

defeat the previous question is to give the opposition a chance to decide the subject before the House. Cannon cites the Speaker's ruling of January 13, 1920, to the effect that "the refusal of the House to sustain the demand for the previous question passes the control of the resolution to the opposition" in order to offer an amendment. On March 15, 1909, a member of the majority party offered a rule resolution. The House defeated the previous question and a member of the opposition rose to a parliamentary inquiry, asking who was entitled to recognition. Speaker Joseph G. Cannon (R-Illinois) said: "The previous question having been refused, the gentleman from New York, Mr. Fitzgerald, who had asked the gentleman to yield to him for an amendment, is entitled to the first recognition."

The Republican majority may say "the vote on the previous question is simply a vote on whether to proceed to an immediate vote on adopting the resolution . . . [and] has no substantive legislative or policy implications whatsoever." But that is not what they have always said. Listen to the Republican Leadership Manual on the Legislative Process in the United States House of Representatives, (6th edition, page 135). Here's how the Republicans describe the previous question vote in their own manual: "Although it is generally not possible to amend the rule because the majority Member controlling the time will not yield for the purpose of offering an amendment, the same result may be achieved by voting down the previous question on the rule. . . . When the motion for the previous question is defeated, control of the time passes to the Member who led the opposition to ordering the previous question. That Member, because he then controls the time, may offer an amendment to the rule, or yield for the purpose of amendment."

In Deschler's Procedure in the U.S. House of Representatives, the subchapter titled "Amending Special Rules" states: "a refusal to order the previous question on such a rule [a special rule reported from the Committee on Rules] opens the resolution to amendment and further debate." (Chapter 21, section 21.2) Section 21.3 continues: "Upon rejection of the motion for the previous question on a resolution reported from the Committee on Rules, control shifts to the Member leading the opposition to the previous question, who may offer a proper amendment or motion and who controls the time for debate thereon."

Clearly, the vote on the previous question on a rule does have substantive policy implications. It is one of the only available tools for those who oppose the Republican majority's agenda and allows those with alternative views the opportunity to offer an alternative plan.

Mr. STIVERS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

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RESTORING AMERICANS' HEALTH-CARE FREEDOM RECONCILIATION ACT OF 2015—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 25, 2016, the unfinished business is the further consideration of the veto message of the President on the bill (H.R. 3762) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 2002 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2016.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is, Will the House, on reconsideration, pass the bill, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding?

(For veto message, see proceedings of the House of January 8, 2016, at page H210.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Georgia (Mr. TOM PRICE) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material on the veto message of the President of the United States to the bill, H.R. 3762.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, this is a historic day. It is not often that the House has the opportunity to so clearly fight to defend the will of the people. This is a day that embraces our Constitution and one of its fundamental tenets, our system of checks and balances.

This issue, the issue of health care, is vital to every single American. Health care is so very personal. The American people are offended by a Federal Government that says that they know best, that they know and should dictate to folks what kind of health care we should have, who should be treating us, where we should be treated, and on and on and on.

The American people have always opposed the current law. From the very day it was passed and was signed into law, a majority of the citizens of this country opposed this law.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, more people oppose the law now than they did when the bill was passed. This is truly remarkable. More people oppose it now than did when it was passed, which is why we have worked and fought so very hard to represent them, to represent our constituents, and to carry out our

solemn responsibility as their Representatives.

The House and the Senate voted to veto this destructive law, a law that is not only destructive to the health and well-being of our citizens, but destructive to the health of our economy, taking jobs away, forcing people into part-time work, forcing businesses to downsize or limit who they hire. It is remarkably destructive.

In fact, the House voted to repeal it by larger numbers than it voted to pass it originally. However, the President vetoed our repeal.

The President is the only person standing in the way of what the American people want. Let me repeat that, Mr. Speaker. The President is the only person standing in the way of what the American people want.

So our job now is to stand up for them, to demonstrate for them who is on their side, and who is standing in the way of positive, patient-centered reform.

We favor a healthcare system where patients and families and doctors are making medical decisions, not Washington, D.C. We favor a healthcare system that gets everyone covered with policies that they want for themselves and for their families, not that the government forces them to buy.

We favor a healthcare system that embraces the principles of health care, accessibility, affordability, quality, responsiveness, innovation, and choice, principles that are all violated by the current law.

So today, Mr. Speaker, we stand with the American people. We will vote to override the veto of the President, an action that runs absolutely counter to the will of the majority of our country.

I urge my colleagues to support this veto override vote and stand with positive solutions based on the principles of health care that we all embrace.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

The only thing historic about this vote today is it probably breaks the record for the number of times a Congress has voted to try to overturn existing law that has been twice upheld by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Yes, Mr. Speaker, here we go again and again and again. How fitting it is that we are here, on Groundhog Day, for the 63rd vote in the House of Representatives to overturn the Affordable Care Act.

And make no mistake. The Congressional Budget Office, the nonpartisan entity that analyzes bills, has told us and told the American people that, in overturning the Affordable Care Act, you will eliminate affordable health care for 22 million Americans.

So this is a historically callous action that, in 1 day, our colleagues are proposing that we would deny affordable health care to 22 million Americans. It is also the 12th vote this House

has taken to attack women's health care and defund Planned Parenthood.

You know, the American people have got to be scratching their heads. They were told that, with a new Speaker, in the new year, 2016, we would actually begin to address the real challenges facing this country and do some serious work.

Yet, the very first action taken here on this House floor in 2016 with the new Speaker was to again try to dismantle the Affordable Care Act. And, yes, that legislation went through the Senate and the House. It went to the President's desk, and the President vetoed it.

Make no mistake. We will not overturn the President's veto today. This is a futile gesture. It is part of an obsession to try to undo affordable care for 22 million Americans, and it is not going to happen.

Now, what has happened since the last vote we had here to attack women's health programs and defund Planned Parenthood?

We have had a decision by a court in Texas. Here were the headlines that came out of that court decision: "Vindication for Planned Parenthood" and "Texas grand jury clears Planned Parenthood, indicts its accusers."

I have to say, Mr. Speaker, our colleagues have a lot of gall to bring this to the floor after that Texas court decision.

You know, they went into that Texas court decision, and the Harris County District Attorney said at the outset of their investigation into Planned Parenthood: We must go where the evidence leads us.

It began as an investigation into Planned Parenthood, just as we have had a series of witch-hunt investigations here in the House, where the chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee said months ago that there was no evidence that Planned Parenthood had committed any wrongdoing. Now we have a Texas court not only vindicating Planned Parenthood, but indicting their accusers.

Mr. Speaker, I tell you, this does take a lot of gall to come back here after that and go after women's health programs not for the first time, not for the second time. This is now the 11th time.

This will be the 11th time this House has wasted taxpayer time and money trying to overturn women's health programs and the 63rd time it has wasted taxpayer time and money trying to strip away affordable health care to 22 million Americans by undoing the Affordable Care Act.

So, yes, this is a shamefully historic day. As I said, Mr. Speaker, I think it probably breaks all the records in wasting taxpayer time and money where, in a really cruel way, if we actually did overturn the President's veto, 22 million Americans would be denied access to health care.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to sustain the President's veto. Don't

take away health care to 22 million Americans, and don't continue this attack on women's health.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I would simply say that what we are interested in is expanding health care for the American people that actually responds to their needs.

I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROE), a fellow physician who is the chair of the Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions Subcommittee of the Education and the Workforce Committee.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage my colleagues to vote to override President Obama's veto of the Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act.

I practiced medicine in rural Tennessee for over 30 years, where I didn't just talk about health care; I actually provided it for patients. The problems that I saw in the system were a major reason why I ran for Congress.

The premise of the Affordable Care Act was to increase access and decrease costs. Everyone in this room agrees with that. Unfortunately, the President's healthcare proposal was a 2,500-page bill that defined what kind of health insurance coverage you bought and then fined you when you didn't buy it, even if you couldn't afford it.

Access might be up because Americans are forced to buy into the President's healthcare law, but so are costs. I hear from east Tennesseans almost every day who are worse off—not better off—under ObamaCare.

The President was wrong to veto this legislation, just like he is wrong when he says Republicans have no ideas for healthcare reform.

Republicans have many ideas and have introduced numerous pieces of legislation to put patients and doctors in charge of their healthcare decisions, not the government and not insurance companies.

I know I have a comprehensive bill, and so does Dr. TOM PRICE of Georgia, as many of my colleagues do in the Doctors Caucus. It is time to repeal this flawed law and give the American people the viable healthcare options they deserve.

I encourage my colleagues to support overriding this veto.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. DELBENE), who is on the Republican committee designed to roll back protections to women's health care.

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to this frivolous and wasteful exercise, which will be our sixth vote to defund the Nation's leading provider of reproductive health care.

That is right. House Republicans have now voted six times to defund an organization that 2.7 million Americans rely on, even though four different Congressional committees tried and

have failed to uncover any evidence of illegal activity, even though a grand jury last week cleared Planned Parenthood of all wrongdoing and, instead, indicted their anti-choice accusers, even though Republicans' taxpayer-funded Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives, which they created nearly 4 months ago, hasn't held a single meeting.

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Yet here we are on Groundhog Day, no less, voting for the sixth time to prevent women from choosing their own healthcare provider. It might be funny if it weren't so outrageous. Women deserve better. They deserve leaders who actually care about the facts.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "no"

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK), a fellow member of the Budget Committee.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, the Congressional Budget Office just announced for the first time in our history that Federal healthcare payments now exceed Social Security benefits. Not coincidentally, it also warned that our deficit is again ballooning out of control.

ObamaCare forced millions of Americans out of their low-cost catastrophic coverage and basic employee plans and into Medicaid—the dysfunctional government poverty program. The result is skyrocketing costs in that program in which surgical patients are 13 percent more likely to die than those with no health insurance at all, according to a recent University of Virginia study.

Mr. Obama promised, if we liked our plans and our doctors, we could keep them, and that ObamaCare would save an average family \$2,500 a year. In fact, millions lost their doctors and their plans while premiums have increased an average of more than \$3,500 per family.

This ain't working, and it is time to move on to something that does.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. YARMUTH), a distinguished member of the Budget Committee.

Mr. YARMUTH. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, this measure does absolutely nothing for the American people. Meanwhile, we have a terribly flawed campaign finance system, an unfair justice system, and a broken immigration system. There are so many things we could be doing, rather than passing another messaging bill just to make the opponents of ObamaCare feel good.

This won't make the American people feel good. As a matter of fact, CBO said that by repealing the Affordable Care Act, we will not only add to the deficit, but we will have a demonstrably unhealthier population.

We have to remember, this is not just about the 22 million who will lose their insurance. This is about the tens of millions of people, hundreds of millions of people who will lose the protections that are part of this act: the ability to put their children on their policies until they are 26 years old, an end to lifetime caps, and an end to annual caps. There are so many things that we would be damaging without an alternative if we pass this measure today.

Finally, the only reason that the Republicans are putting this up is because they know it can't pass because, if it passes, it will wreak havoc on the United States of America and the American citizens, and it will do nothing to help them. There is no alternative, and the Republicans know it.

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from the great State of Indiana (Mr. BUCSHON), a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee and a fellow physician.

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today in support of the Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act of 2015.

Before I came to Congress, I spent my career taking care of patients. As a physician, I want every American to have access to quality, affordable care. The legislation before us today marks the next step toward that goal.

Last month, for the first time, we put a bill to dismantle ObamaCare on the President's desk. It is no surprise that he vetoed it.

Now, with this veto override vote, we are exercising our constitutional power to the fullest extent and bypassing the President to do what is right for our country.

Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of this bill to show the American people that the House of Representatives is doing everything in our power to stop this disastrous law and replace it with a patient-centered healthcare plan.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. SCHAKOWSKY), who is the ranking member of the Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives that Republicans set up to take away reproductive healthcare access from women.

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, how appropriate that the House Republican leadership decided to vote again on repealing the Affordable Care Act and defunding Planned Parenthood on Groundhog Day. In the movie Groundhog Day, Bill Murray's character relived the same day over and over again, and we are doing the same thing right here.

This is the 63rd vote to undermine or repeal the Affordable Care Act. This is the 12th Republican attack on women's health in this Congress. While House Republicans have already passed 11 anti-women health measures and are now voting on their 12th, they have not passed one single measure that helps women get the health care that they need.

So here we are—on only the 12th business day of the session—facing the same Republican attacks on women's access to health care. Republicans have said this bill will show the American people the difference between the political parties in this election year. You bet it will. The difference is clear. My Republican colleagues remain willing to play partisan politics at the expense of women's health and access to affordable, quality health care. Women of America are watching, and they don't like what they see.

Never mind the fact that three House committees have already investigated Planned Parenthood following the release of the selectively edited videos, and never mind that a grand jury in Harris County cleared Planned Parenthood and, instead, indicted the two individuals who made the doctored videos.

Facts matter. The truth matters. Despite my objection to the Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives, as its ranking member, I will continue to fight to protect women's health. That is the promise of all Democrats. We will, once again, reject this legislation. This attempt to override is going nowhere, and it shouldn't.

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. PALMER), a fellow member of the Budget Committee.

Mr. PALMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the veto override.

James Madison wrote in Federalist Paper 51: "It is of great importance in a republic not only to guard the society against the oppression of its rulers but to guard one part of the society against the injustice of the other part."

As expected, President Obama vetoed a reconciliation bill that would repeal the misnamed Affordable Care Act. This was within his constitutional authority. However, our Founders created a balance of powers within the three branches to prevent tyranny by one. With two-thirds, we have the opportunity to override a veto that doesn't correlate with the views of the American public. We have the opportunity to listen to the American people and put healthcare decisions back in their hands.

With this override, we have the opportunity to begin the process of real healthcare reform that provides the American people with healthcare choices, choices they can afford, choices that allow people to keep their doctors, choices that provide a safety net rather than a net that entraps people into a government program, and choices that allow people to keep their jobs.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support this veto override and put the power to legislate back in the hands of the legislators.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from

Virginia (Mr. SCOTT), the distinguished ranking member of the Education and the Workforce Committee.

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, since the passage of the Affordable Care Act in 2010, the House of Representatives has attempted to dismantle the law 62 times. Today is number 63, to repeal a major portion of the Affordable Care Act.

Mr. Speaker, since the Affordable Care Act passed, people with pre-existing conditions can now get health insurance. The cost of health insurance has been increasing at the lowest rate since they started keeping records about a half a century ago. Those young people under 26 can stay on their parents' policies. Women are no longer paying more for insurance than men. We are closing the prescription drug doughnut hole. While thousands of people were losing their insurance every day when we passed the bill, more than 17 million people have insurance today.

If we vote "yes" on this motion, we will cancel all of that progress and at the same time just add to the deficit. Mr. Speaker, we should reject this motion, just as we have 62 previous times.

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. ROSKAM), the chair of the Oversight Subcommittee of the Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I just want to recap quickly how we got here.

ObamaCare was passed on a partisan basis through the House and the Senate, signed into law, and then it went forward. It created a false premise, and the false promise that didn't come to fruition was that people were going to be able to keep their physicians, that premiums were going to go down, and it wasn't going to add to the deficit. We all know now that was nonsense.

So what did the American public do? They said, "We are going to change the House of Representatives." So they elected a Republican majority in the House to take out ObamaCare. What did they do next when they found an obstacle in the United States Senate? They changed the disposition of the United States Senate.

Now, there are some people that say today, "Oh, this is a complete waste of time." No, it is not, Mr. Speaker. This is not a waste of time.

This is a demonstration to the American public that there is now one office that stands between them and the repeal of ObamaCare. There is one office that stands between them and the continued shameful subsidy of Planned Parenthood. We have got an opportunity to change that office in November.

Mr. Speaker, I urge us to continue that momentum and to vote with Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia on this bill.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I would remind my colleagues that the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said that if you actually override this veto, 22 million Americans would lose access to affordable health care.

Under the Affordable Care Act, the number of uninsured Americans has dropped significantly. It is a sad day that some people don't see that as a good thing, just like the same people apparently want to deny women access to reproductive health care.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER), a member of the Judiciary Committee and the Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives.

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, last month I said that my Republican colleagues had declared their verdict against Planned Parenthood without ever holding a trial. Now it is even worse. A grand jury in Texas has not only refused to indict Planned Parenthood, but instead indicted two individuals who made this series of blatantly manipulated, false videos on which the Republicans base their attack.

Despite this unequivocal finding by a grand jury, not to mention by several congressional committees that Planned Parenthood has violated no laws and done nothing wrong, the Republicans are forging ahead in this ludicrous effort to cut off all Federal funding.

If we override this veto today, we will pass legislation that targets one organization and cuts it off from all Federal funding, including reimbursement for services provided, for no justifiable legislative reason beyond punishment for offering a constitutionally protected medical procedure.

This is a clearly unconstitutional bill of attainder. The prohibition on bills of attainder exist to ensure that Congress may not usurp the powers of the courts by using legislation to punish an organization or individual that a majority in Congress doesn't like. The Constitution is clear. Congress cannot be judge, jury, and executioner.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield the gentleman an additional 30 seconds.

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, it is not our role to declare an organization guilty and to impose a punishment. That is for a court. Not only is this bill an unconstitutional bill of attainder, it is a travesty and is seeking to punish one of the best, most praiseworthy organizations in the country, and punish it for what? For enabling women to exercise their constitutional rights. This is really not only an unconstitutional act, but it is part of the war on women.

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE), the Republican majority whip.

Mr. SCALISE. I thank my colleague from Georgia for yielding, for his leadership, and for bringing this important bill to the floor.

Mr. Speaker, this is a historic day. This is the first time that the House of Representatives has had a vote to override President Obama's veto. If you look at what the veto is about and

what the legislation that was vetoed is about, it is about letting the American people actually determine their own healthcare destiny. It is about stopping taxpayer money from going to abortion providers like Planned Parenthood.

What this bill does is something very historic by gutting ObamaCare and returning that power back to families.

I see in my district, and my colleagues share the same stories, all across the country, millions of Americans have lost the good health care that they had. They were promised by this President "if you like what you have, you can keep it." Everybody knows that that is a promise that was broken by this President in his own healthcare law. We restore that ability back to the American people with this bill.

With this bill, we also say that abortion providers like Planned Parenthood should not be able to get taxpayer money. We completely defund Planned Parenthood in this bill. If this is something that is so vital, look at what the bill does. It actually transfers the money to federally approved health centers all across the country—many more, by the way, than Planned Parenthood facilities that exist. These are facilities that actually provide services for women that don't include abortion. So if you look at what this bill is doing, it shows very clearly to the country what is at stake this November.

We sent a bill to President Obama's desk that guts ObamaCare and that defunds Planned Parenthood, and he vetoed it. We are going to have the override today.

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If it is not successful in the vote today with a two-thirds vote, it makes clear what is at stake this November. Just by changing the President, by having a President who shares our values, Mr. Speaker, who wants to gut this law that is failing Americans, who wants to defund Planned Parenthood, by having a President with those values, we can accomplish those important objectives.

I urge everyone to vote "yes."

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I really urge my colleagues, Republicans and Democrats alike, to read the letter from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. This is the agency that we all turn to for unbiased, nonpartisan advice. On page 9, you will read that their estimate is that, by overturning the President's veto and enacting the underlying bill, H.R. 3762, we would increase the number of people without health insurance coverage by about 22 million people in most years after 2017.

When my colleagues say this is a historic moment, it is true. Never before would this Congress have voted on a veto override that would immediately deny access to affordable health care for 22 million people.

I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mrs. WATSON

COLEMAN), a terrific member of the Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives.

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I had no idea that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle were such great fans of the movie "Groundhog Day." If I had a little more time right now, I would give the exact same speech I gave just 1 month ago, because nothing has changed.

The facts remain that Planned Parenthood is a health organization serving 3 million Americans each year; that one in five Americans will receive care from Planned Parenthood; that despite arguments to the contrary, there are simply not enough health centers to fill the gap; that defunding Planned Parenthood snatches care away from millions of families; and that today's bill says to women once again how and when they get health care is not their choice.

Like then, this has no chance of becoming law; and, like then, I urge my colleagues to abandon the merry-go-round of attacks on women and families. Enough attacks on health care, enough attacks on women, and enough attacks on families.

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS).

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman.

I rise today in support of a vote to override the President's veto of the Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act.

With his veto, the President sent Congress and the American people a disappointing—but unsurprising—message. Protecting the rights of patients, families, the unborn, and American taxpayers is clearly not a priority for this administration.

It is, however, a priority for me and for Congress. We worked to pass this legislation with bicameral support. We worked to help reduce government spending and reduce the burdens of the President's healthcare law on patients and families. We worked together to prevent taxpayer dollars from funding organizations practicing, in my opinion, shameful and unethical activities.

We must now work together to override the President's veto and give the power of healthcare decisions back to the people.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, it is hard to see how giving power to the people is stripping 22 million Americans of their affordable health care.

I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from California (Ms. SPEIER), a member of the Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives.

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman.

Are we able to distinguish the plot of "Home Alone" from congressional proceedings? Today, I am not so sure. I find myself comparing the bumbling criminals trying to break into a house

to the misleading criminals and bumbling legislators who seem to have broken this House. But while “Home Alone” is a comedy, the consequences of today’s votes attacking women’s health and the health care of hard-working Americans is a tragedy.

In each case, we have people who do the same thing over and over but only succeed in hurting themselves. In Home Alone, the criminals are tricked with booby traps and misdirection; but in real life, Republicans are stumbling into their 63rd vote to undermine the Affordable Care Act and the 12th vote to attack women’s health by filmmakers who have been indicted for their illegal activities.

I am pleased to see that the Texas grand jury exonerated Planned Parenthood and indicted the real criminals—the video creators. If there were an Oscar for the most fraudulent film, the so-called Center for American Progress would be thanking the Academy.

I urge my Republican colleagues to kick these criminals out of our House, disband the taxpayer funded Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives, and get back to the business of governing.

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACK), a fellow healthcare professional and a member of the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mrs. BLACK. Mr. Speaker, minority leader NANCY PELOSI famously called ObamaCare a jobs bill, yet the Congressional Budget Office says it will cost our economy the equivalent of 2 million jobs. The President himself promised that ObamaCare would save families an average of \$2,500 in healthcare costs per year, yet the largest insurer in my State just upped premiums by 36 percent.

Mr. Speaker, this law was built on a grand deception. Nearly 6 years later, the lofty promises have faded, and what is left behind are real stories and real people whose lives and livelihoods are impacted by the government-knows-best law they continue to reject.

The President’s veto of our reconciliation bill to repeal ObamaCare may be what is in his best interest for his political legacy, but my constituents have told me loud and clear it is not what is best for them.

Today, let’s call his bluff, and let’s override this veto.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, facts are stubborn things. Since the Affordable Care Act was passed, which our Republican colleagues said would be a jobs killer, we have actually seen millions and millions of jobs added in the economy, and the unemployment rate has come way down. The notion that the Affordable Care Act was going to wreck the economy is just blatantly false for everybody to see. Just look at the statistics around the country.

I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN), someone who cares about the facts, the distin-

guished ranking member of the Ways and Means Committee.

(Mr. LEVIN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished minority, the gentleman who has worked so hard on budgets, for yielding.

The majority whip referred to November. We are serving notice in this discussion: We are proud to defend healthcare reform and will do so between now, as we did before, and November.

Since health care began, the uninsured rate has declined from 20.3 to 11.4, nearly 18 million people now covered who were before uninsured.

Now this has also happened: 137 million Americans have free preventive services.

The ACA ends lifetime and annual limits on coverage for 105 million Americans.

Also what it does—let me just emphasize this—129 million Americans with preexisting health conditions no longer have to worry about being denied care.

I met, last weekend, a woman who had breast cancer. She lost her job and lost health insurance. Because of healthcare reform, she received health insurance. Her breast cancer came back. She looked at us and said to us squarely, one on one, each of us: “I wouldn’t be here except for healthcare reform.”

That is what this is all about. This veto will be sustained. It will be sustained because healthcare reform responded to the needs of millions of Americans. We in the Democratic Party are proud of that and will, from now until November, say so with immense ardor.

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH), a pro-life champion in our Nation.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, in the age of ultrasound imaging and benign life enhancing healthcare interventions for the baby in the womb, how is it that Planned Parenthood first dehumanizes and then massively kills unborn children—more than 7 million since 1973—and then demands that taxpayers subsidize the organization to the tune of about \$500 million?

Caught on numerous videos, Planned Parenthood abortionists describe how they dig with knives and cut out the inner organs of babies all while altering pain-filled dismemberment procedures so as to preserve intact baby hearts, lungs, and livers for a price.

This isn’t the first time Planned Parenthood has been caught red-handed. In 2011, videos by Live Action exposed several Planned Parenthood clinics eager to facilitate secret abortions for undercover pimps for child sex trafficking. In 2012, more videos by Live Action ex-

posed Planned Parenthood advising undercover investigators how to procure sex selection abortions for little girls.

Have we lost our capacity to be shocked? Can we not empathize with the child victim?

Support the override.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I would encourage everybody to read the results of the Texas grand jury proceeding. Here are some headlines from what happened: “Vindication for Planned Parenthood,” and “Texas Grand Jury Clears Planned Parenthood, Indicts Its Accusers.”

It is a charade that we are back on the floor after that grand jury decision. It is rare, my colleagues, to see a grand jury investigate one entity—in this case, Planned Parenthood—and turn around and indict its accusers. Despite that, we are back here in this evidence-free zone.

I yield 1 minute to gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. ADAMS), a distinguished member of the Education and the Workforce Committee.

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Today, we find ourselves rereading the same chapter from a Republican extremist book that seems to have no end. Today’s vote represents the 63rd time the GOP has tried to repeal or undermine the Affordable Care Act and the 12th time the GOP has voted to attack women’s health care in the 114th Congress alone.

Partisan games and divisions are transgressions on our communities. We must work together to seize the opportunity that exists in our great Nation. We can’t do that by wasting time and energy on radical agendas.

Attacking Planned Parenthood is part of a ploy to roll back women’s rights. No one should control a woman’s right to make decisions about her own body. I won’t stop advocating for women’s comprehensive health care or a woman’s right to control her own body.

This war on women must stop.

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY), a champion of patient-centered healthcare reform, the Republican leader.

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I thank the chairman for his work on this issue.

Mr. Speaker, today the House is keeping its promise to the American people. We showed we can defund abortion providers like Planned Parenthood and increase funding for thousands of women health centers across the country, and we showed we can send a bill repealing ObamaCare to the President’s desk even when Democrats are trying to stop us.

Now, this is big. That means that when a Republican President takes office next year, we know we can get this passed. We don’t have to worry about the filibuster. We don’t have to worry

about a veto. With simple majorities and the stroke of a pen, ObamaCare can be gone once and for all.

Democrats see that. They know that ObamaCare, in particular, is hanging by a thread. And do you know what? They are terrified.

You are going to hear a lot of mocking on the other side of the aisle today. Mr. Speaker, they are saying that Republicans are at it again trying to repeal ObamaCare. They are trying to make it seem like this vote doesn't matter.

They tried to stop us at first with arguments and debate, but they have lost that debate.

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The people aren't happy with what the Democrats sold them, as few are enrolling, premiums are skyrocketing, and deductibles are so high it can make insurance practically worthless.

So, the Democrats, they have given up on debate. They have seen that they have lost, and they have tried their next tactic. They have tried to tell us that there is nothing we can do, that ObamaCare is the law of the land, and that we had better just give up.

But then they realized we didn't give up. Year after year, we listened to the American people, and the people voted for Representatives to repeal ObamaCare; and year after year, the American people saw the healthcare promises that Democrats in Congress and President Obama made were just exactly what they were—empty: you can keep your doctor; you can keep your plan; your premiums will drop. Nobody—not even the President—believes that anymore.

So we didn't give up. We fought for the American people, and we put a bill repealing this law on the President's desk.

Now the Democrats have no more defenses. Their law is failing. The people aren't on their side. The end of ObamaCare is coming, and, in its place, we can create something that delivers so much more than just broken promises.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

The Republican leader said we don't have to worry about the veto. The reality is the President's veto will be sustained today. Apparently, our Republican colleagues are not worried about the 22 million Americans who will lose access to affordable health care. I don't know what the Republican leader's definition of "mockery" is, but if anybody is mocking the Republican bill here, it is the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, which wrote to each and every Member of Congress that, if you actually overrode the President's veto and enacted this legislation—and I am sorry to repeat it again, but it is here in black and white from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office—you would increase the number of people who are without health insurance

coverage by 22 million people. That is what our Republican colleagues are talking about here.

So, no, we don't want to do that, and the President doesn't want to do that, and that is not going to happen here today, but it certainly does indicate the stakes in the 2016 elections, because, on the one hand, you have a Republican-controlled Congress that would, at the snap of a finger, like to get rid of affordable health care for 22 million people, and, apparently, it wants to ignore the facts that we learned from the Texas grand jury that vindicated Planned Parenthood and said that their accusers, instead, should be indicted.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS), the chair of the Health Subcommittee of the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

Mr. PITTS. I thank the chairman.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the millions of families across the country who have had their health insurance disrupted by the President's health law and in support of the millions more Americans who don't want the government giving their tax money to abortion providers.

Some 6 million households across the country have lost the health plans they liked or have lost their doctors even though President Obama promised 37 different times that this would not happen. Hundreds of my constituents have contacted me to tell me about higher premiums, higher deductibles, and coverage lost outright:

Michael Cain of Lancaster contacted me recently to tell me that his premiums have nearly doubled just in the 2 years since the implementation of the President's health law;

Jennifer Hoy of Ephrata wrote to me that her family lost three out of four of her children's doctors. Imagine the stress of a mother in that situation;

Deborah Kennedy of Columbia contacted me to tell me that, in November, she spent countless hours trying to operate the broken healthcare.gov Web site. She lost her insurance and had to buy insurance nearly 50 percent more expensive while she lives on a fixed income.

These are hardworking Pennsylvania families who have done nothing wrong but who have been victimized by the arrogance of a Federal Government that thinks it knows better than the people and that tries to bully hardworking American families.

The legislation we are considering today saves taxpayers money and treats them with respect. Mr. Speaker, 84 percent of this country supports restrictions on abortions. However, this administration is giving their tax dollars to organizations that kill innocent babies. Today's legislation channels taxpayer money away from organizations that provide abortion and toward something that all Americans can sup-

port—federally qualified health centers. These centers are focused on caring for the poorest in our communities, and they actually care for women's health. Unlike Planned Parenthood, they actually do mammograms.

A vote for this bill is a vote for the millions like Deborah Kennedy, Jennifer Hoy, and Michael Cain, who have borne the consequences of an out-of-control Federal Government. Vote to override the President's veto.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I heard the word "bullying" used. It is ironic that that word would be used in a vote that would deny 22 million Americans access to affordable health care.

Again, I want to underscore for our colleagues, some of whom may not have read the Congressional Budget Office's report, that this comes from the nonpartisan entity that advises both parties in Congress. In fact, the head of the Congressional Budget Office was appointed by our Republican colleagues. It is they who are telling us that, with this vote, 22 million Americans would be denied access to affordable health care. That seems to qualify as bullying if anything does.

Mr. Speaker, let's review the situation with respect to Planned Parenthood.

This Republican-controlled House had its standing committees investigate Planned Parenthood, including the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. They had hearings, and they hauled up the head of Planned Parenthood to some of these hearings. At the end of those hearings, the Republican chairman of that committee concluded that Planned Parenthood had engaged in no wrongdoing. He said that on national television. Despite that finding, back in January, our Republican colleagues went ahead and launched this attack on women's reproductive health and defund Planned Parenthood.

That was bad enough.

Since that time, we have had even more evidence. We have had the grand jury proceeding in Texas that exonerated Planned Parenthood. They began the investigation against Planned Parenthood, and they said they would go where the evidence led them. At the end of that evidence-seeking effort, they exonerated and vindicated Planned Parenthood and called for the indictment of the people who had wrongly accused them. That was the result.

Yet here we are on this House floor today as if nothing had happened—ignoring the evidence that the grand jury heard and continuing on this witch hunt of the special committee's against Planned Parenthood.

So, yes, maybe this day is making history. It is probably one of the saddest examples of a Congress run amuck, when, for the 62nd or 63rd time now, we are trying to repeal the Affordable Care Act—ObamaCare—and,

for the 12th time, trying to launch this attack on women's reproductive health and on Planned Parenthood despite all of the intervening and previously existing evidence.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, one of the saddest days that the American people remember on the floor of this House was a day in March of 2010. It was when this House voted in a hyperpartisan way to pass a healthcare bill that took away patient-centered health care and put Washington in charge of health care across this country.

I now yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. ROTHFUS).

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, millions of Americans have endured skyrocketing premiums, higher deductibles, limited networks, failing co-ops, and dropped coverage because of the Affordable Care Act, like the mom in my district who now has to pay \$400 for her son's lifesaving peanut allergy medication when it used to cost her \$10 under the plan that the President promised she could keep.

While some have gained coverage under this failing law, it has been at the expense of far too many others. Just last Monday, the Congressional Budget Office announced that 40 percent fewer Americans signed up for health coverage this year than was predicted. In fact, many Americans are choosing to pay a penalty instead of signing up for the so-called affordable healthcare coverage mandated by this law. We need to empower all patients with more choice while offering solutions for the uninsured and those with preexisting conditions.

Mr. Speaker, if we vote to override, contrary to what has been suggested, the insurance doesn't end tomorrow. We have provisions in this legislation that would extend credits through the end of 2017, giving us the opportunity to do proper healthcare reform that does empower patients and not bureaucrats here in Washington, D.C.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. KIND), a distinguished member of the Ways and Means Committee.

Mr. KIND. I thank my friend for yielding me this time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this veto override.

Listen, I understand people's objections and concerns about the healthcare reform that we have embarked upon as a nation, but, clearly, now is not the time to take us back to the status quo, which was going to leave us in a very bad place in this Nation.

Before the Affordable Care Act was passed, the numbers of uninsured were going up. The expense for individuals and businesses was going up. Healthcare costs, budgetwise, were going up. Too many people were being denied coverage based on preexisting

conditions. Young people—younger than 26—were being dropped from health insurance plans.

All of that now is being corrected. Not that this is a perfect response to the complexity of the healthcare system, but there is a lot of good that is being done, including in two areas. One is delivery system reform so that we move to a more integrated, coordinated, patient-centered healthcare delivery system based on models that do work. Secondly, and perhaps most importantly, we are changing, under the Affordable Care Act, how we pay for health care so that it is based on the quality or on the outcome or on the value of care that is given and no longer on the numbers of procedures and how much is done to us rather than how well it's done.

We are demanding better quality at a better price, and the numbers are showing that we are heading in this direction. I say we stay the course in continuing to benefit by extending affordable healthcare coverage to more Americans and in finally getting a grip on these rising healthcare costs. I encourage my colleagues to vote "no" on this veto override.

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New Hampshire (Mr. GUINTA), a champion of patient-centered health care.

Mr. GUINTA. I thank the chairman.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3762 and in support of overriding the President's veto of this very important bill.

The Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act repeals some of the most egregious and harmful aspects of ObamaCare: the individual mandate, the employer mandate, the medical device tax, and especially the Cadillac tax—a 40 percent excise tax on certain employer health benefits.

In the coming years, the Cadillac tax will be responsible for employees from local governments, small businesses and large, nonprofits, and colleges-universities losing their access to high-quality, affordable health care. This is unacceptable for my home State of New Hampshire—people who want patient-centered health care and options for themselves, their families, not higher premiums, higher deductibles, and fewer doctors.

That is why it is so important to override this veto today. The House and Senate have worked hard in giving American families and small-business owners better care, better options, and greater affordability. We need to continue that approach and ensure that patient-centered health care is at the center of what America stands for.

As a new member of the Budget Committee, I thank my chairman for giving me the opportunity to speak today, and I look forward to working with my colleagues to support this legislation.

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Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Not having access to any affordable health care certainly doesn't meet anyone's definition of patient-centered healthcare.

Our Republican colleagues, when they first launched the attacks on the Affordable Care Act and ObamaCare, said: We are going to repeal this, and we are going to replace it.

Well, we have voted, as of today, 63 times to dismantle it. How many times have we voted to replace it? Zero. Zero times to replace it.

My colleague, Mr. KIND from Wisconsin, raised an important point. The way our healthcare insurance system was working back in the early 2000s, millions of Americans were denied access to health care because of a pre-existing condition, because their kid had diabetes or asthma. Premiums were going through the roof and skyrocketing.

The Affordable Care Act has now provided affordable health care to millions more Americans and, as we have heard from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, passing this bill would actually take it away for 22 million Americans.

Despite all that, despite the 63rd attempt to get rid of it and deny that access to health care, not once have we heard the replaced part of that Republican agenda.

So, Mr. Speaker, it is a sad day when you want to take away access to affordable health care from 22 million Americans and don't have a single alternative to put on the floor of this House.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BRADY), the chair of the Ways and Means Committee, a gentleman who has dedicated so much time and effort to responsible, appropriate health care for the American people.

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman PRICE for his leadership during this historic effort to dismantle the President's burdensome healthcare law and stand for the rights of the unborn. I am pleased to support this veto override. It couldn't come at a more critical time in our history.

The rights of the innocent unborn is the great human rights issue of our time. This President has chosen to stand on the wrong side of history. By vetoing this bill, he continues to funnel taxpayer dollars to subsidize the gruesome practices at Planned Parenthood.

This country has lost 58 million children to abortion since 1973. That means there are more American deaths from this practice each year that are nearly equal to all of the American casualties from all our wars combined. This government-financed war on the innocent unborn has to stop.

This House has already spoken. Whether you are pro-life or pro-choice,

we have always agreed you don't use taxpayer dollars for the controversial practice of abortion.

It is up to us to continue to stand with those we represent who don't believe their dollars should go to this. We are going to stand with our constituents against this terrible healthcare law because they have been hurt by higher prices, fewer doctors, and less affordable medicine. Frankly, this healthcare law has hurt too many Americans.

We know now the path to repeal. We know how to remove the law's mandates, tax hikes, and slush funds. Now we just need a new President.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. CARTWRIGHT).

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I am embarking on completing my fourth year here in the United States House of Representatives. Four years ago I ran for the Congress, in part, to support the Affordable Care Act.

There is a group of beneficiaries of the ACA that is often not discussed, and it is hospitals. I come from a part of northeastern Pennsylvania where the hospitals bore the brunt—and this is true all over America—bore the brunt of having to treat uninsured patients. People would show up on the doorsteps of the hospital and have to be treated. Well, the hospital has to absorb that when they treat uninsured patients.

So what we saw over and over in my district in northeastern Pennsylvania was hospitals were closing. I know why. I sat on the board of directors of a small hospital.

When you absorb it and you absorb it and you absorb the uninsured care year after year, eventually they start cutting back on nurses, start cutting back on essential services. Finally, there is nothing left to cut and they close the hospital.

That is a terrible detriment to your health care when your hospital is no longer 10 minutes away and it is 40 minutes away. That can be the difference between life and death. That is why the Affordable Care Act is something that I supported. We should not dismantle it.

I urge Members to vote against this bill.

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ALLEN), who serves on the Education and the Workforce Committee.

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Chairman, since ObamaCare was forced onto the American people 6 long years ago, Americans have seen their premiums skyrocket and access to providers dwindle.

In fact, Chairman PRICE and I were in my district talking to a number of physicians at the emergency room. They said: Not a thing has changed, but we are still taking care of the people just like we did before this terrible bill.

Ever since I came to Congress, I have consistently heard from folks in the

12th District of Georgia about the burdens of ObamaCare and that Planned Parenthood should not receive one dime of their hard-earned tax money.

I have heard from a family of five whose previous healthcare policy was terminated and buying a new plan means their premiums will go from \$700 to over \$1,000. Those seeking treatment could not even pay their deductible.

A small-business owner's premiums more than doubled and benefits have been reduced. An individual projects 16 percent of his income will go toward health care this year alone.

This law is killing the economy. This law is crushing. Even worse, it is crushing Americans and American families and their ability to earn a good living.

Is the sake of a political legacy worth all of this? I think not. After 6 years of failed policy, Americans deserve better.

That is why I am proud to cast my vote to override the President's veto of the Restoring Americans' Healthcare Freedom Reconciliation Act. It is time to move forward in finding a cost-effective and patient-centered plan for our citizens.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

We have heard a lot of talk about premiums going up. The dirty little secret, which every Member of this House knows or should know, is that premiums have been going up consistently for a very long period of time. The issue is: How fast do they go up?

If you look at this chart, you will find that, for employer-sponsored insurance, which is what most Americans are on, premium increases were huge between 2000 and 2010, before the passage of the Affordable Care Act, 9.5 percent. After the passage of the Affordable Care Act, those premium increases have dropped substantially, 4.8, now 2.7.

When Members of Congress get up here and talk about premiums going up, ask yourself the question: How fast are they going up? Because before the Affordable Care Act passed, it was through the roof, and they have dramatically slowed.

I said our Republican colleagues did the repeal part, but not the replace part. So they want to take out the part that has slowed down the premiums and go back to the day when you had skyrocketing premium increases.

So we need to talk in a fact-based conversation here on the floor of the House of Representatives.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN), a fellow member of the Committee on the Budget.

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, in an era where people are so easily offended, where nativity scenes are shut down, where racism is claimed at the tiniest of circumstances, it is surprising that,

in 2015, the Federal Government is still funding Planned Parenthood.

Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, once wrote: "We don't want the word to get out that we want to exterminate the Negro population, and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members."

You can see that is a little bit out of context, but there is no doubt that Margaret Sanger is connected with some of the ugliest periods in our country's history involving racism or eugenics.

Her endorsements of promiscuity and opposition to Christian teachings and sexual conduct are well known. To this day, Planned Parenthood counsels minors without parental consent.

If you really want to strike a blow for equality and strike a blow for not offending people, we should stop spending the hundreds of millions of dollars we do every year on Planned Parenthood.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE), a distinguished member of the Committee on the Judiciary who is focused on an evidence-based approach to all of these issues.

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the distinguished gentleman from Maryland. I do want to say to the gentleman that, as you well know, the Judiciary Committee, in many machinations over the years, has looked at this question of choice and the constitutional right that comes from *Roe v. Wade*. Unfortunately, our voices—those of us who are there who argue the constitutional premise—have not been heard.

Let me stand in opposition to, again, a Groundhog Day announcement, which is again trying to repeal the Affordable Care Act. The good news is that this is my daughter's birthday. So I can celebrate February 2nd in a good way.

This approach to again try to take away from the millions of people in Texas who are uninsured the right to be insured, to have insurance with pre-existing conditions, and this horrible provision to defund Planned Parenthood, which is a health prospect and a health project that gives good health care to women, is absurd.

Let me also say, Mr. Speaker, that we face some troubling times when people are unemployed, and Planned Parenthood has provided resources to those vulnerable women. I can't understand why this bill continues to come up.

I am glad to stand in opposition to support Planned Parenthood and its funding and to recognize that the Constitution does protect choice. We do need to provide health care.

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I think this is the chart that gets to the issue that is before us today the

most, and that is what is our responsibility to our constituents.

As I mentioned earlier, when this bill passed on the floor of the House in March of 2010 in a hyperpartisan vote, the American people opposed it.

The fact of the matter is the American people oppose it by greater numbers now than they did back then. It is because they have seen its implementation.

They know that their premiums have gone up. They know that their healthcare costs more. They know that they can't see the doctor that they want to see. They know that they can't go to the hospital or the clinic that they want to go to. They know that the quality of their health care is actually decreasing if they talk to their doctor, and they know that their choices have been harmed in so many ways.

So this is a little chart here that demonstrates that 52 percent, according to Gallup in November of last year, oppose this bill. According to Fox, in August of last year, 54 percent opposed this bill. According to Quinnipiac, in July of last year, 52 percent opposed this bill. Those numbers only increase.

Our responsibility, as Representatives of the people, is to represent them. That is what we are doing today. The President is standing in the way of the people's wishes on this piece of legislation. The President is standing in the way of patient-centered health care.

It is our job and our responsibility to stand up for the American people and the will of the American people. We will vote today to override this veto. I urge my colleagues to join in that activity.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, is the gentleman prepared to close?

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, may I ask how much time remains on each side?

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COSTELLO of Pennsylvania). The gentleman from Maryland has 1 minute remaining. The gentleman from Georgia has 5¾ minutes remaining.

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I share with my colleague that, unless the Speaker shows up, I am prepared to close.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

What the chairman of the Budget Committee said about the Affordable Care Act omitted the fact that a majority of Americans do not want to repeal and dismantle the Affordable Care Act.

We would be happy to work with our colleagues in smoothing out some of the edges, but our Republican colleagues are only determined to take it down entirely without a replacement.

In fact, when you ask the American public: "What one word describes how you feel about the ongoing political debate about the Affordable Care Act?" they respond: "ridiculous," "waste of time."

It is a waste of time. Here we are for the 63rd time trying to get rid of the Affordable Care Act. It is not going to happen. The President vetoed the bill. We will sustain the veto.

To add insult to injury, our Republican colleagues now want to ignore all the facts about the grand jury investigation into Planned Parenthood, which vindicated Planned Parenthood and concluded instead that they should indict Planned Parenthood's accusers.

Mr. Speaker, we will sustain the President's veto. We will protect health insurance for 22 million Americans, and we will protect women's access to reproductive care.

Let's sustain the President's veto. Let's get on with doing the people's business here.

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Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I think it is important to appreciate the numbers of individuals who are supporting our work on this issue, the folks who support repealing this legislation: Associated Builders and Contractors, Christian Coalition of America, Concerned Women of America, the Family Research Council, FreedomWorks, National Right to Life, American Center for Law and Justice, American Commitment, American Conservative Union, American Principles Project, Americans for Prosperity, Americans for Tax Reform, Americans United for Life, Conservative Women for America, Focus on the Family, Heritage Action for America, Independent Women's Voice, Liberty Counsel Action, March for Life, the National Center for Policy Analysis, National Institute of Family and Life Advocates, National Taxpayers Union, Population Research Institute, Priests for Life, Students for Life, Susan B. Anthony, The Justice Foundation, Tradition, Family, Property, Incorporated, and Traditional Values Coalition. Mr. Speaker, the majority of the American people oppose the law in place.

As I close, the remarks that we make today, this is the time to try to set the record straight. We have heard from our friends on the other side what the Congressional Budget Office says. I will tell you what the Congressional Budget Office says about jobs. It says that this law will decrease the equivalent of over 2 million jobs in this Nation. Over 2 million jobs in this Nation lost because of this law.

Our friends talk about the CBO saying that 22 million individuals are going to lose their insurance. That is because CBO scores things in a way that doesn't recognize the other action that will occur, which is why we have in this bill a transition period to phase in to patient-centered health care; again, health care where patients and families and doctors are making decisions, not Washington, D.C.

We have a government of, by, and for the people, and we take that very, very

seriously. When the President is standing in the way of the desires and the wishes of the American people as it relates to something as personal as health care, our responsibility is to stand up for the American people, and that is precisely what we are doing today.

As it relates to women's health care, our bill actually would increase spending—increase spending—on women's health care across this great land and allow greater opportunity for access to community health centers by women to receive the kind of health care that they need.

Our friends on the other side talk about premiums going up only a little bit more than they had been in the past. Mr. Speaker, what that ignores is that the President of the United States promised—promised—the American people that premiums would go down on average \$2500 for a family of four. In fact, what they have done is gone up by nearly \$3,000 for a family of four.

Mr. Speaker, that is not comparing it to anything else. That is comparing it to what the President promised the American people, and the American people expect their Representatives and the President to keep their promises.

Deductibles have gone up incredibly. Our friends on the other side don't talk about that because what that means is that folks have health coverage out there, but they don't have health care. If you are a family of four, if you are an individual out there making \$40,000, \$50,000, \$60,000 a year, and your deductible is \$10,000 a year or \$12,000 a year, which is not unusual given this law, Mr. Speaker, you may have health coverage, but you don't have any health care.

As a formerly practicing physician, I can tell you I hear from my colleagues all the time about folks across this land who are making decisions, financial decisions because of this law, denying themselves and their family the ability to care for themselves and their family because of this law.

Mr. Speaker, the fact of the matter is, we believe that the principles of health care that we all hold dear ought to be adhered to. We believe in a system that ought to be accessible for folks—everybody. We believe in a system that ought to be affordable for everybody, that is of the highest quality, and that expands choices for the American people. The American people ought to be the ones who are deciding who is taking care of them when and where and the like.

Mr. Speaker, the fact of the matter is that this law violates every one of those principles. Accessibility is going down across this great land. Affordability is going down. Costs are going up. Quality is decreasing. All you have to do is talk to the men and women who are charged with caring for the American people. Choices have been destroyed in our health care system.

The principles that the American people hold dear, regardless of their political stripe, have been violated by this law. That is why we are standing here today, standing up and representing the American people, standing up on behalf of the American people and demonstrating once again that the only thing that stands in the way of what the American people want and what is occurring right now is that the President of the United States refuses—refuses—to follow the will of the people.

I urge a vote in favor of this veto override. We can get on then with the hard work of making certain that we move in the direction of patient-centered health care where patients and families and doctors are making medical decisions and not Washington, D.C. Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the American People have spoken and they do not want Obama's high-cost, job-killing, conscience-violating healthcare law.

But the President refuses to listen. He vetoed Obamacare Reconciliation passed by both the House and Senate to dismantle Obamacare.

Americans have lost their insurance plans and their doctors. Their insurance premiums have skyrocketed and some have even lost their jobs because of Obamacare. Yet the Administration just sits by and watches while the American people suffer.

Today, the House continues to stand up for the people with this veto override. We will continue to fight for our constituents to defeat Obamacare and defend Planned Parenthood.

I urge a "yes" vote on this important measure to show the President and the American people that we will not stop until Obamacare is defeated.

And that's just the way it is.

Mr. TOM PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question.

The previous question was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is, Will the House, on reconsideration, pass the bill, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding?

Under the Constitution, the vote must be by the yeas and nays.

Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 594; and

Adopting House Resolution 594, if ordered.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Any remaining electronic vote will be conducted as a 5-minute vote.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3700, HOUSING OPPORTUNITY THROUGH MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2015

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on ordering the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 594) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3700) to provide housing opportunities in the United States through modernization of various housing programs, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on ordering the previous question.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 236, nays 178, not voting 19, as follows:

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YEAS—236

Abraham	Foxx	McHenry
Aderholt	Frelinghuysen	McKinley
Allen	Garrett	McMorris
Amash	Gibbs	Rodgers
Amodei	Gibson	McSally
Babin	Gohmert	Meadows
Barietta	Goodlatte	Meehan
Barr	Gosar	Messer
Barton	Granger	Mica
Benishek	Graves (GA)	Miller (FL)
Bilirakis	Graves (LA)	Miller (MI)
Bishop (MI)	Graves (MO)	Moolenaar
Bishop (UT)	Griffith	Mooney (WV)
Black	Grothman	Mullin
Blackburn	Guinta	Mulvaney
Blum	Guthrie	Murphy (PA)
Bost	Hanna	Neugebauer
Boustany	Hardy	Newhouse
Brady (TX)	Harper	Noem
Brat	Harris	Nugent
Bridenstine	Hartzler	Nunes
Brooks (AL)	Heck (NV)	Olson
Buchanan	Hensarling	Palazzo
Buck	Herrera Beutler	Palmer
Bucshon	Hill	Paulsen
Burgess	Holding	Pearce
Byrne	Hudson	Perry
Calvert	Huelskamp	Peterson
Carter (GA)	Huizenga (MI)	Pittenger
Carter (TX)	Hultgren	Pitts
Chabot	Hunter	Poe (TX)
Chaffetz	Hurd (TX)	Polliquin
Clawson (FL)	Hurt (VA)	Posey
Coffman	Jenkins (KS)	Price, Tom
Cole	Jenkins (WV)	Ratcliffe
Collins (GA)	Johnson (OH)	Reed
Collins (NY)	Johnson, Sam	Reichert
Comstock	Jolly	Renacci
Conaway	Jones	Ribble
Cook	Joyce	Rice (SC)
Costello (PA)	Katko	Rigell
Cramer	Kelly (MS)	Roby
Crawford	Kelly (PA)	Roe (TN)
Crenshaw	King (IA)	Rogers (AL)
Culberson	King (NY)	Rogers (KY)
Curbelo (FL)	Kinzinger (IL)	Rohrabacher
Davis, Rodney	Kline	Rokita
Denham	Knight	Rooney (FL)
Dent	Labrador	Ros-Lehtinen
DeSantis	LaHood	Roskam
DesJarlais	LaMalfa	Ross
Diaz-Balart	Lamborn	Rothfus
Dold	Lance	Rouzer
Donovan	Latta	Royce
Duffy	LoBiondo	Russell
Duncan (SC)	Long	Salmon
Duncan (TN)	Loudermilk	Sanford
Ellmers (NC)	Love	Scalise
Emmer (MN)	Lucas	Schweikert
Farenthold	Luetkemeyer	Sensenbrenner
Fincher	Lummis	Sessions
Fitzpatrick	MacArthur	Shimkus
Fleischmann	Marchant	Shuster
Fleming	Marino	Simpson
Flores	McCarthy	Smith (MO)
Forbes	McCaul	Smith (NE)
Fortenberry	McClintock	Smith (NJ)

Smith (TX)	Valadao	Williams
Stefanik	Wagner	Wilson (SC)
Stewart	Walberg	Wittman
Stivers	Walden	Womack
Stutzman	Walker	Woodall
Thompson (PA)	Walorski	Yoder
Thornberry	Walters, Mimi	Yoho
Tiberi	Weber (TX)	Young (AK)
Tipton	Webster (FL)	Young (IA)
Trott	Wenstrup	Young (IN)
Turner	Westerman	Zeldin
Upton	Whitfield	Zinke

NAYS—178

Adams	Fudge	Norcross
Aguilar	Gabbard	O'Rourke
Ashford	Gallego	Pallone
Bass	Garamendi	Pascrell
Beatty	Graham	Payne
Becerra	Grayson	Pelosi
Bera	Green, Al	Perlmutter
Beyer	Green, Gene	Peters
Bishop (GA)	Gutiérrez	Pingree
Blumenauer	Hahn	Pocan
Bonamici	Hastings	Polis
Boyle, Brendan	Heck (WA)	Price (NC)
F.	Higgins	Quigley
Brady (PA)	Himes	Rangel
Brown (FL)	Hinojosa	Rice (NY)
Brownley (CA)	Honda	Richmond
Bustos	Hoyer	Roybal-Allard
Capps	Israel	Ruiz
Capuano	Jackson Lee	Ruppersberger
Cárdenas	Jeffries	Rush
Carney	Johnson (GA)	Ryan (OH)
Carson (IN)	Johnson, E. B.	Sánchez, Linda
Cartwright	Kaptur	T.
Castor (FL)	Keating	Sanchez, Loretta
Chu, Judy	Kelly (IL)	Sarbanes
Ciilline	Kennedy	Schakowsky
Clark (MA)	Kildee	Schiff
Clarke (NY)	Kilmer	Schrader
Clay	Kind	Scott (VA)
Cleaver	Kirkpatrick	Scott, David
Clyburn	Kuster	Serrano
Cohen	Langevin	Sewell (AL)
Connolly	Larsen (WA)	Sherman
Conyers	Lawrence	Shinema
Cooper	Lee	Sires
Costa	Levin	Speier
Courtney	Lewis	Swalwell (CA)
Crowley	Lieu, Ted	Takai
Cuellar	Lipinski	Takano
Cummings	Loeb sack	Thompson (CA)
Davis (CA)	Lofgren	Thompson (MS)
Davis, Danny	Lowenthal	Titus
DeFazio	Lowey	Tonko
DeGette	Luján, Ben Ray	Torres
Delaney	(NM)	Tsongas
DeLauro	Lynch	Van Hollen
DelBene	Maloney,	Vargas
DeSaulnier	Carolyn	Veasey
Deutch	Matsui	Velázquez
Dingell	McColum	Visclosky
Doggett	McDermott	Walz
Doyle, Michael	McGovern	Wasserman
F.	McNerney	Schultz
Duckworth	Meeks	Waters, Maxine
Edwards	Meng	Watson Coleman
Ellison	Moore	Welch
Engel	Moulton	Wilson (FL)
Eshoo	Murphy (FL)	Yarmuth
Esty	Nadler	
Farr	Napolitano	
Foster	Neal	
Frankel (FL)	Nolan	

NOT VOTING—19

Brooks (IN)	Hice, Jody B.	Maloney, Sean
Butterfield	Huffman	Massie
Castro (TX)	Issa	Pompeo
Fattah	Jordan	Scott, Austin
Franks (AZ)	Larson (CT)	Smith (WA)
Gowdy	Lujan Grisham	Westmoreland
Grijalva	(NM)	

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Ms. TITUS changed her vote from "yea" to "nay."

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.