

The Republicans' health care plan for America: Don't get sick. That's right. Don't get sick. If you have insurance, don't get sick. If you don't have insurance, don't get sick. If you are sick, don't get sick. Just don't get sick. That's what the Republicans have in mind for you, America. That's the Republicans' health care plan.

But I think that the Republicans understand that that plan isn't always going to work. It is not a foolproof plan. So the Republicans have a back-up plan in case you do get sick. If you get sick in America, this is what the Republicans want you to do. If you get sick, America, the Republican health care plan is this: Die quickly. That's right. The Republicans want you to die quickly if you get sick.

Now, the Democrats have a different plan. The Democrats say that if you have health insurance, we are going to make it better. If you don't have health insurance, we are going to provide it to you. If you can't afford health insurance, then we'll help you afford it.

So America gets to decide. Do you want the Democratic plan or do you want to Republican plan?

Remember, the Republican plan: Don't get sick. And if you do get sick, die quickly.

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.)

REPUBLICANS CAN SOLVE HEALTH CARE PROBLEMS

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. I can't believe what I just saw. I can't believe it.

First of all, it's totally wrong; and secondly, it's making fun of a very important issue for the American people. We do have health care problems in this country, and we need to solve those problems, but coming down here and making light of the issue by coming up with a lot of silly talk is just ridiculous.

The Republicans have a bill, H.R. 3400, which deals with the problem in a way that does not get the government in between the patient and their doctor. My colleagues on the other side of the aisle want to come up with a government plan where the government starts making all the rules and taking a major place in between the patient and their doctor.

And, you know, I would like to say to my friends across the country, if they happen to be watching, and my colleagues—and I know I can't do that. I can't address anybody except my colleagues. But if I were talking to people

across this country, I would like to ask them, What government agency has done such a great job that you would want to rely on them for your health care? Just start naming a couple. What government agency has done such a good job that they're not spending much more money than you anticipate they're going to spend, and then think about health care.

The projections are that the Democrats' plan is going to cost between \$1 and \$3 trillion over the next 10 years, money we do not have. Money that your kids and your grandkids are going to have to pay for with higher taxes and inflation.

And they say that we don't have a plan. We do have a plan. We want to allow businesses to band together so they can get the best rates like major corporations. We want businesses to be able to go across State lines to buy insurance at the best rate possible. We want to set up medical savings accounts so people will have the money of their own, tax deductible money put into the account by them and their employer, and they can use it as they see fit for medical coverage, and then if there is a major expense above the \$2,000 or \$3,000 of their money that's in the bank, you can have a major medical policy. It would save an awful lot of money.

There is no question that we have maybe 10 million people in the country who are indigent, who don't have health care, that we need to deal with. Not the illegal aliens, not the people who elected not to have insurance, but the 10 million people who really don't have it and need it. And in our plan, H.R. 3400, we address that. And we could solve this problem for a few billion dollars, not trillions of dollars like the Democrats talk about.

In their original bill—they talk about we're waiting for people to die. In their bill, they had a phrase in there that said, or a paragraph that said you should have regular meetings with paraprofessionals to talk about end-of-life planning. End-of-life planning. That's something that should be between an individual, their pastor, and their family, and their doctor.

Mr. DUNCAN. If the gentleman will yield.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. I would be happy to yield to my friend from Tennessee.

Mr. DUNCAN. I want to speak very briefly to say that the Republicans want—or that our health plan is to hope that all of the people die quickly is—I have been here 21 years, and that is about the most mean-spirited, partisan statement that I've ever heard made on the floor of this House. And I, for one, don't appreciate it at all, and that brings the debate on this important issue to about the lowest level of any debate I've heard since I have been here.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. I would be happy to yield to my colleague from Georgia.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. The gentleman from Florida, Mr. GRAYSON, is still on the floor. He could have an opportunity to come down and apologize to the House right now for denigrating this discussion, this debate, for debasing Members of not just the House of Representatives, but this entire Nation. It's shameful what's been done.

Mr. GRAYSON, how about apologizing? Mr. GRAYSON? Mr. GRAYSON, how about apologizing?

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. I think Mr. GRAYSON has left the Chamber.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. I thank the gentleman.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. If the gentleman will yield.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. I would be happy to.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

The Chair reminds all Members to direct their comments to the Chair.

Mrs. BLACKBURN. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

And, Madam Speaker, I find it just so unfortunate as we are seeking to address and find bipartisan agreement on an issue of paramount importance to the American people on an issue that our seniors continue to talk to us about every day because of their concerns over Medicare, what the delivery is going to be, that we would have someone, Madam Speaker, who would come to this floor and would make such a statement and would make such accusations.

And, Madam Speaker, I think that it is fully appropriate that the gentleman return to the floor and apologize to the Members of this body.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Let me say as we end, Madam Speaker, we don't want rationing for seniors, and we don't want \$500 billion taken out of Medicare.

ASSISTANCE TO LIBYA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I am here to speak on a different topic, on U.S. assistance to Libya and the need for U.N. and foreign aid reform in our budgeting process.

Madam Speaker, just as the convicted extremist of Pan Am Flight 103 was being given a hero's welcome in Libya and just prior to the Libyan leader's own bizarre 93-minute diatribe against all freedom-loving nations before the U.N. General Assembly last week, the Congress was receiving a notification from our State Department that it intended to provide \$2.5 million in economic support funds for Libya. That's unbelievable.

The State Department plans also to send 400,000 of those dollars to organizations run by members of the Qaddafi