

build on the very real successes of ACA and fix the actual problems with the law. But this legislation as proposed does none of that and, in fact, takes us in the opposite direction.

Under the proposed legislation, 10 million Americans would lose their health insurance, according to an analysis from Standard and Poor's. Seniors would be charged much more than what others pay for health care, and the 3.2 million Illinoisans who depend on Medicaid will face cuts to their coverage.

Mr. Speaker, this House is recklessly and unnecessarily rushing to a vote before we have basic answers. Most importantly, we need to know from the Congressional Budget Office how many people this bill will and will not cover and how much it will cost.

We need to set aside the politics and work in a bipartisan way to give all Americans quality, affordable health care.

I strongly urge my colleagues to oppose the bill.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER "NOTORIOUS B.I.G." WALLACE

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, this is a very special day to many of us Caribbean Americans as we pay tribute to the life of Christopher Wallace, otherwise known as Biggie Smalls.

Livin' life without fear,
Putting five karats in my baby girl's ear,
Lunches, brunches, interviews by the pool,
Considered a fool 'cause I dropped out of high school,
Stereotypes of a black male,
Misunderstood,
And it's still all good,
And if you don't know, now you know.

HONORING CHRISTOPHER "NOTORIOUS B.I.G." WALLACE

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

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Brooklyn's own Notorious B.I.G., Jamaican-American Christopher Wallace.

In celebration of his life and living legacy, I share these words:

Thinkin' back on my one-room shack,
Now my mom pimps an Ac with minks on her back.
And she loves to show me off of course,
Smiles every time my face is up in The Source.
We used to fuss when the landlord dissed us,
No heat, wonder why Christmas missed us.
Birthdays was the worst days,
Now we sip champagne when we thirsty,
Uh, right, I like the life I live,
'Cause I went from negative to positive.
And it's all good.
And if you don't know, now you know.

GREAT LAKES RESTORATION INITIATIVE

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on behalf of an important bipartisan-supported vital Environmental Protection Agency program, the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, spanning the largest body of freshwater on the face of the Earth. Many media outlets have suggested that the President intends to cut this program by 90 percent—90 percent.

I would like to clarify that this proposal is not yet official, but it is more than a rumor. So I would like to believe that this President who achieved the White House by carrying the Great Lake States of Michigan, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and my own Ohio, would not take this awful step backward.

Candidate Trump traveled to Flint, Michigan, and promised that the water situation would never happen if he were President. Is he going to reverse his firm promise of clean water?

The blue economy of the Great Lakes depends on clean water: a \$7 billion maritime industry in Lake Erie alone; jobs related to the automotive and industrial sector of our country; recreational opportunities; and, most importantly, preserves clean drinking water for the millions and millions of people who depend on that today and in the future.

Supporting the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative is not partisan; it is common sense.

HEALTH CARE IN AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BIGGS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2017, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I am delighted to have this time on behalf of the minority and the Progressive Caucus. We have a number of very distinguished Representatives who want to talk about what is going on with people's health care in America and the attacks leveled against it this week in Congress.

Before we begin, I yield to my distinguished colleague from New York (Mr. JEFFRIES).

HONORING CHRISTOPHER "NOTORIOUS B.I.G." WALLACE

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman from Maryland for yielding.

It was all a dream,
I used to read Word Up! magazine,
Salt-n-Pepa and Heavy D up in the limousine,
Hangin' pictures on my wall,
Every Saturday Rap Attack,
Mr. Magic, Marley Marl.

Those were the words of the late great Notorious B.I.G., Biggie Smalls, Frank White, the King of New York. He

died 20 years ago today in a tragedy that occurred in Los Angeles, but his words live on forever.

I have got the privilege of representing the district where Biggie Smalls was raised. We know he went from negative to positive and emerged as one of the world's most important hip-hop stars. His rags-to-riches life story is the classic embodiment of the American Dream.

Biggie Smalls is gone, but he will never be forgotten. Rest in peace, Notorious B.I.G.

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Mr. RASKIN. Thank you very much to the distinguished gentleman from New York. We are going to go from the Notorious B.I.G.'s music to the notorious GOP healthcare proposal being considered in Congress this week.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous materials in the RECORD on the subject of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I am going to yield to my colleague from Minnesota, Mr. ELLISON. It was 7 years ago in March 2010 that President Obama signed the Affordable Care Act into law extending access to affordable health insurance coverage to more than 20 million previously uninsured Americans.

Insurance companies under the new law could no longer deny you insurance because you had a preexisting condition, and, surely, that makes sense. The fact that you have a preexisting medical condition should be the reason that you get health insurance, not the reason you get denied health insurance.

Also, under the new ACA, young people up to age 26 could stay on their family plans, which helps families like mine because I have got a 22-year-old, a 20-year-old, and a 25-year-old. And believe me, they would not have health insurance if not for the Affordable Care Act, and I think my situation is that of millions of people across the country.

But today, the ACA is in mortal danger. The House GOP finally unveiled their plan for repealing and replacing the ACA with something else, which I call the unaffordable care act, that will cost millions of people their health insurance, increase everybody's premiums, reduce everybody's coverage, and bring incoherence and chaos into the system.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to yield to Mr. ELLISON in just a moment to talk about what is going on with this legislation. But I do want to say something about the process by which we arrived here, because back when the Affordable Care Act was being debated—and I