

“(C) addressing the ability of hospitals, emergency medical services agencies, registered locations, and designated locations to deliver controlled substances to each other in the event of—

- “(i) shortages of such substances;
- “(ii) a public health emergency; or
- “(iii) a mass casualty event.

“(12) **RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.**—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed—

“(A) to limit the authority vested in the Attorney General by other provisions of this title to take measures to prevent diversion of controlled substances; or

“(B) to override the authority of any State to regulate the provision of emergency medical services consistent with this subsection.

“(13) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

“(A) The term ‘authorizing medical professional’ means an emergency or other physician, or another medical professional (including an advanced practice registered nurse or physician assistant)—

“(i) who is registered under this Act;

“(ii) who is acting within the scope of the registration; and

“(iii) whose scope of practice under a State license or certification includes the ability to provide verbal orders.

“(B) The term ‘designated location’ means a location designated by an emergency medical services agency under paragraph (5).

“(C) The term ‘emergency medical services’ means emergency medical response and emergency mobile medical services provided outside of a fixed medical facility.

“(D) The term ‘emergency medical services agency’ means an organization providing emergency medical services, including such an organization that—

“(i) is governmental (including fire-based and hospital-based agencies), nongovernmental (including hospital-based agencies), private, or volunteer-based;

“(ii) provides emergency medical services by ground, air, or otherwise; and

“(iii) is authorized by the State in which the organization is providing such services to provide emergency medical care, including the administering of controlled substances, to members of the general public on an emergency basis.

“(E) The term ‘emergency medical services professional’ means a health care professional (including a nurse, paramedic, or emergency medical technician) licensed or certified by the State in which the professional practices and credentialed by a medical director of the respective emergency medical services agency to provide emergency medical services within the scope of the professional’s State license or certification.

“(F) The term ‘emergency medical services vehicle’ means an ambulance, fire apparatus, supervisor truck, or other vehicle used by an emergency medical services agency for the purpose of providing or facilitating emergency medical care and transport or transporting controlled substances to and from the registered and designated locations.

“(G) The term ‘hospital-based’ means, with respect to an agency, owned or operated by a hospital.

“(H) The term ‘medical director’ means a physician who is registered under subsection (f) and provides medical oversight for an emergency medical services agency.

“(I) The term ‘medical oversight’ means supervision of the provision of medical care by an emergency medical services agency.

“(J) The term ‘registered emergency medical services agency’ means—

“(i) an emergency medical services agency that is registered pursuant to this subsection; or

“(ii) a hospital-based emergency medical services agency that is covered by the registration of the hospital under subsection (f).

“(K) The term ‘registered location’ means a location that appears on the certificate of reg-

istration issued to an emergency medical services agency under this subsection or subsection (f), which shall be where the agency receives controlled substances from distributors.

“(L) The term ‘specific State authority’ means a governmental agency or other such authority, including a regional oversight and coordinating body, that, pursuant to State law or regulation, develops clinical protocols regarding the delivery of emergency medical services in the geographic jurisdiction of such agency or authority within the State that may be adopted by medical directors.

“(M) The term ‘standing order’ means a written medical protocol in which a medical director determines in advance the medical criteria that must be met before administering controlled substances to individuals in need of emergency medical services.

“(N) The term ‘verbal order’ means an oral directive that is given through any method of communication including by radio or telephone, directly to an emergency medical services professional, to contemporaneously administer a controlled substance to individuals in need of emergency medical services outside the physical presence of the medical director or authorizing medical professional.”

Mr. HUDSON (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate amendment be considered as read.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the original request of the gentleman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BOARD OF VISITORS TO UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker’s appointment, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), clause 10 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy:

Mr. GALLAGHER, Wisconsin, to fill the existing vacancy thereon;

Mr. CUMMINGS, Maryland

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Maryland

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SUPPORTING THE HEARTBEAT BILL

(Mr. ROKITA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the importance of life.

Thomas Jefferson famously wrote that every man has the right to “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” I hold this quote near and dear because we must defend these rights. That is certainly true with the right to life for a baby.

Last week, I met with Rachelle Heidelbaugh with Faith2Action. Rachelle told me her story about when

she chose life and how she has continued fighting for life through Faith2Action. Her story was truly moving and pulled at the heartstrings. I couldn’t help but give her a hug because her story is so meaningful and her efforts are truly saving lives.

While Rachelle visited, we talked about the Heartbeat bill. The Heartbeat bill would ensure that every unborn child with a heartbeat is protected. We need to do whatever we can to protect life, and this bill will allow us to keep on protecting unborn boys and girls.

Rachelle gave me the Heartbeat Bill Hero Award like many in this House have gotten. The award is this small token that I am proud to carry because it represents thousands of lives that are being saved.

I will always stand up for a baby’s right to life, and I hope my colleagues will join me in supporting H.R. 490, the Heartbeat bill legislation.

REPUBLICAN TAX PLAN

(Ms. FRANKEL of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I stand against Republican efforts to give massive tax cuts to the wealthiest citizens and big corporations while robbing the pockets of middle class families and ransacking Medicare and Medicaid.

My constituents are worried. Just ask Marion, who uses Medicare to buy her costly diabetes drugs, or Sherry, whose husband has Alzheimer’s and lives in a nursing home paid for by Medicaid.

Americans want a better deal, one that invests in infrastructure, education, and innovative research and lowers the costs of things like child care and prescription drugs.

We want better jobs, better pay, and a better future, not more giveaways to hedge funds and conglomerates.

RECOGNIZING NONPROFIT LEADERS IN BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

(Mr. FITZPATRICK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hard work and significant impact of numerous nonprofit organizations in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

Recently, I had the opportunity to meet with a group of CEOs from nonprofits across Bucks County. These organizations span a range of areas, including health and human services, education, arts and humanities, and services for our community’s seniors.

I want to thank Potential, Inc., NOVA Bucks County, the James A. Michener Art Museum, Pearl S. Buck International, the David Library of the

American Revolution, the Mercer Museum and Fonthill Castle, Libertae, The Open Link, YWCA Bucks County, and the Central Bucks County Family YMCA—Doylestown Branch. The productive and frank conversations facilitated by these organizations is a tribute to both these nonprofit leaders and their members.

Bucks County is made a better place because of the amazing people we have committed to our nonprofit community. We thank them for giving their time, their energy, and their passion in serving a cause bigger than themselves.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JEREMIAH GRANT

(Mr. PAYNE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to congratulate a group that I have worked with for some time, the Jersey City H.O.N.E.Y. Bees Double Dutch team for their big wins at the American Double Dutch League's 44th international competition.

But tragedy intervened. Sadly, on October 28, one of the H.O.N.E.Y. Bees passed away. I ask my colleagues to join me in honor and remembrance of the life of Jeremiah Grant.

Jerry was a student at the Ollie Culbreth Jr. School in Jersey City, New Jersey. He excelled in academics and in the world of competitive jump rope. At only 8 years old, Jerry was the youngest member of the H.O.N.E.Y. Bees. He was also the only boy on the team and was called Prince Bee. Jerry was a winner, and his legacy of love will live on in north Jersey.

May Jerry "Prince Bee" continue flying high in eternal peace.

CHIP AND COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS

(Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in favor of H.R. 3922, the Community Health and Medical Professionals Improve Our Nation Act. This legislation reauthorizes the Children's Health Insurance Program—or CHIP, as we know it—as well as funding for community health centers in a fiscally responsible manner.

These programs have proven to be a valuable asset for many of the people in this country and many of the constituents that I have back home in Louisiana who don't qualify for Medicaid but still need assistance in accessing affordable health insurance.

In Louisiana alone, insurance providers have projected that rates will increase substantially next year as healthcare options continue to dwindle. For that reason, many Americans are choosing to forgo healthcare cov-

erage altogether rather than suffer under the weight of the new, increased costs.

In times of high uncertainty in our healthcare system due to ObamaCare, this legislation makes meaningful reforms to ensure the most vulnerable among us, our children, remain protected.

The Community Health Center Fund has proven to be a critical resource for Louisiana's Fourth Congressional District by delivering much-needed resources to my local community health centers.

I just want to say this program, in particular, is vitally important for the safety and security of our children. Republicans in Congress have worked tirelessly to draft this legislation to ensure that this bill maintains important safeguards for our children and families and protects their access to critical care.

SAFE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PATHS

(Mr. ESPAILLAT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my greatest sorrow for the New Yorkers, their families, and visitors who were affected by the tragedy in Lower Manhattan just 2 days ago. I offer my sincere condolences and prayers to their family members.

After this senseless and indiscriminate attack, Mr. Speaker, we cannot wait for another tragedy to pass before we decide to better protect pedestrians and bicyclists, especially in areas of high foot traffic.

The sidewalks and bike lanes of Times Square, the Financial District, and other city centers nationwide remain vulnerable. The STOP Act is a bipartisan bill that I have introduced, along with my colleague Congressman DAN DONOVAN from New York, just this last month and was recently introduced by Senator GILLIBRAND in the Senate.

As we saw in Charlottesville, Barcelona, and in Times Square months ago, vehicles are increasingly utilized in terror attacks worldwide. We must prioritize the safety of our constituents first, including the safety of pedestrians and of our communities. The STOP Act will provide for the installation of bollards in areas of high foot traffic.

This attack does not define New York, just as no other attack can crush the spirit of our city. We rise above those threats when we continue being a city that embraces people of all cultures and teaches love and respect.

RECOGNIZING RACHEL CHAMPNEY

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

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rachel Champney, a marksman who was recently awarded the 2017 Rimfire World Championship title in the ladies limited division.

A 15-year-old sophomore at Vernon-Verona-Sherrill High School, Rachel began shooting only 2 years ago but has developed a deep love and respect for the sport. She learned how to shoot through local marksmanship programs before being encouraged to compete nationally by members of the Trenton Fish and Game Club. Now, Rachel can fire through six targets with deadeye accuracy in under 3 seconds.

With Rachel's success has also come a passion to share her advocacy for gun safety. Rachel spends her free time teaching new shooters, including her family and friends, proper firearm safety measures. As Rachel grows as a marksman, she continues to grow as a community leader.

Congratulations on this amazing accomplishment, Rachel, and I hope to have the honor of shooting with you in the near future.

CALLING FOR CHIP REAUTHORIZATION

(Mr. MCEACHIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCEACHIN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to speak on the importance of reauthorizing the Children's Health Insurance Program, commonly referred to as CHIP.

In my home State of Virginia, there are 66,000 children and 1,100 pregnant women who rely on CHIP. Almost 6,000 of those children and pregnant women live in my district. They need a clean reauthorization of CHIP. Instead, this week, we are expected to vote on a bill that will put my constituents at risk.

As reported from committee, this new version of CHIP, the so-called HEALTHY KIDS Act, is loaded with poison pills that would undermine the Affordable Care Act, Medicare, and Medicaid. According to the Georgetown University Center for Children and Families, CHIP with Medicaid boosted the rate of children's health coverage to more than 95 percent.

Mr. Speaker, why tamper with such success? I urge my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to bring a bill to the floor that reauthorizes CHIP and supports our constituents.

TAX REFORM

(Mr. ROTHFUS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, today House Republicans introduced H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

This day has been a long time coming. Since Republicans gained the majority in 2011, there have been numerous congressional hearings and briefings, feedback from constituents on