

“(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