

health care, and to really start over. In a CNN poll last week, 73 percent of the public said, Shelve the bill. Start over.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman's time, and I look forward to working together with him in whatever way we can, frankly, focusing on the issue of getting America back to work.

I yield back the balance of my time.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY,
MARCH 5, 2010, TO TUESDAY,
MARCH 9, 2010

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Friday, March 5, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday next for morning-hour debate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETERS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF
COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on the Budget:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 3, 2010.

Hon. Speaker PELOSI,
United States Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI, Given the increased commitments I have made to my state, I resign, effective immediately, from the Committee on the Budget. It has truly been a pleasure to work with Chairman Spratt and the many dedicated members that care passionately about getting our nation's fiscal house in order. Fighting for fiscal responsibility as a member of the Blue Dog Coalition for the past five years and pushing for a responsible budget has been an immense honor. I look forward to continuing to work hard for the people of Louisiana and our great nation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

CHARLIE MELANCON,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

JOBS FOR URBAN
SUSTAINABILITY ACT

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, today, Congress passed a jobs bill. It was a small jobs bill, but it was a start.

This country needs to work on jobs. This week, I introduced an Urban Sustainability Act to direct \$10 billion of TARP money into cities with populations of 600,000 or more and with unemployment rates of 10 percent or more to put in public works projects and job training.

It is important that we realize that urban America is suffering and suf-

fering in a disproportionate way, and it is important that they get paid particular emphasis. I encourage other cosponsors—we have 9 or 10 already—to join with me, and I encourage the administration and the leadership to look at urban cities and the need for job training programs and public works programs.

Last week, Senator BERNIE SANDERS and I introduced a bill on solar for 10 billion solar photovoltaic panels on roofs and 10 billion gallons of solar water. We need to invest in solar to protect our country, our mother Earth and our resources so that we don't have as many soldiers protecting lines of transportation that are there to bring in oil from the Middle East.

I urge the strong consideration and adoption of that bill. Solar is the future, and it can protect our Nation and our mother Earth.

UNEMPLOYMENT

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

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in January, Georgia's unemployment rate hit a record-high level of 10.4 percent. There could be no clearer proof that the Democrat majority should have long ago shifted this body's focus to the economy and to jobs.

Back in Georgia, Democratic Labor Commissioner Michael Thurmond said yesterday, "I'm concerned that thousands of pending government layoffs will further cripple Georgia's struggling private job market. Our elected leadership must come together to develop a bipartisan plan that will balance the State budget and jump-start private sector hiring."

Mr. Speaker, listen to our State leaders. Unlike the current health care bill, which the Democrats are going to attempt to ram down the American people's throats without any bipartisan input, please do not bring any more legislation to the floor that will raise taxes and kill jobs. Listen to Commissioner Thurmond and work with us. Let's get our economy back on track.

A QUESTION OF JOBS

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this is a question of jobs, and I don't want tomorrow's numbers, if they happen to be showing that we have not reached the goals that we want to reach, to in any way distract from the work the Democrats are doing and that we should be doing together.

I have concerns about what we just passed as it relates to jobs, although I support the infrastructure part of the bill. I think that, if we focus on jobs, we've got to save NASA, and we've got

to ensure that we continue human spaceflight.

Then we've got to go into neighborhoods and areas where there are the chronically unemployed. We have to put up recruitment offices so that we can provide real opportunities for jobs to build America's infrastructure. We have to go to the public housing projects and make sure that those who live there can work on the rehabilitation of those projects.

Those who are chronically unemployed need to have a job in hand. They need to be able to be trained and then work. Those who are unemployed need to be able to be trained for new jobs and not lose their unemployment. We've got to put a job in the hand of the chronically unemployed. That's what I will continue to fight for. That's the legislation that I will support.

A GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF
HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, from the town halls in August of last year to the voting booths of Massachusetts, the American people have spoken. The American people don't want a government takeover of health care. Despite the President's latest polished pitch, ObamaCare 2.0 is still a government takeover of one-sixth of the American economy, and the American people know it.

The latest version of ObamaCare is a government takeover because it will mandate private citizens' purchases of health care whether they need it or want it or not. It will cause millions of employers to cancel the health insurance they currently offer employees, and it will force tens of millions of Americans into government-run exchanges. It will create a health care czar to impose price controls on private health insurance, which will lead to shortages and which will force even more people into government-run insurance.

Mr. President, government mandates, government-run insurance and more government control is a government takeover of health care.

HOUSTON CITIZENS CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE NASA RESOLUTION

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share a letter that I received from my friends at the Houston Citizens Chamber of Commerce. The Houston Citizens Chamber of Commerce is the oldest and largest African American Chamber of Commerce in Houston. They are strongly in support of efforts to preserve NASA's Constellation human spaceflight program.