

This is the right thing to do. I stand where Dr. King stood when he told us we must do that which is neither safe nor politic nor popular, but do it because it's right.

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

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

SPECIAL DETAILS IN SENATE HEALTH BILL

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. You know, Mr. Speaker, I have great respect for my colleague who just spoke. While listening to him, a lot of people in their offices probably would think, Well, we're against the changes in the health care procedures in this country. That couldn't be further from the truth. Obviously, the health care system in this country needs to be adjusted, needs to be changed. But do we want a bill that's 2,700 pages long that's going to cost about \$3 trillion a year that we don't have and is going to put the government between people and their doctors, that's going to end up being a socialistic kind of approach to medicine, and which I believe will destroy one of the greatest health care systems in the world—the best health care in the world?

I think it's a mistake to approach this from the standpoint that there's only one way to solve the problem, and that is the way that the President wants to shove through the Congress and doesn't want to even talk to the Republicans or the minority about this.

We've had all kinds of suggestions: buying insurance across State lines to put more competition in it; allowing small businesses to ban together to get the same kind of rates of major corporations; individual medical savings accounts; making sure that people can take their insurance with them when they go to a new job; preexisting conditions. There's all kinds of things that we've suggested that we support that will reduce the cost of health care and give everybody the opportunity to have health care. And we've suggested these time and again.

The President had a bunch of our leaders down at the White House just recently and then he finally ended up saying as he left, Well, we'll leave it up to the electorate; that is what elections are for. Indicating that they're going to push through their plan whether we like it or not. And their plan is going to cost trillions of dollars that we don't have. They're going to have 10 years of coverage with only 6 years of taxes. And so when you take

the overall cost and really figure it out, it's not going to cost \$700 billion or \$800 billion, as they said. It's going to cost about \$1.6 trillion, minimum, over the next 10 years.

And what are they doing to get these folks votes? I will never impugn the integrity of my colleagues, but I think it's important that the American people know, Mr. Speaker, if they happen to be paying attention or my colleagues in their offices, what is being done to get these votes.

In Louisiana, Senator MARY LANDRIEU is going to get between \$1 million and \$3 million additional for her State Medicaid population. Vermont's going to get an extra \$600 million in Medicaid funding. They want to get those votes so they're porking up a little extra money for them in order to get those votes. At least that's the appearance. Vermont and Massachusetts secured \$1.2 billion in Medicaid money, a change that was described as a correction to the current system which exempts those two States because they have robust health care systems. Vermont's Senator BERNIE SANDERS also boasted he was going to get an investment worth \$10 billion to \$14 billion for community health centers that the rest of the country will be paying for.

Florida and New York and Pennsylvania, they're going to have Protected Medicare Advantage benefits, even as the program sees massive cuts in other parts of the country. Hawaii is getting a benefit. It secured an increase in Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital payments in Hawaii, while the other 49 States pay more for that special benefit. Senator MAX BAUCUS reportedly secured expanded Medicare coverage for victims of asbestos exposure in a mine in Libby, Montana. They're giving these things out to get their votes—at least that's the appearance.

Connecticut secured \$100 million for a health care facility. Western States secured higher Federal reimbursement rates for doctors and hospitals that the other States don't get in order to get votes. "Cadillac" plans: the unions secured a special deal in the Senate bill. It was a \$60 billion exemption for union workers from the Cadillac tax on health insurance.

Now, while President Obama's latest proposal removes the "Nebraska deal" that was scheduled to buy a vote from a Senator there, the unions still get their Cadillac plans. If President Obama is so concerned about public perceptions created with backroom dealing, why didn't he propose to strike all the special agreements, which he did not.

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And then of course we just heard one of our colleagues, Mr. MATHESON, who voted against the health care bill, his brother was just appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit. Now, I wouldn't impugn

Mr. MATHESON's integrity at all, but it does look peculiar that they are trying to get his vote and his brother was just appointed to the Circuit Court of Appeals.

These sorts of things really bother the people of this country. And at a time when we really need to revise health care and work together, they're trying to buy a plan that is going to lead to socialized medicine.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Nevada (Ms. TITUS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. TITUS addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

TECHNOLOGY AND FREEDOM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, the gentleman from California (Mr. ROHRABACHER) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, tonight I rise to discuss technology and freedom. Unfortunately, we Americans can no longer rest assured that our freedom is secure and that the genius and creativity of our people will bring forth the innovation that in the past has enabled us to deter or defeat our enemies and has given us the ability as a people to overcome economic adversity and has provided the means to elevate the standard of living and general well-being of the American people as a whole.

America's greatness has been measured not by the wealth and power of our elites, as in other countries, but by the unbounding opportunity that has permitted all our citizens to live a decent, prosperous life. Now we see a great threat to that promise which until now has been taken for granted by generations of Americans. Unless we change our course, our children will not have the opportunity to live freer and better lives than what we have enjoyed. They in fact may be condemned to a dismal existence of national decline and personal deprivation.

This, unless we have the wisdom to understand what needs to be done, unless we have the responsibility to commit ourselves to getting that arduous