

or alone into that marketplace, a small business owner, who might have 4 or 5 or 7 or 8 or 10 or 20 employees.

Tax credits would help small businesses who need it the most to help them pay for insurance. Dr. Gruber unveiled a new analysis in his testimony showing that health insurance reform will save small businesses 25 percent over the next decade. One thinks: Well, 25 percent, what does that mean? By his estimate, this 25 percent savings to small business as a result of health care reform, in his judgment, would be a \$65 billion-per-year savings for small business. That is Dr. Gruber at MIT, not my words, not the words or the analysis of some Senator or House Member on one side of the debate or the other.

So the consequences of those savings would be enormous to small businesses in America. I know we need this kind of reform in Pennsylvania.

Workers in small businesses would see an increase in their take-home pay, according to Dr. Gruber, of almost \$30 billion a year. That affects all of our lives in a very positive way. If a small business in our community can hire more people, can make an investment in the development of that small business because of health care savings as a result of a health care reform bill, our communities will be stronger. We will have more people working. We will have a much stronger economy right at the community level, not just in a macro or larger scale way.

Finally, on this analysis of what health care reform could mean to small businesses in terms of savings, that reform could save almost 80,000 jobs, according to Dr. Gruber—80,000 jobs in the small business sector by 2019. Dr. Gruber also dispelled the myth that health insurance reform will raise costs for small businesses. He said:

Objective CBO analysis shows that these claims are clearly wrong. Reform will lower, not increase, nongroup insurance costs.

So says MIT economist Dr. Gruber, who has lots of experience in this area and is lending the benefit of his experience and his insight into these analyses on health insurance reform, but in particular as it relates to small businesses.

So what we want to try to do with health care reform when it comes to a State such as Pennsylvania is take this blue line of an exponential increase in health care costs for small businesses in one State—and I think this is true of the country as well, in my judgment—we want to make sure this line and this exponential increase is turned the other way or at least begin to flatten out so that the \$7 billion that small businesses are paying in Pennsylvania for health insurance reform by the year 2018 might be only something a little less or a little more than \$7 billion.

We cannot say with a straight face or with any degree of integrity, in my judgment, that we want to lower costs for small businesses, that we want small businesses to hire more people,

and then in the next breath say: But I don't think we should pass any health care reform. It is too complicated or it is too something to get it done this year. We cannot do that.

We cannot continue to say: Oh, isn't it too bad that health care costs are so high? Isn't it too bad we couldn't do something about the health care costs of small businesses? This, in the end, is not simply about the small business owner, it is not simply about what we are going to do for small businesses to help them get through this recession. This, in the end, is about our economy. We are either going to change course, get control of costs, reform health care and be able to move our economy forward or we won't meet that challenge.

We are going to make the changes and institute reforms that will lead to lower costs, better health care outcomes, and a better bottom line for small businesses and, therefore, control long-term health care costs and long-term national debt. All of that comes from a good health care bill in the end.

We cannot fail. We cannot at long last say we didn't get the job done. We have to for our families, for children, for older citizens, as well as for small business owners. I think we can. I think we have the strategy that the American people understand fundamentally, and I think we can do it this year.

Mr. President, with that I yield the floor and note the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. CASEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COLD WAR PATRIOTS NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Mr. BROWN. Mr. President, October 30, 2009, has been designated a national day of remembrance for hundreds of thousands of Americans who served their nation with distinction. Cold War Patriots National Day of Remembrance recognizes and commemorates former nuclear workers who built and operated our Nation's nuclear infrastructure during World War II and the Cold War.

It is an honor to recognize the thousands of Ohioans—from towns and cities across the State—whose work helped protect our Nation during five decades of ideological battles against totalitarianism. With a job to be done

and a war to win, every day for more than 50 years laborers, millers, and haulers exemplified Ohio's Midwestern values of hard work and patriotism. Factory workers, metallurgists, and scientists risked exposure to hazards that are unique to the production of nuclear weapons in order to preserve our Nation's freedom and ideals to create a better world for all of us.

From the Mound laboratory in Miamisburg to the Fernald foundry near Cincinnati to the enrichment plant in Piketon to the more than 20 other sites across the State, the people of Ohio served their Nation with distinction, confronting threats that today we still don't completely understand and that their children and grandchildren continue to face. Many of the hardworking men and women of that generation sacrificed their health some lost their lives while protecting our country and our freedom.

The Cold War Patriots National Day of Remembrance recognizes these men and women for their contribution, service, and sacrifice towards the defense of our great Nation.

NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK 2009

Mr. VOINOVICH. Mr. President, I am honored to serve as the congressional cochairman of National Bible Week 2009. National Bible Week, which will be held from November 22 to 29, was created to underscore the importance of regular Bible study and scripture reading. The Bible is the word of God. I know that many of us could not face the challenges, stress, and heavy burden of serving during this critical time for our country, if it were not for the daily guidance God provides us through scripture—and for those of us in the Catholic faith, reception of the Blessed Sacrament. I believe that my colleagues and I need to pay special attention to the lessons the Bible teaches us, as we work together to make a difference for our country.

The enormity of what confronts us makes it is easy to become frustrated, discouraged and tired. Thankfully, the Bible provides us with inspiration, strength, and wisdom to motivate us. Prominently displayed in my office is a picture showing an eagle soaring high in the sky. One of my favorite Bible verses, Isaiah 40:31 adorns the frame, it reads:

Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

As I read those words so often, I am reminded that the Holy Spirit is always present and willing to inspire and help us. Isaiah reminds us that we can certainly try to tackle the big issues on our own, but that without the Holy Spirit by our side, the road will be long and arduous.

My colleagues have often heard me express my desire to address the ballooning Federal deficit, to create an economic climate that is conducive to