

that chain smoker who has to go to the drawer and find that little addiction, they are coming back to it again today with a proposal to raise your taxes \$18.9 billion.

This tax increase would not be to go to support our troops in the war on terror. It would not be to cut the deficit or to pay down the debt. No, it would be to spend more money on social programs to the tune of \$150 billion over the next decade.

If you set your VCR and you ever want to know the difference, play it over and over again, and if you happen to lose the tape, you can just play "Nightmare on Elm Street" because that is what this tax hike would do to the American people.

BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S ECONOMIC POLICIES AND THE IMPACT ON TEXAS

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

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak about how Texas families and workers are struggling to survive during this administration's handling of our economy.

While Democrats here in the U.S. House of Representatives have been fighting to stop the exportation of American jobs and create more jobs here at home, the administration has chosen a completely different path.

In my State of Texas, we have lost over 175,000 manufacturing jobs. Health insurance premiums have increased by 65 percent since the beginning of the Bush administration. The cost of a college education has increased by 28 percent in the State since the beginning of the current administration. Household income has decreased by \$204 over the past 2 years. 808,000 have joined the ranks of the uninsured in Texas since the beginning of this administration.

How long are we going to sit here and just talk about each other instead of addressing these issues?

As the law-making body, Mr. Speaker, of a system created to serve, protect and enhance American ideals, liberty and longevity, we must rebuild our economy, put families first before corporations and stop the rampant outsourcing of our jobs overseas.

BROWARD COUNTY FUNDING

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

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the Urban Area Security Initiative grants. The Department of Homeland Security awards these grants to urban areas based on credible threat information, population density, and critical infrastructure.

Broward County, which is in my district, has been designated an embarrassing and unacceptable 10 percent of

this homeland security money by the city of Miami who has kept the rest.

Mr. Speaker, Broward County is the home of 1.6 million people. It also houses Port Everglades, which is home to 19 cruise lines. It also houses a large petroleum tank farm, which is the sole provider of fuel for 12 south Florida counties, including Miami Dade. The port employs 10,000 people and generates \$1.7 billion in business activity and \$545 million in wage annually.

Broward also has an international airport, which is located within close proximity of both Port Everglades and the petroleum tank farm. Broward County remains an extremely vulnerable terrorist target, and it must be treated as such.

So I am here to voice my unwavering support for the Department of Homeland Security to create a new urban area for Broward, as well as Palm Beach County.

This is my second consecutive day to come to the floor about this issue. I am speaking for my constituents and will continue to do so until this outrageous offense by the city of Miami is corrected.

THE ECONOMY

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

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, California's the fifth largest economy in the world. One would think that the Republican administration would be paying attention to the economic indicators in California and realize that all is not well in the economy.

Since President Bush took office, 1.9 million jobs have been lost. Californian unemployment remains above the national average, and one in 10 persons in my District is unemployed. Jobs that have been created are low-paying and do not provide benefits such as health care and other important benefits.

There is a direct link between getting a good education and getting a good job, but the ability to get that good education has been undermined by the inability to adequately fund the best higher education system in the United States, the California higher education system, because students are now being turned away. Eligible to get in, all the tests, all the ability to get in, but no room in the inn. Why? Because this administration has failed to adequately fund the Pell grants and Perkins loans for students to make education accessible.

During the 1980s, we learned that voodoo economics did not stimulate the economy. Neither is hoodoo economics stimulating the economy today.

HONORING FATHER'S DAY

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

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, last Sunday was Father's Day. This is a day specifically set aside to reflect and honor fathers.

Being a father is not something that should be taken lightly. A study by child psychologist Michael Lamb demonstrates exactly how important the presence of a father is in the development of a child. It found that a strong bond between a father and a child has a positive effect upon the development of the child.

It is a statistical fact that children with involved loving fathers are significantly more likely to do well in school, have healthy self-esteem, exhibit empathy and pro-social behavior. These children are also more likely to avoid high-risk behavior such as the use of drugs, truancy and criminal activity, than to children who have uninvolved fathers.

Mr. Speaker, even though the time to celebrate Father's Day has come and gone, the importance of being a father never diminishes. I rise today to recognize the caring and loving fathers for all they do for their families and also encourage them to continue to fulfill their role in the family.

HIGHWAY BILL EXTENSION

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

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we passed a fourth extension of the highway bill that expired last fall. That is all fine and good, but no longer can we leave the States holding the bag because of a veto threat from the Bush administration and a reluctance by the Republican leadership to lend the necessary investment that industry, commerce and the workers of this Nation want in our infrastructure.

Investment in our infrastructure spells jobs. Tell me what is wrong with a bill that creates jobs. One would think that Mr. CHENEY and Mr. Bush would jump on a chance to create jobs.

Since the first day the Cheney-Bush leadership took over in Washington, 9.9 million private sector jobs have been lost. Today, 8.2 million people are looking for work, and 4.7 million people are working part-time for economic reasons.

Unfortunately, this highway bill has fallen victim to political differences within a divided Republican party. Even though we have had enough support to pass this bill since last year, the divided Republican party has held up passage of a fully funded bill for months.

The President opposes congressional Republicans from both the House and the Senate. House Republicans are divided against each other. The President has even gone against his own Department of Transportation when they say what is necessary for investment in infrastructure in this country.

TAX CUTS AND JOB GROWTH

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

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, look at all of these new jobs: 1.4 million since August 2003. Mr. Speaker, this recovery is further proof that cutting taxes and reducing the burden of government on American citizens and businesses stimulates economic growth, as President Reagan understood so well.

In fact, there is one very telling statistic. In the last 100 days, there have been over 1 million jobs created. Let me restate that, 1 million jobs in 100 days.

This is a true sign of the times, a time of prosperity and opportunity. President Bush was correct in his policy to cut taxes to stimulate economic growth, and now we have substantial job growth.

Once again, Mr. Speaker, it is time to make these tax cuts permanent. I know of 1.4 million people and counting who most certainly would agree.

THE CONTINUED IMPROVING
STATE OF OUR ECONOMY

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

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the numbers from the month of May reveal that the American people are improving their lives under the leadership of George W. Bush and the Republican Congress.

Two-hundred-and-forty-eight thousand jobs were created in May, and more than 1 million jobs have been created over the last 100 days. The unemployment rate is down to 5.6 percent. This is lower than the averages in the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s. Homeownership has risen to the highest level ever at 68.6 percent. Real disposable personal income is up 3.9 percent. Consumer confidence is up and business investment in equipment and software is up at an annual rate of 14 percent, and the stock market is up 18 percent.

Now, some Republicans may try to take all the credit for the economic growth we have been witnessing. However, we can only take credit for freeing up the American people from the burdens of high taxes and government intrusion. We Republicans removed those barriers, and the economy improved due to the ingenuity and the entrepreneurial spirit of the American people.

IRAQ'S FUTURE

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

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, June 30 is not the beginning of the end of Iraq, as some would

want us to believe but, rather, the beginning of their future.

There is no doubt that challenges lay ahead, but I am optimistic about Iraq's future. I am optimistic because just 15 months ago, Saddam Hussein was a threat to the world and Iraqis had no voice.

Today, thanks to the brave and selfless sacrifices of American and coalition troops, Saddam is no longer in power and millions of Iraqis are shaping their own destinies by participating in Iraq's political process.

The Iraq people are showing tremendous courage as they face enemies of freedom. Neither the will of the Iraqis nor the coalition will be deterred by violence and terror.

Mr. Speaker, next week Iraq officially becomes a sovereign Nation, and I am optimistic because this is no doubt that a free Iraq will be a decisive blow to terrorism and a victory for the civilized world and the security of America.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF H.R. 4663, SPENDING CONTROL
ACT OF 2004

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 692 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 692

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4663) to amend part C of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to extend the discretionary spending limits and pay-as-you-go through fiscal year 2009. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against the bill are waived. No amendment to the bill shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such amendments are waived except that upon adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute, only the last amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules shall be in order. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill to the House with such amendments as may have been adopted.

The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). The gentleman from Washington (Mr. HASTINGS) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

(Mr. HASTINGS of Washington asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

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Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 692 is a structured rule providing 1 hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Budget. The rule waives all points of order against the bill and its consideration and makes in order only those amendments printed in the Committee on Rules report accompanying the resolution.

The rule further provides that the amendments printed in the report shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report, equally divided and controlled by a proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

Finally, the rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report, except that upon adoption of an amendment in the nature of a substitute, only the last amendment printed in the report shall be in order. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Mr. Speaker, as the only Member of the House serving on both the Committee on Rules and the Committee on the Budget, I have become increasingly convinced of the need for significant changes in the congressional budget process, particularly with respect to the spending side of the budget ledger. Enactment of H.R. 4663 would make major strides toward providing the House with the tools needed to enforce spending discipline in a time of unacceptable high Federal deficits.

Like many Members, I wish the bill reported went even further, but it is an important first step. For that reason, I am pleased that the Committee on Rules has made in order a long list of proposed amendments to provide the House with multiple opportunities to strengthen the base bill.

At the heart of the bill are proposals to reinstate spending caps on discretionary spending, consistent with the