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ADMINISTRATION SUPPORTS
SHIFT OF JOBS OVERSEAS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BEAUPREZ). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, even though I come from Ohio, I picked up the Los Angeles Times today and just could not believe the headline. It said, "President Bush Supports Shift of Jobs Overseas." "The loss of work to other countries," this is the sub-headline, "while painful in the short-term, will enrich the economy eventually, the President's report to Congress says."

I thought, that cannot be it. It is some overzealous headline writer that really did not understand this.

Well, then I started looking at some other papers. I saw the Seattle Times writes, "Bush report: Sending Jobs Overseas Helps U.S."

Then I looked at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, just down the road a couple hours from where I live in Lorain, Ohio. The headline was, "Bush Economic Report Praises Outsourcing Jobs."

Then the Orlando Sentinel in the home State of the President's brother, Governor Bush, the headline was, "Bush Says Sending Jobs Abroad Can Be Beneficial."

Now, this is pretty hard to understand. The President of the United States, his top economic adviser would issue a report saying it is a great thing we are sending jobs overseas. I began to read about this, and it says, "The movement of American factory jobs and white-collar work to other countries," according to the Bush administration, "is part of a positive transformation that will enrich the U.S. economy over time, even if it causes short-term pain and dislocation."

Gregory Mankiw, the chief economic adviser for the President, the chief economic adviser for the United States of America, said, "Outsourcing is just a new way of doing international trade. That is a good thing."

Now, I want Mr. Mankiw, I want him to look in the eyes of a steelworker in Lorain, Ohio, and look in the eyes of a computer programmer in Palo Alto, California, and look in the eyes of a telephone operator in Akron, Ohio, or look in the eyes of a radiologist and say that outsourcing is a good thing.

But Mr. Mankiw has something today about radiologists, too. Do you remember when we passed other trade agreements in this Congress, past trade agreements, I always said if you get enough education, then you are all set. You just get ahead. You go to school, you get an education, you got a job. That is the way it works.

Well, Mr. Mankiw, the chief economic adviser for the President of the United States, said, "Maybe we will outsource a few radiologists. What does

that mean? Well, maybe the next generation of doctors will train fewer radiologists and will train more general practitioners and more surgeons. Maybe we've learned we don't have a comparative advantage in radiologists."

Obviously, Mr. Mankiw has been reading economic textbooks. He has not been talking to the computer programmer in Palo Alto, he is not talking to the steelworker in Lorain, he is not talking to the telephone operator in Akron, and he is not talking to any radiologists.

Now, why would President Bush's economic adviser say that outsourcing is a good idea? These are the same people that support the North American Free Trade Agreement, that support PNTR, the most-favored-nation trade advantages for China, the same people that support trade promotion authority, Fast Track, and now the same people that are pushing the Central American Free Trade Agreement and are pushing the Free Trade Area of the Americas, which will quadruple, quadruple, the size of the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Every time there is an economic problem in this country, every time another report comes out about unemployment, President Bush's economic advisers and the President himself says, all we got to do is do more tax cuts for the most privileged, then the benefits will trickle down to the rest of the country, and all we have to do is more trade agreements.

You know what happens? Every single time they promise 200,000 increased jobs a month, and every time these tax cuts for the rich, they do not trickle down. In fact, we have seen job loss in manufacturing every month of the Bush administration. We have seen with this President the first President since Herbert Hoover to have job loss during his time in office.

In my State, one out of six, as the gentlewoman from Toledo, Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) knows, one out of six manufacturing jobs in my State has disappeared since George Bush took office. But every time there is a problem, every time there are more bad news statistics about jobs lost, the President says, let's do more tax cuts for the rich, let's do more free trade agreements and hemorrhage jobs overseas.

You know why? Because the people who benefit from these kinds of predictions, the people who benefit from these kinds of job losses, the people who benefit from this outsourcing of jobs, are the investors. And those are the people, the wealthiest investors in the country, those are the people that contribute money to George Bush's campaign, those are the people that benefit from the tax cuts, those are the people that benefit from trade agreements, as they line their pockets. But it might help the wealthiest in this country, it might help George Bush, but it hurts workers, it hurts families, it hurts communities, and it hurts our Nation.

MERCURY AND AUTISM: A
"PLAUSIBLE" ARGUMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, for about the past 4 years we have been talking about children with autism. We have gone from 1 in 10,000 children who are autistic to 1 in 150 to 200. It is an absolute epidemic. And we have had hearing after hearing where we brought in scientists from around the world who told us that one of the major reasons for children to become autistic and have ADHD and other mental problems and psychological problems is because of an additive that was put into vaccines called thimerosal. It is a mercury-based additive, a preservative, that is supposed to preserve the vaccine if you put it in multiple shot vials.

Recently, a study was done by researchers from Johns Hopkins University, Northeastern University in Boston, the University of Nebraska and Tufts University, and it was published in the Vancouver Sun. It was not in any American newspaper, but in the Vancouver, British Columbia, Sun. It had a headline, "Vaccine additive linked to brain damage in children. Mercury-based preservative tied to autism, ADHD, U.S. researchers say."

After that came out, there was a flurry of activity over at Health and Human Services, and the Institute of Medicine's Immunization Review Board met yesterday and said, well, there is no conclusive evidence that this is causing that kind of a problem.

No conclusive evidence? One in 10,000 children used to be autistic; now it is 1 in 150 to 200. It is going to cost us billions and trillions of dollars to take care of them over the years to come because they are not going to be able to cope with society. This study is going to be published in a scientific journal in April called Molecular Psychiatry.

This meeting that took place yesterday with the Institute of Medicine's Immunization Review Board, they had the people that were on the side of the pharmaceutical companies saying, oh, there is no proof that the mercury in vaccines is causing these neurological problems.

The fact of the matter is, almost all of the people who were taking that position were people who had a vested interest in the pharmaceutical industry's position. They were getting money for research grants. Their universities where they study were getting grants from the pharmaceutical industry. Many of these people work for pharmaceutical companies, and they are taking the position that mercury in vaccines does not cause brain damage.

But it does not just affect kids. An article that came out just a couple of

days ago said that one in four women aged 55 and older are going to suffer from dementia or Alzheimer's, and one in six men aged 55 and older are going to suffer from dementia or Alzheimer's. So the mercury in our vaccines is not just damaging our kids and hurting our society for future generations, but it is hurting seniors as well.

Something has to be done about it. We have to get mercury, which everybody knows is a toxic substance, out of anything that goes into the human body, especially vaccines.

Now because of our hearings and raising cain over the past 4 years, we have been able to get it out of all children's vaccines except two, but they are still putting it in two children's vaccines. We need to get it out of all of them.

Adults, for my friends in Congress, if you are interested, when you get your flu vaccine, it has mercury in it; and almost every vaccination you get when you go overseas to visit Iraq and every place else has mercury in it. Our troops in the Persian Gulf were getting as many as 11 shots in one day that had mercury in it; and those people, if these researchers are correct, are going to suffer at some point in their life neurological damage.

So I would like to say to my colleagues who may be paying attention tonight, these are pictures of children who have been damaged who are autistic. Their parents have to deal with them on a daily basis. Many of them grow up to be 14 or 15 years old, and they go into fits because of their mental disorder and because of autism. The parents are scared of death of them, but they do not want to put their kids in a mental institution, they want to keep them at home, and they do not have the funds to deal with it.

It is just an American tragedy, a tragedy that does not need to occur if we would just get mercury out of all vaccines, especially children's vaccines. We need to do it now, and the people at HHS and FDA and the pharmaceutical industry need to come to the truth and tell the American people that there is a problem.

I would like to end with a quote from a prominent scientist. His name was Charles Sanders Pierce. He was a renowned American scientist. He said, "There is one thing even more vital to science than intelligent methods; and that is the sincere desire to find the truth, whatever it may be."

So I say to my friends at HHS and the pharmaceutical industry, get with the program. Let the American people know the truth and get mercury out of vaccines.

TOP ECONOMIC ADVISER SAYS OUTSOURCING OF JOBS A GOOD THING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I would like to follow up on the remarks of my

colleague, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN), about the unbelievable report that this White House has produced in which the President's top economic adviser, not an intern who is studying for a master's degree or a bachelor's degree, his top economic adviser says, "Outsourcing of jobs is just a new way of doing international trade. And that's a good thing."

Well, coming from the State of Ohio, I would like to say to this President, bring 'em on. Come right over to us.

The day after the State of the Union address, the President flew and landed in Toledo, Ohio, my home district, a State in which hundreds of thousands of people are out of work, with people where he has cut off their unemployment benefits and has not extended them. They cannot find jobs. There are people in my church who stopped looking. They do not know where else to go.

We have some jobs available to work in our primary election March 2, and I have been telling people to at least apply at the Board of Elections to work for \$85 a day. At least it is one day's wages. The job scene out there is really rough, and it is extraordinarily rough in the State of Ohio.

The day after the President left, the unemployment rate in Ohio ticked up. Then last week, just a few days after he left, another plant closure was announced in Sandusky, Ohio. The little Dixie Cups, everybody knows Dixie Cups, 207 more people permanently out of work, people who have families to support, people who depend on their check, people who depend on their health benefits and people who depend on the retirement benefits that they had worked so hard for, some for as many as 30 years.

What is going on in this great land?

I turned the news on the other night. Domino Sugar in New York City, closing down. The yellow and white bags have been a fixture in our family since I was a little kid and learned how to bake from my grandmother. Gone.

Just north of the line of where I live in the State of Ohio, Electrolux up in Greenville, Michigan, 2,700 jobs permanently gone, closed down.

What is happening under this presidency? Nearly 3 million manufacturing jobs out the window, and the President's top adviser in a written report says that the movement of American factory jobs, along with white collar work, is a good thing.

Where do these people live? You know what? I have a hunch most of them are the privileged children of privileged parents. They do not have any idea of what struggle is really about. And the rest of us who think we know something about struggle have to be polite, we have to be refined, we have to have upper-class and middle-class behavior, when you really want to take the people who took your jobs and level them.

That is what it feels like when you lose everything, when people in your district lose their health benefits.

A company in my district called Pilkington was promised that their health benefits would be there in their retirement years. Now they are being charged \$170 more a month for their health benefits. I talked to some of these folks over the weekend, 80-years-old, 84-years-old. Their hands shake. Promises were not kept.

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I would say to the President of the United States, it would have been a good thing had he ever had to work for a living. If he had, his chief economic adviser would not have prepared a report which was in the L.A. Times and the headline read, "Bush Supports Shift of Jobs Overseas." The Seattle Times says, "Bush Report Sending Jobs Overseas Helps the United States." In the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, a city that knows a whole lot about outsourcing, "Bush Economic Report Praises 'Outsourcing' Jobs." And way down in Florida, the Orlando Sentinel, "Bush Says Sending Jobs Abroad Can Be Beneficial."

I would tell my colleagues whose job I would like to send abroad, and we have about 7 or 8 more months to do it. I would really like to see any President who says this to the people of Ohio carry a single vote in our State.

Mr. Speaker, I really am very proud to be a Member of this Congress, and I try to be a voice for the people who have been so adversely affected. I urge every American who is out of work and everyone who is worried about their jobs being outsourced to register to vote, vote in your primaries, vote in the general election on November 2. Let us change the direction of this Nation once and for all.

BUSH ADMINISTRATION SUFFERING FROM CREDIBILITY DEFICIT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BEAUPREZ). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. EMANUEL) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, last week we learned the administration's budget projects a \$521 billion deficit. What we also have learned, based on that budget, is that not only are they running a budget deficit, or a fiscal deficit; they are also running a credibility deficit. It is impossible to wage three wars with three tax cuts and expect a different result. They have, time and again, whether we are dealing with the issue of weapons of mass destruction, the benefits of their tax cut, or with the issue of Medicare, on point after point, they are running a credibility deficit.

The other day, Time Magazine ran a cover story about the growing credibility gap for the President of the United States. It is all because of the actions he has taken. Let us take the issue of Medicare. We debated here whether we were going to charge the