

the means for economic growth and job creation. That is what creates jobs. We need to put more money in the hands of American workers to spend and invest so that jobs can be created. When individuals have more disposable income, they spend it or invest it, and that improves the situation of businesses. When businesses have more money at their disposal, they can expand and hire more people. Tax relief creates jobs. It is that simple. The more people we have working, the more money we will see spent and invested in this country. The more money we see spent and invested in this country, the quicker the economy will rebound. The quicker the economy rebounds, the better off we will all be.

#### PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

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

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage my colleagues in the House to work together in a bipartisan manner to enact meaningful prescription drug relief for America's seniors. During the first week of the spring district work period, I toured five rural community centers across my district, and I will be continuing that tour, but the thing I heard on the first tour and will hear through the rest of the year is why has Congress not passed prescription drug reform? Guaranteeing all senior citizens the right to choose a voluntary prescription drug plan under Medicare while strengthening Medicare for the future are fundamental building blocks to improving the overall health care system. Congress has risen to meet many challenges in the past and we must meet this one.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to ask ourselves, why have we not passed prescription drug reform? The time has passed for partisan politics. There are too many seniors facing the horrific choice of whether to buy food, pay their mortgage or rent, or purchase the prescriptions that they need.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NETHERCUTT). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later today.

#### SERVICEMEMBERS CIVIL RELIEF ACT

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 100) to restate,

clarify, and revise the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 100

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.*

#### SECTION 1. RESTATEMENT OF ACT.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 (50 U.S.C. App. 501 et seq.) is amended to read as follows:

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

“(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the ‘Servicemembers Civil Relief Act’.

“(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of this Act is as follows:

“Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

“Sec. 2. Purpose.

#### “TITLE I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

“Sec. 101. Definitions.

“Sec. 102. Jurisdiction and applicability of Act.

“Sec. 103. Protection of persons secondarily liable.

“Sec. 104. Extension of protections to citizens serving with allied forces.

“Sec. 105. Notification of benefits.

“Sec. 106. Extension of rights and protections to Reserves ordered to report for military service and to persons ordered to report for induction.

“Sec. 107. Waiver of rights pursuant to written agreement.

“Sec. 108. Exercise of rights under Act not to affect certain future financial transactions.

“Sec. 109. Legal representatives.

#### “TITLE II—GENERAL RELIEF

“Sec. 201. Protection of servicemembers against default judgments.

“Sec. 202. Stay of proceedings when servicemember defendant has notice.

“Sec. 203. Fines and penalties under contracts.

“Sec. 204. Stay or vacation of execution of judgments, attachments, and garnishments.

“Sec. 205. Duration and term of stays; co-defendants not in service.

“Sec. 206. Statute of limitations.

“Sec. 207. Maximum rate of interest on debts incurred before military service.

#### “TITLE III—RENT, INSTALLMENT CONTRACTS, MORTGAGES, LIENS, ASSIGNMENT, LEASES.

“Sec. 301. Evictions and distress.

“Sec. 302. Protection under installment contracts for purchase or lease.

“Sec. 303. Mortgages and trust deeds.

“Sec. 304. Settlement of stayed cases relating to personal property.

“Sec. 305. Termination of leases by lessees.

“Sec. 306. Protection of life insurance policy.

“Sec. 307. Enforcement of storage liens.

“Sec. 308. Extension of protections to dependents.

#### “TITLE IV—LIFE INSURANCE

“Sec. 401. Definitions.

“Sec. 402. Insurance rights and protections.

“Sec. 403. Application for insurance protection.

“Sec. 404. Policies entitled to protection and lapse of policies.

“Sec. 405. Policy restrictions.

“Sec. 406. Deduction of unpaid premiums.

“Sec. 407. Premiums and interest guaranteed by United States.

“Sec. 408. Regulations.

“Sec. 409. Review of findings of fact and conclusions of law.

#### “TITLE V—TAXES AND PUBLIC LANDS

“Sec. 501. Taxes respecting personal property, money, credits, and real property.

“Sec. 502. Rights in public lands.

“Sec. 503. Desert-land entries.

“Sec. 504. Mining claims.

“Sec. 505. Mineral permits and leases.

“Sec. 506. Perfection or defense of rights.

“Sec. 507. Distribution of information concerning benefits of title.

“Sec. 508. Land rights of servicemembers.

“Sec. 509. Regulations.

“Sec. 510. Income taxes.

“Sec. 511. Residence for tax purposes.

#### “TITLE VI—ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES

“Sec. 601. Inappropriate use of Act.

“Sec. 602. Certificates of service; persons reported missing.

“Sec. 603. Interlocutory orders.

#### “TITLE VII—FURTHER RELIEF

“Sec. 701. Anticipatory relief.

“Sec. 702. Power of attorney.

“Sec. 703. Professional liability protection.

“Sec. 704. Health insurance reinstatement.

“Sec. 705. Guarantee of residency for military personnel.

#### “SEC. 2. PURPOSE.

“The purposes of this Act are—

“(1) to provide for, strengthen, and expedite the national defense through protection extended by this Act to servicemembers of the United States to enable such persons to devote their entire energy to the defense needs of the Nation; and

“(2) to provide for the temporary suspension of judicial and administrative proceedings and transactions that may adversely affect the civil rights of servicemembers during their military service.

#### “TITLE I—GENERAL PROVISIONS

##### “SEC. 101. DEFINITIONS.

“For the purposes of this Act:

“(1) **SERVICEMEMBER.**—The term ‘servicemember’ means a member of the uniformed services, as that term is defined in section 101(a)(5) of title 10, United States Code.

“(2) **MILITARY SERVICE.**—The term ‘military service’ means—

“(A) in the case of a servicemember who is a member of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard—

“(i) active duty, as defined in section 101(d)(1) of title 10, United States Code, and

“(ii) in the case of a member of the National Guard, includes service under a call to active service authorized by the President or the Secretary of Defense for a period of more than 30 consecutive days under section 502(f) of title 32, United States Code, for purposes of responding to a national emergency declared by the President and supported by Federal funds; and

“(B) in the case of a servicemember who is a commissioned officer of the Public Health Service or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, active service.

“(3) **PERIOD OF MILITARY SERVICE.**—The term ‘period of military service’ means the period beginning on the date on which a servicemember enters military service and ending on the date on which the servicemember is released from military service or dies while in military service.

“(4) **DEPENDENT.**—The term ‘dependent’, with respect to a servicemember, means—

“(A) the servicemember’s spouse;

“(B) the servicemember’s child (as defined in section 101(4) of title 38, United States Code); or

“(C) an individual for whom the servicemember provided more than one-half of the individual’s support for 180 days immediately preceding an application for relief under this Act.