for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. HALVORSON. Madam Speaker, I want to just say that now that the health care bill has passed and the rhetoric and the politics and the noise can be set aside, now we will have an opportunity to let the American people know about what is in it.

This is going to be about accountability, about choice, and about lowering costs. And now, as we are able to let everybody know what this is about, the American people are going to finally be able to see through all this noise.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Mrs. BACHMANN. Madam Speaker, yesterday was a historic day. We saw the passage of the job-killing government takeover of health care, 18 percent of our economy. But we want the American people to know that today many of us are introducing the identical legislation.

I have introduced already the repeal of yesterday's law, as has my colleague STEVE KING, as will many other of my colleagues today. We will not stand for the Federal Government taking over 18 percent of the health care sector.

From the inception of Bailout Nation in September of 2008 until last night, the Federal Government has taken over an astounding 48 percent of the private economy in the last 18 months. This is unprecedented. We will not allow this to stand. That is why we have introduced this important legislation.

This fall we will take back a constitutional conservative majority, and after the next Presidential election we will repeal this bill.

IT'S TIME TO CHILL OUT

(Mr. FILNER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FILNER. My colleagues, it's time to chill out. It's time to chill out. Government takeover of the health care system? Let it go.

The private insurance companies are still in charge. Your private doctor is still in charge. You have the choice of where you want to go, what hospital you want to go to. All we are saying—and I am going to say it to my district. I have got 150,000 constituents who don't have health insurance, and 135,000 of them are going to have health insurance after this bill passes. They don't care what your rhetoric is and your fear is. They're going to have health insurance for the first time maybe in their lives.

Kids who are in college will be able to stay on their parents' health insurance. We're going to put some brakes on the health companies' ability to cut you off for preexisting conditions or just cut you off if it costs too much.

It's time to chill out, Republicans. Let this bill work. Let our constituents finally get health care.

ACORN IS BACK!

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, they're back.

We've all heard about ACORN, and it seems to me that ACORN is nothing more than a criminal enterprise. Here's why. They've been caught helping undercover journalists open a prostitution ring with underage girls. They've been caught in voter registration fraud scams. At least 14 States are investigating ACORN for voter fraud. Even Mickey Mouse can now vote. Imagine that. And ACORN signs up the poor into their membership rolls. The poor give their bank account information, and ACORN deducts membership dues without the express consent of these individuals.

In a bipartisan vote last year, Congress voted to strip Federal funding from this rogue fraudulent organization. Not one dime of taxpayer money should be spent on this group. However, White House Budget Director Peter Orszag has directed all Federal agencies to open the Federal funding floodgates for ACORN again.

Why did the administration trump the will of Congress and the American people? American tax dollars should not fund this apparent band of thieves.

And that's just the way it is.

HONORING ALEJANDRO AGUIRRE

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize an outstanding individual from my South Florida community, Alejandro Aguirre. Alejandro is the editor of Diario Las Americas, South Florida's first Spanish language daily newspaper.

Diario Las Americas was founded on July 4, 1953 by Alejandro's father, Dr. Horacio Aguirre. Diario helps inform scores of my constituents on current events and matters that impact our local, State and Federal Governments. Alejandro's dedication and professionalism are evidenced by the quality of each publication of Diario.

Since 2009, Alejandro has also been president of the Inter-American Press Association. This organization champions freedom of the press and freedom of expression throughout the Western Hemisphere.

The IAPA has spoken out and shined the light of truth on the dark corners of repression throughout our hemisphere. The group has spoken out against the imprisonment of independent journalists in Cuba. The members have also spoken out against the growing decay of freedom in Venezuela.

I want to thank Alejandro for his courage, for his service, and, most of all, for his friendship. The Aguirre family is a shining example for us all.

''IF YOU LIKE THE PLAN YOU ARE IN, YOU CAN KEEP IT''

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

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, we heard just a few minutes ago from the other side that it is time to show the American people what is in this bill. I couldn't agree more. It is high time. So with an acknowledgement to Dr. John Goodman at the National Center for Policy Analysis, let me just run through a few of the numbers.

Nineteen million people are predicted to lose their employer-sponsored insurance. Thirty-three million people, the number of people in traditional Medicare, at risk because of cuts in Medicare spending, according to the Medicare chief actuary.

There will be no tax increases for anyone who earns less than $200,000, except the 73 million people who earn less than $200,000 who will see their tax bill rise, according to the Joint Committee on Taxation. A 2.3 percent hidden tax on medical supplies, class II medical supplies, sutures, syringes, needles, some pregnancy tests, a 10 percent tax on tanning salons, according to the reconciliation summary, and a $60 billion hidden tax on health insurance.

To quote, ''The average family will save $2,500 in health care costs by the time I complete my first term as President of the United States.'' However, according to the Congressional Budget Office, a $2,100 premium increase for the average family.

There is a lot more like this, and I will be exposing this over the coming days.

ANNOUNCING THE PASSING OF ARTHUR ''JIBBY'' JIBILIAN

(Mr. LATTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, it is with great sadness that I come to the well to announce the passing of Arthur ''Jibby'' Jibilian, a World War II hero.

During World War II, Jibby was a Navy Radio Operator who volunteered with the OSS and participated in the largest successful rescue mission of 513 downed airmen behind enemy lines in Yugoslavia. Jibby stayed behind until the very last airman was rescued on December 27, 1944.

The heroic efforts of Jibby and his fellow OSS officers and the Yugoslav people are told in ''The Forgotten 500''; however, they have yet to receive any military or government recognition for their actions.

I introduced H.R. 3496, which honors Jibby with the Medal of Honor. He