader PELOSI in expressing my condolences to all those affected by the crash of Asiana Airlines Flight 214 on Saturday morning at San Francisco International Airport in my district.

My thoughts and prayers are with the families of the two victims of the crash on their way to a summer camp