

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:15 p.m. at the IBEW Local Union No. 5 Apprenticeship Training Center. In his remarks, he referred

to President Lee Myung-bak of South Korea; and Sens. Robert P. Casey and Patrick J. Toomey.

Statement on Job Growth Legislation October 11, 2011

Tonight a majority of United States Senators voted to advance the “American Jobs Act.” But even though this bill contains the kind of proposals Republicans have supported in the past, their party obstructed the Senate from moving forward on this jobs bill.

Tonight’s vote is by no means the end of this fight. Independent economists have said that the “American Jobs Act” would grow the economy and lead to nearly 2 million jobs, which is why the majority of the American people support these bipartisan, commonsense proposals. And we will now work with Senator Reid to make sure that the individual proposals in this jobs bill get a vote as soon as possible.

In the coming days, Members of Congress will have to take a stand on whether they believe we should put teachers, construction

workers, police officers, and firefighters back on the job. They’ll get a vote on whether they believe we should cut taxes for small-business owners and middle class Americans, or whether we should protect tax breaks for millionaires and billionaires.

With each vote, Members of Congress can either explain to their constituents why they’re against commonsense, bipartisan proposals to create jobs, or they can listen to the overwhelming majority of American people who are crying out for action. Because with so many Americans out of work and so many families struggling, we can’t take no for an answer. Ultimately, the American people won’t take no for an answer. It’s time for Congress to meet their responsibility, put their party politics aside, and take action on jobs right now.

Remarks at a Democratic National Committee Fundraiser in Orlando, Florida October 11, 2011

The President. Thank you very much. Well, thank you. It is good to be in Orlando! It’s good to be back in Florida. Some perfect Florida weather out there. To everybody who’s watching, come on down to Florida. It’s gorgeous.

We’ve got a couple of special people I want to acknowledge. First of all, your outstanding mayor, Buddy Dyer, is in the house; wonderful Congresswoman Corrine Brown. I want to thank CeCe Teneal for the outstanding performance. And I want to thank Alan Ginsberg and Mark NeJame for their wonderful hard work to make this thing happen. Thank you very much, everybody.

Audience member. We love you!

The President. I love you back. I do. Although I have to say that backstage I had the chance to see Dwight Howard—[*applause*]

and Dwight is a great friend, and I told him I’m a little heartbroken that the NBA season is getting delayed here. [*Laughter*] So I’m hoping those guys are back on the court soon. In the meantime, I’m here because I need all of your help. I need your help.

I’ve come here because we’ve got to finish what we started in 2008. A lot of you got involved in that campaign back in 2008, and let’s just remember, because sometimes there’s revisionist history and everybody says, well, that was such a smooth campaign, and I say, that’s not exactly how I remembered it. [*Laughter*]

We campaigned in 2008 not because we thought it was going to be a cakewalk. I mean, after all, you had a candidate named Barack Hussein Obama, so you knew that wasn’t going to be easy. You didn’t need a poll to tell you