Idioms & words

Vice President

In our business you use that ( ) a lot, but I can’t think of a day in the 37 years that I’ve been a ( ) and the short time I’ve been Vice President that it is more ( ) stated. ( ).

And history – history is not merely what is printed in textbooks. It doesn’t begin or end with the ( ) of a pen. ( ). History is made when men and women decide that there is a greater risk in ( ) that we cannot bear than in ( ) and ( ). That’s when history is made.

President

Today, after almost a century of trying; today, after over a year of debate; today, after all the votes ( ) – health insurance reform becomes law in the United States of America. Today.

This year, we’ll start offering ( ) to about 4 million small business and women to help them cover the cost of insurance for their employees. That happens this year.

This year, ( ) of ( ) Americans with ( ) conditions, the parents of children who have ( ) condition, will finally be able to purchase the ( ). That happens this year.

This year, insurance companies will no longer be able to drop people’s coverage ( ). They won’t be able to place lifetime limits or ( ) annual limits ( ) care they can receive.

Today, I’m signing this reform bill into law ( ) my mother, who argued with ( ) even as she battled cancer in her final days.

I’m signing it for Ryan Smith, who’s here today. He ( ) with five employees. He’s trying to do the right thing, paying half the cost of coverage for his workers. This bill will help him ( ) that coverage.

I’m signing this bill for all the leaders who took up this cause through the generations – from Teddy Roosevelt to Franklin Roosevelt, from Harry Truman to Lyndon Johnson, from Bill and Hillary Clinton to one of the deans who’s been fighting this so long, John Dingell. To Senator Ted Kennedy. And it’s fitting that Ted’s widow, Vicki, is here – it’s fitting that Teddy’s widow, Vicki, is here; and his niece Caroline; his son Patrick, whose vote helped make this reform a reality.

We are a nation that faces its challenges and ( ). We are a nation that does what is hard. What is necessary. What is right. Here, in this country, we ( ). That is what we do. That is who we are. That is what makes us the United States of America.

And we have now just enshrined, as soon as I sign this bill, the ( ) that everybody should have some basic security ( ). And it is an ( ) achievement that has happened because of all of you and all the ( ) all ( ) the country. So, thank you. Thank you. God bless you, and ( ) God bless the United States of America.

Listening Script

Vice President

In our business you use that phrase a lot, but I can’t think of a day in the 37 years that I’ve been a United State senator and the short time I’ve been Vice President that it is more appropriately stated. This is a historic day.

And history – history is not merely what is printed in textbooks. It doesn’t begin or end with the stroke of a pen. History is made. History is made when men and women decide that there is a greater risk in accepting a situation that we cannot bear than in steeling our spine and embracing the promise of challenge. That’s when history is made.

President

Today, after almost a century of trying; today, after over a year of debate; today, after all the votes have been tallied – health insurance reform becomes law in the United States of America. Today.

This year, we’ll start offering tax credits to about 4 million small business and women to help them cover the cost of insurance for their employees. That happens this year.

This year, tens of thousands of uninsured Americans with preexisting conditions, the parents of children who have a preexisting condition, will finally be able to purchase the coverage they need. That happens this year.

This year, insurance companies will no longer be able to drop people’s coverage when they get sick. They won’t be able to place lifetime limits or restrictive annual limits on the amount of care

they can receive.

Today, I’m signing this reform bill into law on behalf of my mother, who argued with insurance companies even as she battled cancer in her final days.

I’m signing it for Ryan Smith, who’s here today. He runs a small business with five employees. He’s trying to do the right thing, paying half the cost of coverage for his workers. This bill will help him afford that coverage.

I’m signing this bill for all the leaders who took up this cause through the generations – from Teddy Roosevelt to Franklin Roosevelt, from Harry Truman to Lyndon Johnson, from Bill and Hillary Clinton to one of the deans who’s been fighting this so long, John Dingell. To Senator Ted Kennedy. And it’s fitting that Ted’s widow, Vicki, is here – it’s fitting that Teddy’s widow, Vicki, is here; and his niece Caroline; his son Patrick, whose vote helped make this reform a reality.

We are a nation that faces its challenges and accepts its responsibilities. We are a nation that does what is hard. What is necessary. What is right. Here, in this country, we shape our own destiny. That is what we do. That is who we are. That is what makes us the United States of America.

And we have now just enshrined, as soon as I sign this bill, the core principle that everybody should have some basic security when it comes to their health care. And it is an extraordinary achievement that has happened because of all of you and all the advocates all across the country. So, thank you. Thank you. God bless you, and may God bless the United States of America.