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In my home State of Missouri, over \$128 million in recovery funds have been made available to help low-income families weatherize their homes, improving the environment around us and their pocketbooks during these challenging times. And on top of that, investments made into building more energy-efficient homes and public buildings create jobs right here at home that cannot be outsourced.

THANKING THE TROOPS WHO SERVE IN GUANTANAMO BAY

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

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Madam Speaker, this past Friday I had the opportunity and the honor to visit Guantanamo Bay to see the great work that our men and women are doing to protect and serve this country.

The discussions surrounding the detainees in Guantanamo Bay I understand is a contentious one, but let us first and foremost thank those men and women who serve a very important purpose. They are doing it with great honor.

As I visited with the admiral of the Navy who is in charge of taking care of this facility, he said that their mission is to make sure that the facility is safe, humane, legal, and transparent. I find that they're meeting that mission.

I would encourage the President and I would encourage this body to support the notion that says we should not close that facility, nor should we bring those detainees to the United States of America. We should pursue the tribunal process. The process is set up to work. And I for one will support that.

May God bless the troops that are serving us in Guantanamo Bay, and may God bless the United States of America.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE ACT

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

Mrs. CAPPS. Madam Speaker, we have a lot to be proud of in the way our Nation has responded to the H1N1 outbreak on a large scale, but we have also exposed some large gaps in our response capabilities.

The CDC's top recommendation to individuals experiencing flu-like symptoms is call your health provider. But 47 million Americans don't have regular access to a primary health care provider. And if our only recourse is to have these folks crowding the emergency departments, then we have a lot more to do to improve our response.

This week I was proud to reintroduce with Senator DURBIN the Public Health Emergency Response Act, legislation

which will ensure health coverage for individuals during a public health emergency.

Until we achieve universal coverage, we must at least ensure that Americans have access to care during a public health emergency and that health professionals who treat them are compensated.

DEMOCRAT NATIONAL HEALTH PLAN WON'T WORK

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

Mr. FLEMING. Madam Speaker, as a physician, I am the first to say we need affordable health care access for all.

A new national health plan has been created by my colleagues on the other side of the aisle. They claim this plan will compete alongside private insurance to ensure that patients are getting the best deal.

This sounds great on the surface. However, this idea makes as much sense as Microsoft setting the rules for all technology companies, then competing with them.

Make no mistake about it: the net result of a national or public plan option will be the death of the private insurance in this country. This crazy government versus private strategy is a first step toward a government-run health care for everyone, creating two levels of care, rationing of resources, and exploding government budgets.

Americans don't want Washington telling them what benefits they need and how much health care they deserve. But they do need access to affordable, high-quality health care that only private insurance competing honestly for business can provide, whether it is paid for by our government for the poor or paid for by the working citizens.

THE MORTGAGE REFORM AND ANTI-PREDATORY LENDING ACT

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

Mr. WELCH. Madam Speaker, the House this week will take the critical first step towards ending reckless and predatory lending practices and mortgage fraud in particular.

Since our economy fell off the cliff last fall, Vermonters and all Americans have been reeling from the mess created by those who engage in reckless lending and reckless borrowing.

The Mortgage Reform and Anti-Predatory Lending Act of 2009 will help ensure that the practices that helped foster this casino economy will end. The bill will restore responsibility to lending, holding creditors responsible for the loans they originate, requiring borrowers to have a reasonable ability to repay the loans, ban the practice of rewarding brokers and loan officers for steering homeowners towards mortgages they can't afford.

We won't be able to end years of irresponsible lending and borrowing overnight; not with one bill. But this legislation is the critical first step towards restoring responsibility and common sense to our financial system.

THE FAMILY-BASED METH TREATMENT ACCESS ACT

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

Mr. REHBERG. Madam Speaker, I hope some day I can come to the floor of the House of Representatives to report that meth abuse is no longer a problem in rural America. I would like to say some day that our families and communities are no longer subject to the total devastation caused by methamphetamine addiction.

But we're not there yet. So today I urge my colleagues to join me in the fight against meth abuse. I have introduced the Family-Based Meth Treatment Access Act, a bill which would fund programs aimed at helping families recover together from the Nation's most dangerous drug.

Studies show that family-based treatment increases effectiveness of long-term recovery, employment, and educational enrollment, while decreasing crime. The Family-Based Treatment Access Act helps take back what meth has stolen from our families.

Please join me by cosponsoring the Family-Based Meth Treatment Access Act.

R&D TAX CREDIT BILL

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

Mr. BOCCIERI. Madam Speaker, the American people have asked this Congress for solutions to act quickly in a bipartisan fashion and to get our economy moving again.

As a freshman Member, I'm happy to report that I have teamed up with a Republican colleague from Buffalo, New York, CHRIS LEE, to get our economy moving again. We know how many manufacturing jobs have been lost in the Midwest. So our bill would help empower the vision and innovation that has made this country so great by providing incentives for companies in America to do research and developments right here and give them a bonus if they are going to conduct those research and developments right here in America.

We have an opportunity to move this economy forward. We need to become not the movers of wealth but the producers of wealth. If we produce things here in America, we can make America continue on its path towards greatness.

ENFORCE IMMIGRATION LAWS TO PREVENT CRIMES

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House