

words of Thomas Jefferson, "that every human mind feels pleasure in doing good to another."

May You endow each elected official and staff with abundant grace, wisdom, and compassion to stand for the public interest over personal interest, people over politics, love over hatred, truth over falsehood, and courage over fear.

May Your spirit breathe on this session, bring synergy in the midst of diversity, and promote unity for the benefit of the common good until we reach that glorious daybreak when justice shall roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LAMALFA led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS

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

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the National Alliance on Mental Illness and to show support for my community and the millions of Americans living with a mental illness.

This weekend, I marched in the NAMI Walk to help raise awareness. I was inspired to hear the brave stories of so many survivors who have not given up on their mental wellness.

Before the Affordable Care Act was enacted, mental health coverage was lacking or missing altogether from most health plans. Medicaid expansion, a cornerstone of the ACA, has dramatically expanded access to treatment in many States, including Arizona.

But the Trump administration is again trying to eliminate the ACA and remove protections for people with mental illness and preexisting conditions.

Republicans have no health plan other than fighting to take away

America's healthcare. We must raise our voices and reject this again. We must fight for our healthcare and the coverage that treats our most vulnerable communities.

DON'T LET GOVERNMENT TAKE OVER THE INTERNET

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to shed some light on the total hypocrisy of the Democrats' Save the Internet Act under the guise of net neutrality.

This bill is nothing short of a Federal Government takeover of the internet, and the end result would be catastrophic. Democrats want a panel of unelected bureaucrats to have nearly limitless control over the internet, including decisions over content moderation and imposing new taxes and fees for internet services by the FCC.

To be clear, they would like the Federal Government to have nearly unchecked authority to regulate your internet. That should terrify those of you sitting at home.

This goes against everything that made the internet such a transformative engine of the American economy in the first place. In fact, this type of regulatory approach would cripple smaller ISPs that can't afford the burdensome regulations, especially in rural communities.

I believe in a free and open internet that fosters innovation and takes our economy to new heights, like we have reached already. This legislation will do the opposite of that.

This isn't "Save the Internet." We must vote "no" to save the internet process and the freedom to access it from legislation like this.

IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTHCARE FOR ALL AMERICANS

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

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, my experience as the first registered nurse elected to Congress allows me to examine our Nation's healthcare priorities with firsthand knowledge.

Currently, our mental health system is failing our communities. Our Federal Government spends billions each year without addressing the underlying causes of mental health illnesses.

Needless to say, reform is necessary. In Congress, we have defended protections for preexisting conditions in the Affordable Care Act, a law that has brought a sense of security for the 11.5 million Texans and 133 million Americans living with preexisting conditions.

As we continue our work, we cannot lose sight of those living with mental health illnesses as preexisting conditions.

There is much to be achieved, and I am eager to continue working for the people to improve mental healthcare for every American.

RELEASING JAMES BAKER'S INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPTS

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

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I have released several transcripts of interviews from the Judiciary Committee's investigation into the apparent wrongdoing at the FBI and the Justice Department. Today, I am releasing another.

The American people deserve transparency. They deserve to know what transpired at the highest levels of the FBI and at the origin of the probe into President Trump's campaign.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I request that the link www.dougcollins.house.gov/baker be placed in the RECORD so the American people can review the transcript of one of James Baker's interviews.

Out of an abundance of caution, this transcript has a limited number of narrowly tailored redactions, relating only to confidential sources and methods, nonpublic information about ongoing investigations, and nonmaterial personal information.

I will continue to work to release as many transcripts as possible, including the entirety of Mr. Baker's interviews with the Judiciary Committee.

The American people deserve the truth.

SECRET HEALTHCARE PLAN

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, 2 weeks ago, the Trump Justice Department filed in court to say that the entire Affordable Care Act should be voided.

The President said: Don't worry. We are going to have a great and better plan to replace it.

Then MITCH MCCONNELL said: No, no, we are not doing that.

Then Trump said: Well, we will run on healthcare in 2020 and promise a better plan.

And his consultant said: No, better not do that.

So now he has a secret plan that will be unveiled after the next election to replace the Affordable Care Act. Twenty-one million Americans would lose their insurance if it went away tomorrow.

We had another guy running for President back in 1968, Richard Milhous Nixon. He had a secret plan to end the Vietnam war. Actually, he didn't have a plan to end the war, but it helped him win the Presidency.

Shame on us if a fake promise to have a better healthcare plan undisclosed will come out after the election.

133 million Americans have pre-existing conditions. They would lose their healthcare at the discretion of the health insurance industry, 312,000 in my district alone.

Twelve million Americans would lose their expanded Medicaid, 350,000 in my district.

Medicare would go broke 4 years earlier if President Trump prevails in repealing the Affordable Care Act in its totality.

RECOGNIZING ARISTON CAFE

(Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize one of the most well-known landmarks along Route 66 in Illinois, the Ariston Cafe, on its 95th year of operation.

After opening in 1924 along Route 4 in Carlinville, the Ariston actually predates Route 66. In 1935, it moved to its current location along the Mother Road in Litchfield, Illinois.

The Ariston Cafe is a member of the Route 66 Association Hall of Fame and Museum and is in the National Register of Historic Places in Illinois and the National Park Service.

The Ariston is one of the oldest restaurants along Route 66 and is the fifth-longest running restaurant in the entire State of Illinois.

Later this spring, the Ariston will be holding a relighting ceremony to celebrate the replacement of its classic neon sign, thanks to a grant from the National Park Service.

The Ariston Cafe is a treasure within central Illinois and along Route 66, and I look forward to many more years of success for this great restaurant.

BE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF HISTORY

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, basic healthcare coverage for 23 million everyday Americans and thousands of people in my district of the Virgin Islands is at risk of being undermined because our friends across the aisle fail to have the same urgency about these impending calamities.

Virgin Islanders are at a critical junction. We face a daunting and devastating Medicaid cliff on September 30, 2019, an absolute collapse in Medicaid.

Our Republican colleagues continue the work to dismantle healthcare for millions of Americans right now. They voted to eliminate protection for pre-existing conditions and to strip their healthcare coverage.

Last weekend, the Trump administration escalated its attack on Americans' healthcare by supporting a Federal judge's ruling that the entire Affordable Care Act should be thrown out.

Today, I ask my Republican colleagues: What side will history find you on, protecting American families or the need to protect partisan interests?

A demonstration of this was the Republican-controlled Senate's failure last week to advance a disaster aid package that includes billions for American families still recovering from 2017 natural disasters.

Be on the right side of history.

FIX OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

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

Mr. GOTTHEIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because there is a lot we need to do to fix healthcare here in the United States.

I will work with anyone, regardless of political party, who has ideas to improve healthcare and get costs down, but I find it unacceptable that the Department of Justice wants to gut the Affordable Care Act with no plan.

We need to stabilize the volatile healthcare marketplace, increase competition so that affordable prescription drugs are within reach for everyone, cover preexisting conditions, and make sure that we always protect the Social Security and Medicare that our seniors rely on.

Last Congress, the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus introduced such a proposal, and we need to get it done now.

In New Jersey, we are very lucky to have some of the best healthcare providers, innovators, and hospitals in the world. We are America's medicine cabinet.

Our people deserve a bipartisan approach to fix our healthcare system so that we can look out for everyone in New Jersey and everyone across the country.

WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE OUR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, when we took our oath in January, no issue before us was more critical than healthcare.

Over the past 100 days, we have fought the administration's efforts to gut the Affordable Care Act at every turn. We must keep at it because the ACA has allowed 53,000 New Hampshire residents to enroll in Medicaid expansion. The coverage for substance use disorder makes it the best tool we have to fight the opioid crisis.

We also voted to empower House counsel to defend coverage for those with preexisting conditions. Half the adult population in my State of New Hampshire has a preexisting condition. We can't go back to the days when insurance companies could discriminate against them.

We have also introduced legislation that will lower premiums, strengthen patient protections, and crack down on junk plans that could send New Hampshire families right into bankruptcy.

Lowering costs and expanding access to care must continue to be at the top of our priority list. Nothing is more important to the health of our districts and the well-being of this Nation.

Let's work together to improve our healthcare system, not play politics with it.

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HEALTHCARE AND THE BUDGET

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

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, you have heard in the last round of 60-second comments a sense of urgency around healthcare. I share that sense of urgency, as I know everybody on my side of the aisle does.

But for the next 1 hour, Mr. Speaker, we are going to be talking about what purports to be the House budget, the budget that would tell us what our Medicaid priorities are, the budget that would tell us how we are going to save Medicare, the budget that would tell us how we are going to protect Social Security, and the budget that would tell us what our values are as a nation. That is what the law requires: that we bring such a document to the floor and that we do it by April 15.

But for the next hour, Mr. Speaker, what you are going to hear is that the House is producing no such budget, that the House is silent on protecting Medicaid, silent on protecting Medicare, and silent on protecting Social Security.

We can do better, as my colleagues have challenged us to do. It is going to take a partnership, though, not empty accusations.

CLIMATE CHANGE

(Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call for urgent action to reduce carbon pollution and save our planet.

We know climate change poses serious environmental and economic threats to communities across New Hampshire and throughout the United States. Let me give you one unusual example:

In New Hampshire and Maine, researchers have found a 70 percent mortality rate among young moose calves between 2014 and 2016. That is up from 15 percent just two decades ago. These deaths are caused by the prevalence of winter ticks that are thriving with warmer winters.

Another recent study found that warming rivers could have an impact on the health of brook trout.