

Over the 25 years, he hasn't changed. As a matter of fact, he has become international. I'm so proud that in our State we nominated him for President in one of his runs. Obviously, now the connection is clear—from Jackson to Obama. Rev. Jackson, we owe you this victory that we celebrate today.

GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I oppose a government takeover of our Nation's health care system, like the one the House passed late in the night on Saturday, November 7. The Democratic legislation—a 1,990-page, \$1 trillion bill—will raise taxes, it will increase our national debt, and, worse, it will put government bureaucrats between patients and doctors.

I agree it's important to reform our health care system, Mr. Speaker, but this is not the way to do it. I've spent the last 10 months trying to share my perspective as a physician for over 30 years with my colleagues. This legislation that the Democrats put on the floor of the House proves that the Speaker doesn't care what practicing physicians or indeed the American public think.

This legislation is the wrong direction for America, and it is a death knell for quality care for American patients, and I'm disappointed in my colleagues who voted to pass that measure.

Mr. Speaker, I reject any government takeover of our Nation's health care system.

REV. JESSE JACKSON: A GOOD SAMARITAN

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. I am privileged to join my colleagues this morning to celebrate a man who I call a Good Samaritan—who battled for the impoverished, those without voices, those who cannot speak for themselves. Rev. Jesse Jackson, who is with us here today, is a man of all seasons. He rescues, he discovers, he challenges. And there is no doubt in my mind that as Martin Luther King rests in peace, he is proud of Rev. Jesse Jackson. Jesse is the reason that we now can celebrate the election of President Barack Obama. But I know that he is also a man that finds problems and solves problems.

I thank him for coming to Houston, Texas, in the midst of the debacle of the Enron Company, and giving empowerment to the employee victims. As we stood outside that building and employees cried, Jackson was there with me to empower them and to give them, for the first time in history, a stake-

holder position in receiving benefits that they would not have gotten. I thank him for coming to Galveston, Texas, and announcing and analyzing that insurance companies benefited from the work of slaves, and derived their wealth from unpaid labor—he demanded reparation for the people who were taken advantage of.

This is a man who goes and seeks those who, again, cannot speak for themselves. We are gratified that he is a Good Samaritan on the battlefield, fighting for those who, again, are voiceless. We're gratified that he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2000 and was the third largest Democratic vote-getter when he ran for President in 1984.

Rev. Jackson, thank you, the Good Samaritan, our Rev. Jesse L. Jackson.

TERRORIST IN NEW YORK

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, can anything top this last week's lesson in absurdity and perversity? I'm talking about the administration's decision to bring Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and three other terrorist suspects from Guantanamo to New York. Absurd, because they have been charged before military tribunals, where they ought to be. Absurd, because it serves no purpose to bring them to the site of their worst action, just a stone's throw from Ground Zero. Perverse, because now, if you kill Americans on the battlefield, you will see justice done when you are captured by a military tribunal. But if instead of being a soldier on the battlefield, you attack Americans in their own home, you attack innocent Americans, you will now be privileged to get constitutional rights. The worse the terrorist, the greater the constitutional rights given to them. What a perverse action by this administration.

RECOGNIZING THE WORKS OF JESSE JACKSON

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

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker and Members, 1984 and 1988 were the proudest and most productive periods of my life. Jesse Jackson ran for President both in 1984 and 1988, and I served as the national co-Chair and the Chair of the California campaign. I was so pleased to be a part of the Rainbow Coalition he formed that included African Americans, Hispanics, Arab Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans, family farmers, the poor and working class, homosexuals, as well as white progressives. It truly was a Rainbow Coalition.

Listen to Jesse Jackson's campaign platform. Jobs. Creating a Works Progress Administration-style program

to rebuild America's infrastructure; reversing Reaganomics-inspired tax cuts; cutting the budget of the Department of Defense by as much as 15 percent over the course of his administration; supporting family farmers by reviving many of Roosevelt's New Deal-era platforms; creating a single-payer system of universal health care; and applying stricter enforcement of the Voting Rights Act.

Jesse Jackson, thank you for the leadership that you provided. It is because of you and the hope that you created that has caused Barack Obama to be the President today.

NET NEUTRALITY VS. FREE SPEECH

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the different ways we get our information in America have changed dramatically over the last few decades. We've gone from rabbit ears on our TV sets to cable satellite dishes and broadband. In the next decades, everything—radio, television, Internet, telephones—everything will use broadband.

"Net neutrality" is a new legislative scheme cooked up by the government fairness police to ration broadband access. It's not about keeping the Internet "neutral"—it's about government control. Anybody who's ever downloaded pictures over a slow Internet connection knows that some things use more Internet bandwidth than others. Under net neutrality, a plan disguised to make Internet access fair to everybody, the government actually rations how much bandwidth people can use. No one gets more than anyone else.

If the fairness police control broadband, they limit the amount of information people receive and how they receive it. This is the newest threat to free speech in modern times. It's yet more government control over all communication and information.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING REV. JESSE JACKSON

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

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Today, I rise to recognize 25 years ago one of our leaders of this world, Rev. Jesse Jackson, ran for President. I was honored in 1988 to be a delegate when he ran again. Rev. Jackson, as was mentioned earlier, 25 years ago called for single-payer health care. Unfortunately, we weren't able to get it last week, but we're on the way to new health care competition.

He also called for increased funding for public education. Public education. Just what we need today. The Equal Rights Amendment—thank you, Rev. Jackson—has now become law. He called for a work program, an employee program, 25 years ago.