

his job. They shopped around for private insurance but were turned away by the best plans because of her cancer. They are now stuck paying \$850 a month to a private insurance company to cover their family of four, almost the same amount as her mortgage. It is just not fair.

It is so clear that women need health care reform. Did you know that women pay more for health care? Today they are forced to settle for less health care at a higher price. Insurance companies charge as much as 50 percent more to women over men for the exact same coverage. What is worse is that this blatant gender inequality is legal in 38 States. But health care reform will make this type of gender discrimination illegal. Insurance companies will be forced to do what is right: charge everyone the same rate for the same care.

Did you know that insurance companies make it hard for women to get preventive services even when it would save the insurance companies money? Today millions of women have trouble getting these kinds of services. They forgo important tests and screenings because they simply can't afford the copays. One-third of uninsured women go without preventive care for mammograms and pap smears, tests that could save lives if done today. But health care reform will require insurance companies to offer basic preventive services, reproductive health, and maternity care, and make these preventive tests free with insurance.

Did you know that women have less access to insurance? Today fewer American women have access to their own health insurance compared to American men. Without a spouse, women are twice as likely to be uninsured than men. And when women are denied adequate coverage or lose their jobs, their families are hurt, too. For single mothers, unemployment left this group skyrocketing with troubles, leaving almost one-quarter of all single mothers without insurance to cover their families, leaving 275,000 children without regular access to doctors' visits or medication. But health care reform will make insurance affordable for all women.

Did you know that insurance companies deny women health services? Today women are turned away by insurance companies because of supposed preexisting conditions. And what are those preexisting conditions? Believe it or not, they are domestic violence, pregnancy, and Cesarean sections. But health care reform will make it illegal to deny coverage due to any preexisting condition. Women will no longer be denied coverage for being mothers or finding a lump in their breast.

Insurance companies are cheating women every day, and women are suffering because of it. Health care reform will make sure that your mother, your sister, and your daughter will be able to afford the treatment that they need,

the best insurance they can afford, one that won't turn them away. That is why I strongly support this legislation. The women of America need health care reform.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. JONES addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

HEALTH CARE REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. It is so nice, Mr. Speaker, to see these fine looking young ladies out here today talking about health care. I really appreciate it. It's time that we saw all of you out here tonight. It's really nice to see you and I appreciate you taking the time to be here.

There are just a few things, ladies, that you really haven't talked about. You keep talking about this as if this is the only approach to solving the health care problem. You don't mention that for trillions of dollars less, trillions of dollars less, money that we don't have, the Republicans have proposed a bill that would allow people to buy insurance across State lines so they could get the very best rates.

We provided a bill that would deal with people to help them get medical savings accounts so they could put their money into a savings account tax-free, as well as their employers, and then they would use that money and they would decide when they needed to go to the doctor and when not. And if they didn't use it, it would build up in the bank account. And if they used it, there would be a major medical policy, also tax-free, that would take them up to an undetermined amount of money, maybe \$100,000.

You didn't mention that our bill says that you can take your insurance with you from one company to another when you move. And that is what I think most people want. They want to make sure that there is portability.

You didn't mention that we want companies, small companies to be able to band together in our bill so that they can buy insurance at the rates that the major corporations do. That is a pretty good alternative.

You didn't mention that we want tort reform, which will definitely lower the cost of insurance because there won't be all these frivolous lawsuits by trial attorneys. Incidentally, you don't have any of that in your bill because the trial attorneys you like, because they support you and they support the President. And the trial attorneys have got this bill in their pocket.

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You don't mention that our bill does cover preexisting conditions, and it

doesn't cost as much money. You don't mention that our bill provides a safety net for the people who are uninsured which will deal with a lot of the problems you have been talking about tonight. You don't mention that we're going to have a safety net for indigent people, people who can't afford insurance.

And let me just say this: doctors across this country don't want this bill. Hospitals across this country don't want this bill. The people across this country overwhelmingly don't want this bill. Do you know why? Because it's going to cost trillions of dollars that we don't have. And you know who's going to pay for all of this? The budget this year, as I said earlier, is \$3.78 trillion that we don't have. This is a new entitlement, and it's going to cost trillions of dollars that we don't have. And we're not going to be able to borrow that money from China and Japan and all of these other countries from around the world for very long.

So what are we going to do? We're going to print the money. And if America was watching tonight I'd say, Hey, don't worry about it. They're just going to print the money. So if you got a thousand dollars in the bank and we double the amount of the money in circulation, you still have the thousand dollars, but it's only worth \$500 because it will only buy half as much. But who cares?

And then, of course, the legislation that's going to cost trillions of dollars in addition to the trillions of dollars that you're spending on everything else is going to cause higher taxes. But, then, what the heck? In fact, in your bill, the taxes are going to go up by \$569.2 billion. Oh, that's chump change. Don't worry about that. The American people can afford it.

Heck, right now at 10 percent unemployment, I'm sure the American people are saying, Raise my taxes. The small businessman wants you to raise his taxes because if you raise his taxes, he won't be able to hire people, and he may even say, Well, I'm going to take a boat and take my business overseas because we can't handle this anymore because the taxes are too high. But what the heck. Who cares. It's just money.

The bottom line is we all want the same thing, and that is to solve our health care problems. But we don't want to give a hole that our kids and our grandkids will never get out of. They'll be paying higher taxes, and they'll be dealing with inflation. And they will look back on our generation and say, Why did you do that to us? Why did you do that to us?

And so when you tell the American people all of the things you're telling them tonight about these people are going to be covered and everything else, just tell them this: we have got a plan that will do it, too, and it will do it for a heck of a lot less money. It won't put the government in control of health care and have bureaucrats between people and their doctors, and it