

South, white, black, Hispanic and Asian. The American people wanted this, and they demand it from us.

But today is a different story. The so-called stimulus package that we have on the floor today is being presented wrapped in red, white and blue, but it is a charade. It is a Trojan horse for every special interest package that has come around for the last 10 years. The American people are not and will not be fooled. This so-called stimulus package is a wish list of every special interest tax rebate and tax cut that will not stimulate our economy and does nothing to help us from the September 11 tragedy. The wrapping of special interest legislation in our patriotic feelings is wrong, and it is not in the spirit of our bipartisan war effort.

Do not wrap your special interest in our flag and expect the American people to accept it.

URGING SUPPORT FOR THE ECONOMIC SECURITY AND RECOVERY ACT

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, today we will debate and vote on H.R. 3090, the Economic Security and Recovery Act of 2001. I urge everyone's support for this bill. There is no doubt that our economy has been drastically impacted by the September 11, 2001 act and by the subsequent bioterrorism that has occurred throughout America. Both the job creator and the individuals are facing difficult financial situations and action needs to be taken now.

This bill, H.R. 3090, will provide incentives for businesses to create those jobs and innovations to invest in our country and in our future. The bill will also address the issues related to human impacts by these attacks. Hundreds of thousands of individuals are in dire financial straits through no fault of their own and are offered a helping hand in this bill.

This bill will allow for States to provide flexibility to supplement current unemployment and health benefits in States where events of September 11 have caused an increase in the number of unemployed. The bill also offers incentives for businesses to create jobs, spur innovations and invest in our country's future. I urge everybody to support H.R. 3090.

ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE OUGHT TO BE REJECTED

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

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, later today we will be called upon to vote on the economic stimulus package presented from the other side of the aisle. Should that

package pass, we will create the greatest inequality in the treatment of American taxpayers in decades in this country. We will return to the days of yesteryear where in 1986, 1987, and 1988 corporations were making millions of dollars and paid no taxes. They paid nothing for the privilege of the defense system of this country. They paid nothing for the research capabilities of this country. They paid nothing for the privileges of being an American corporation.

Today, we are going to go back and we are going to repeal the alternative minimum tax so those corporations will be back in the position of paying no taxes and at the same time, at a time when this country is at war, when we are asking for shared contribution, shared sacrifice, we are going to dump the burden of this war, the cost of this war, the cost of this deficit, the cost of bailing out Social Security on the backs of working people and the payroll tax. That is what the Republican Party believes is fair, is equitable. It is wrong, it drips with greed, it drips with special interests and it ought to be rejected.

PUTTING THE TERRORIST ATTACKS IN PERSPECTIVE

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

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take just a couple of moments to put the terrorist attacks in perspective. Every day, the 10 leading causes of death in our country result in 5,032 deaths. The fifth leading cause of deaths in our country are accidents. Nearly half of those deaths are caused by automobile accidents. And nearly half of the automobile accident deaths are the result of drunk driving. Every day, about 60 people die as a result of drunk driving. As bad as the terrorist attacks are, we have lost three people to anthrax in the last 9 days.

Your chances of being killed by a drunk driver are far, far, far more than your chances of dying from anthrax.

Mr. Speaker, we must not allow the terrorists to shut down our government. We must not allow them to shut down our country. Please put this in perspective.

VOTE AGAINST THE TAX BILL

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

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, the real casualty, it looks like, from the 11th of September was the democracy that this House represents. We were told we could have unlimited 1-minutes today, and suddenly they do not want to have us talk. They do not want to have us talk in hearings. They do not want to bring in people to tell us what

these bills are going to do, so today you are going to be faced with a bill that had 1 hour of hearings. Nobody came and told us any of the facts about what was in the bill. So we are going to go out when we go home this weekend and tell our friends and neighbors in our district, buy war bonds so you can give \$1.4 billion to IBM, buy war bonds so you can give \$2.3 billion to the Ford Motor Company. That is going to stimulate the economy, folks. That really is. Without one hearing.

What else do we have to do but talk? We do not have an office. We do not have staff. We do not have anything else, but we cannot talk in the House of the people. That is shameful. You ought to vote against that tax bill on no other reason than that alone.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD). The Chair would remind all Members to deactivate electronic devices in the Chamber as a courtesy to other Members.

SUPPORT THE STIMULUS PACKAGE

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

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the Committee on Ways and Means for putting together a great package, a stimulus package, H.R. 3090. The best thing about this package is it does provide some stimulus. That is what we need to remember. We ought to stop the class warfare that generally typifies our discussions here and for this day focus on what is going to provide some stimulus.

This speeds the rate reduction for those in the 28 percent tax bracket. We ought to speed it up for everyone, including those in the higher brackets. It increases capital gains tax deductions. It also allows some capital gains reduction for those holding these capital gains for longer.

I urge the House to hold firm on this package in its negotiations later and to resist the class warfare and resist the redistribution that we are want to do in this House and to provide something that provides long-term stimulus to the economy.

TRIBUTE TO THE POSTAL SERVICE

(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, we know that what America wants is to have its Nation secured. We also realize that the heart of America is our people. That is why I want to pay tribute to the men and women of the U.S. Postal Service and offer my deepest sympathy for those we lost

over the weekend. The Postal Service, who delivers mail through rain or shine or any other difficulty, are the working people of America.

That is why I ask the U.S. Postal Service to give every single postal worker gloves and surgical masks as the science dictates, to provide free testing and free treatment and free drugs if necessary to treat them as it relates to the anthrax scare. These are difficult times and America needs to invest in its people. That is why I will vote "no" for this special interest economic stimulus package that stimulates no one but corporate America. And yes, I will vote to help postal workers, and I will vote to federalize the airline security system because what America wants is a secure Nation for the working people of America and all the people of America, not a special interest economic stimulus package that serves no absolute purpose.

GOOD NEWS REGARDING MARS SPACE PROGRAM

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

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, we have gone through some extraordinary challenges over the past several weeks and I think it is important for us when we have some good news to point to that. We all know that this is the greatest Nation the world has ever known, and further evidence of that came this morning when we saw that the Odyssey entered the orbit of Mars. I want to extend congratulations to the wonderful people at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory that my friend the gentleman from California (Mr. SCHIFF) and I have the privilege of representing. I see the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. NAPOLITANO) here in the Chamber. I know she has many constituents who work up there. They have gone through some very tough times over the past 2 years in dealing with the Mars program. This sign of success is a further demonstration of the greatness of the United States of America and the people who are working on the very important space program.

STIMULUS PACKAGE MARKS RETURN OF PARTISANSHIP

(Ms. SANCHEZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak about the so-called economic stimulus package, a bill that truly marks the return of partisanship to our Chamber. Congress should be helping workers in need due to the aftermath of the terrorist attacks. These workers are my constituents, the hardworking men and women who make their living off the tourism industry which provides so much to our district.

Our workers want Congress to strengthen homeland security, to put

money in the pockets of unemployed workers, and to ensure our long-term economic confidence. That is exactly what the Blue Dog plan would do. Our plan deals with immediate economic concerns without damaging the Nation's fiscal health or long-term economic recovery. It would ensure resources for vital security needs, provide critical relief for laid-off workers, and maintain the fiscal discipline needed to restore long-term economic confidence and keep interest rates low.

The Republicans are putting special interest tax cuts ahead of the workers of America.

ANNOUNCING A NEW ILLINOIS POWER PLANT

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, in the days and weeks of bad news, I would like to come to the floor with some good news. On Monday, I attended an announcement of a collocated coal mine and power plant that is being planned and developed in Washington County, Illinois. Generation is planned for 2003. Construction of this facility will create approximately 1,500 jobs and then for the operation of the coal mine and the power plant another 500 jobs. These will be high-paying union jobs. This is what we and the administration hoped for in a national energy plan.

I applaud the State of Illinois for their assistance and I look forward to low-cost, reliable, clean energy for Illinois and this Nation.

AIRLINE SAFETY

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

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, it is a shame that we are now 42 days after the attack of September 11 and this House has done not a single thing for airline safety. Nothing. Zilch. Not one additional element of airline security. When you get on your planes next Friday to go home, it will be with the sure knowledge that 90 to 95 percent of the bags that go into the belly of your airplane are not screened for explosive devices. Those bags go in there with nothing to screen them from keeping C-4 explosives in them.

Yesterday at the airport, or 2 days ago, I got on an airplane and they took the nail clippers away from the guy next to me and that is great. But we have not done a single thing to keep C-4 explosives out of the bags. Instead, the majority party is bringing this alleged stimulus package that is going to stimulate nothing except campaign contributions. It is really too bad that we are paying more attention to the corporate financial security and no interest in airline passenger personal security.

ANTHRAX AND ECONOMIC STIMULATION

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

Mr. WHITFIELD. Mr. Speaker, first of all, I would like to congratulate the leadership on the Democratic side and the Republican side for dealing with this anthrax issue in the House of Representatives and in the Senate. It has called for cooperation on both sides to deal with this very complicated issue. And, yes, it is affecting our legislative process. It is slowing it down. We are not able to move as fast as we want to.

On the economic stimulus package, it is not everything that any of us want. I will say this, though, that this stimulus package provides \$9 billion to States to help them respond to economic hardship in the wake of the September 11 attack. It also provides \$3 billion in fiscal 2002 to help States provide health care coverage for unemployed workers who today do not have any health care coverage.

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Obviously there are some aspects of it we do not like, but hopefully we can work those out with the Senate in the conference. So I think that this economic stimulus package is reasonable and we can work out differences with the Senate.

CORPORATE ORGY

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

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, the Republican Economic Security Act being voted on today is not economic stimulus; it is a corporate orgy. It is not temporary, as most economists would recommend, but a permanent corporate party at the expense of the average taxpayer.

The Republican plan does not help small and mid-sized businesses that cannot weather the storm on their own, but it does help special interests. The Republican economic plan not only provides a tax break for corporations, but a corporate tax bonus going back to 1986. Displaced, laid-off workers get no guaranteed assistance; and if they get anything, they get chicken feed.

The Republican plan is nothing but a shameless raiding of billions of dollars from the public treasury for private profit, with \$20 billion in tax benefits alone for overseas corporations of financial services companies. At a time of national urgency, when we should be here providing for the security of the American people, we should not in fact be fleecing them, and that is what this Republican plan does.

PROVIDE ECONOMIC STIMULUS TO PEOPLE WHO NEED IT

(Mr. ALLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1