



## **WAYS AND MEANS** CHAIRMAN KEVIN BRADY

### **Ways and Means Moves Solutions to the Floor**

This week, the Ways and Means Committee is moving nine bills to the House floor to solve a range of challenges facing the American people. These bills deliver solutions for America's families and small businesses.

#### ***United States Appreciation for Olympians and Paralympians Act (H.R. 5946)***

Sponsored by Rep. Bob Dold (R-IL)

- This bipartisan, bicameral bill eliminates a tax imposed on medals or other prizes awarded to Team USA athletes during the Olympic and Paralympic games. The bill was amended during markup to make it clear this applies only to athletes who earn less than \$1 million a year.

#### ***Clyde-Hirsch-Sowers RESPECT Act (H.R. 5523)***

Sponsored by Rep. Peter Roskam (R-IL)

- This bipartisan bill protects small business owners from IRS abuse and helps ensure their assets are not wrongly seized under civil asset forfeiture policies. It would require the IRS to show probable cause that funds were derived from an illegal source and institutes a post-seizure hearing for people whose assets were seized.

#### ***Social Security MAIL Act (H.R. 5320)***

Sponsored by Reps. Sam Johnson (R-TX) and Jim Renacci (R-OH)

- The *Social Security MAIL Act* protects Americans from identity theft by requiring the Social Security Administration (SSA) to remove Social Security Numbers (SSNs) from mailed documents unless they are absolutely necessary and to justify when it is necessary to include SSNs on mailed documents.

#### ***Preventing Trafficking in Cultural Property Act (H.R. 2285)***

Sponsored by Rep. Bill Keating (D-MA)

- ISIS and its terrorist network loot and smuggle antiquities from world heritage sights and other articles of cultural heritage and sell them on the black market to fund their terrorist activities. This bill attacks ISIS's fundraising efforts by improving enforcement tools to effectively detain, seize, and investigate cultural property that is illegally imported into the United States.

#### ***Continuing Access to Hospitals Act of 2016 (H.R. 5613)***

Sponsored by Rep. Lynn Jenkins (R-KS)

- This bill protects access to high-quality health care in rural communities by stopping CMS' enforcement of a rule requiring physicians to supervise outpatient therapies at Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) and other small, rural hospitals. If enforced, the CMS rule would

put a severe strain on many of the rural providers people rely on for affordable, quality care. Without those critical access hospitals, people would be forced to travel farther to get the outpatient care they need.

### ***Expanding Seniors Receiving Dialysis (ESRD) Choice Act of 2016 (H.R. 5659)***

Sponsored by Rep. Jason Smith (R-MO)

- The *ESRD Choice Act* removes the current restriction on end stage renal disease (ESRD) patients so they can access the affordable, effective, integrated health care options that Medicare Advantage provides. The legislation also protects low-income ESRD patients from financially crippling out-of-pocket health care costs by providing access to MA's catastrophic coverage.

### ***Sustaining Healthcare Integrity and Fair Treatment (SHIFT) Act (H.R. 5713)***

Sponsored by Rep. Pat Tiberi (R-OH)

- The *SHIFT Act* provides relief to all Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs) from the "25 percent rule." In the Medicare program, LTCHs are not able to receive full reimbursement if the plurality (defined as exceeding 25 percent) of their total annual Medicare patient population comes from only one inpatient acute hospital. This bill reinstates the 50 percent threshold that was in place prior to July 1, 2016. The bill also provides relief from the site neutral payment policy enacted as part of the *Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013* for four specific LTCH groups.
- This targeted regulatory relief ensures LTCHs can continue to treat their patients and limited resources are spent on those truly in need of care.

### ***Emergency Citrus Disease Response Act (H.R. 3957)***

Sponsored by Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-FL)

- This bill – supported by the entire Florida delegation – helps citrus growers recover from a crippling crop disease by addressing the tax treatment of costs associated with replanting the crops that were harmed.