

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.

The loss of wildlife diversity wouldn't just be a tragedy for our environment in New Hampshire, but also for our economy that relies on tourism. That is why I am committed to addressing climate change.

House Democrats recently introduced the Climate Action Now Act, which would require the Trump administration to remain in the Paris climate accord and to establish a plan on how we will meet our commitments to reduce carbon pollution.

**PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1644, SAVE THE INTERNET ACT OF 2019; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2021, INVESTING FOR THE PEOPLE ACT OF 2019; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 294 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

**H. RES. 294**

*Resolved*, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1644) to restore the open internet order of the Federal Communications Commission. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116-10. That amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived. No amendment to that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as original text. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on

the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 2. At any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2021) to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and to establish a congressional budget for fiscal year 2020. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116-11. That amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived. No amendment to that amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except those printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted. Any Member may demand a separate vote in the House on any amendment adopted in the Committee of the Whole to the bill or to the amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order as original text. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

SEC. 3. House Resolution 293 is hereby adopted.

SEC. 4. On any legislative day during the period from April 11, 2019, through April 26, 2019—

(a) the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and

(b) the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time, within the limits of clause 4, section 5, article I of the Constitution, to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment.

SEC. 5. The Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 4 of this resolution as though under clause 8(a) of rule I.

SEC. 6. Each day during the period addressed by section 4 of this resolution shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 7 of the War Powers Resolution (50 U.S.C. 1546).

SEC. 7. Each day during the period addressed by section 4 of this resolution shall not constitute a legislative day for purposes of clause 7 of rule XIII.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BLUMENAUER). The gentleman from New York is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Georgia (Mr. WOODALL), my friend, pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

**GENERAL LEAVE**

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, the Rules Committee met and reported a rule, House Resolution 294, providing for consideration of H.R. 2021, the Investing for the People Act, under a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule makes in order three amendments, each debatable for 10 minutes.

The rule also provides for consideration of H.R. 1644, the Save the Internet Act. The rule provides 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule makes in order 12 amendments, each debatable for 10 minutes.

Additionally, the rule deems as passed House Resolution 293, which will immediately put in place an enforceable top-line discretionary spending level so that the Appropriations Committee can begin its work.

Finally, the rule provides standard recess instructions through April 26.

Mr. Speaker, the Investing for the People Act is a 2-year budget bill that will raise the defense sequestration caps for defense and nondefense discretionary spending for fiscal year 2020 and 2021.

I believe my colleagues from both sides of the aisle fully understand the devastating effects of sequestration. Across-the-board, mandatory cuts to every Federal program are not a successful path to fiscal responsibility.

Without taking action to lift the caps established by the Budget Control Act, nondefense discretionary funding will be cut by \$54 billion. Such drastic cuts threaten public health, the environment, access to education, job training, and lifesaving social services like food and housing assistance.

Cuts to nondefense discretionary funding would also impact our national security. Nearly one-third of investments in this area fund veterans' programs, homeland security initiatives, diplomatic operations, foreign aid, and Justice Department activities.

If an agreement on lifting the cap is not reached, defense programs also stand to lose \$71 billion. In a dangerous world, those cuts would be, in my view, harmful to national and global security.