

We're forcing our seniors to choose between food and medicine, but we are approving \$3 trillion in spending and budgets that will double the national deficit in 5 years and triple it in 10 years. On top of this Social Security pay cut, we are raising utility costs to seniors by an average of \$250 a month through cap-and-trade.

Where are the priorities among the liberals in this country? Certainly not with the elderly and disabled on fixed incomes.

#### A REAL DISCUSSION ON HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. BOUSTANY. The American people want both sides of the aisle working together to help lower the cost of health care. However, according to a story in today's New York Times, even all but a few Democrats, in addition to Republicans, are being left out of the talks.

Some Washington Democrats are more concerned with implementing a government-run, bureaucratic health care system than achieving real solutions. Working together, we can lower the cost of health care in America while increasing access to a doctor and high-quality care.

Both sides have good answers, which we should consider. However, a silver bullet does not exist to solve all the problems. Compromise and common sense could produce results—such as lower costs, better access to a doctor, and coverage for all. And that's what we should be working toward.

Health care is a complex issue that affects individuals and businesses, young and old—everyone. And that's why it's more important than ever to work together to come up with good policies that will help the American people. They want us to work together to achieve real solutions—and that's what we should be working to, Madam Speaker.

#### THE STIMULUS PACKAGE

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

Mr. REHBERG. Across the country, we're seeing problems with the so-called "stimulus package." When I voted against this bill, I warned that time would reveal its inherent flaws.

While Americans were told that spending almost \$1 trillion would create jobs, unemployment continues to rise. It would make sense to spend stimulus money in the hardest hit counties, but the Associated Press reports that's not what's happening.

Instead, the massive and inflexible bill is causing waste. The Billings Gazette reported that a new Federal courthouse in Billings, Montana, will cost taxpayers an additional \$45 million as a result of the stimulus rules.

And now, Americans are denied the transparency we were promised. USA Today reports that the Web site meant to allow us to track every dime of stimulus spending won't be up and running for another 5 months. How many more jobs will we lose while we're waiting? How much more money will we waste? We can't afford any more of these flawed policies.

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#### NEWS REPORTERS JOIN THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, the news industry faces a new threat to its job force—the Obama administration.

A senior producer at CNN announced last week that she will take a press secretary position in the Obama administration. She joins at least nine other reporters from such news outlets as The Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Time magazine, CBS, ABC News and CNN who have left their jobs to join the administration.

It will be an easy transition for these former journalists since their primary job responsibility, supporting the Obama administration, remains essentially the same.

The bad news for Americans is that the line between objective journalism and partisan politics continues to be blurred. If the media wants to restore their credibility, they should act as objective observers, not seek jobs in the Obama administration.

#### MISSILE DEFENSE FUNDING CUTS

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

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Madam Speaker, missile defense is critical to the protection of our Nation. It requires constant improvement and innovation in order to meet the growing challenges by those who may wish to destroy us.

Iran is currently focused on developing nuclear weapons, and North Korea is hard at work, extending its military capability into space and, correspondingly, achieving a status where they can pose a threat to the security of the United States.

Some 25 countries and counting are acquiring domestic missiles, many capable of carrying weapons of mass destruction. Despite all this, the Obama administration plans to cut the Missile Defense Agency's budget for fiscal year 2010 by \$1.4 billion.

The reduction in missile defense should be of concern to all Americans. Without an investment in missile defense today, given the complexity of the science and engineering involved in developing new systems, we will not be

able to respond to the threats to the United States of tomorrow.

#### TARP FRAUD

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

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, with \$590 billion or 84 percent of the authorized troubled asset relief funds having already been handed out to Wall Street, the TARP Inspector General, Neil Barofsky, issued a 250-page report that recommended transparency and that all TARP recipients be made to detail how they will use bailout dollars and safeguard a new mortgage rescue effort against scams.

But 84 percent of the funds have already been given away. To call for greater transparency at this stage in the game is well beyond a day late and a dollar short.

However, what is encouraging is that the Inspector General, amid reports of rampant fraud, has realized and embraced his legal power and has instituted 20 criminal investigations and six audits.

In addition, he has begun to ask tough questions and look into who, quote, sought to influence decision-making by Treasury or bank regulators. Bold and encouraging words as The New York Times reported that Secretary Geithner has more than cordial relationships with many of the TARP recipient CEOs.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. RICHARDSON) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, May 12, 2009.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on May 11, 2009 at 2:33 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he submits the Updated Summary Tables, the Analytical Perspectives, and the Historical Tables to his Fiscal Year 2010 Budget.

With best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk of the House.*

#### TRANSMITTAL OF ADDITIONAL FISCAL YEAR 2010 BUDGET DOCUMENTS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 111-3)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred

to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

I transmit herewith the following volumes, which together complete my Fiscal Year 2010 Budget: Analytical Perspectives, Historical Tables, and Updated Summary Tables.

BARACK OBAMA.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 11, 2009.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

#### SUPPORTING IEEE ENGINEERING THE FUTURE DAY

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 413) supporting the goals and ideals of "IEEE Engineering the Future" Day on May 13, 2009, and for other purposes. The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

##### H. RES. 413

Whereas IEEE is the world's largest technical professional society, with more than 375,000 members, including more than 210,000 members in the United States;

Whereas IEEE members are engineers, scientists, and other professionals whose technical interests are rooted in electrical and computer sciences, engineering, and related disciplines;

Whereas IEEE's core purpose is to foster technological innovation and excellence for the benefit of humanity;

Whereas IEEE traces its roots to the founding of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers (AIEE) on May 13, 1884;

Whereas renowned inventor and entrepreneur Thomas Alva Edison was a founder of AIEE;

Whereas notable presidents of the IEEE and its founding organizations include Alexander Graham Bell, Charles Proteus Steinmetz, Lee De Forest, William R. Hewlett, and Ivan Gettling;

Whereas AIEE merged with the Institute of Radio Engineers in 1963 to form IEEE;

Whereas IEEE maintains a vast library of technical publications;

Whereas more than 100,000 technical professionals attend the more than 300 conferences sponsored or cosponsored by IEEE each year;

Whereas IEEE is a leader in the development of international standards that support many of today's products and services, with an active portfolio of nearly 1,300 standards and projects under development;

Whereas IEEE provides learning opportunities within the engineering sciences with the goal of ensuring the growth of skill and knowledge among the technical profession;

Whereas IEEE provides a forum for professionals to interact, collaborate, and generate new ideas and concepts;

Whereas IEEE seeks to attract the best and brightest to use their skills and experience and apply technology to benefit society and help solve humanitarian issues;

Whereas "IEEE Engineering the Future" Day will be held by IEEE on May 13, 2009, to recognize the contributions and impact that IEEE, its members, and engineering and technology professionals have made and to raise public awareness of the diverse opportunities available in different technology fields;

Whereas revolutionary advances in information technology, biotechnology, nanotechnology, and other fields are reshaping the global economy; and

Whereas the United States must continue its efforts to maintain its leadership in science, technology, and innovation: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) recognizes the importance of engineering and technology to meeting our Nation's most pressing challenges;

(2) congratulates IEEE on its 125th anniversary; and

(3) supports the goals and ideals of "IEEE Engineering the Future" Day.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GORDON) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee.

##### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H. Res. 413, the resolution now under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

I rise today in support of H. Res. 413, supporting the goals and ideals of IEEE Engineering the Future Day on May 13, 2009.

I want to thank my good friend from Florida (Mr. STEARNS) for working with me to introduce this resolution. Mr. STEARNS holds a degree in electrical engineering and served in the Air Force as an aerospace engineer. So I think his sponsorship of this resolution is very appropriate.

The IEEE is the world's largest technical professional society, with more than 375,000 members worldwide, including 210,000 in the United States. It is made up primarily of engineers, scientists, engineering professors, computer and technical professionals. The organization's core purpose is to foster technological innovation and excellence for the benefit of humanity.

IEEE supports programs that improve K-12 science, technology, engineering and mathematics education and technical literacy. Its vast library of technical publications, worldwide conferences and global standards make it a powerful force for technological leadership.

To celebrate its 125th anniversary, IEEE will hold the IEEE Engineering the Future Day tomorrow, May 13, 2009, to recognize the contributions and impact that IEEE, its members, and the engineering and technological professions have made, and to raise public awareness of the diverse opportunities available in different technological fields.

I ask my colleagues to help pass H. Res. 413, to recognize the importance of engineering and technology in meeting our Nation's most pressing challenges; congratulate IEEE on its 125th anniversary; and support the goals and ideas of the IEEE Engineering the Future Day on May 13.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Madam Speaker, I would yield myself as much time as I may consume.

I rise today to support House Resolution 413, supporting the goals and ideals of IEEE Engineering the Future Day on May 13, 2009.

IEEE, as the Chairman has said, is a nonprofit organization and the world's leading professional association for the advancement of technology. It's a leading authority on areas ranging from aerospace systems, computers, telecommunications, biomedical engineering, electrical power and consumer electronics, just among many.

Today IEEE has more than 375,000 members, including nearly 80,000 student members in more than 160 countries around the world. These members rely on IEEE as a source of technical and professional information. They rely on them for resources and also for a number of different services.

IEEE Engineering the Future Day will be held by IEEE tomorrow, May 13, 2009, to recognize the contributions and impact that that organization, its members, and engineering and technology professionals have made over the last 125 years, and to raise public awareness, Madam Speaker, of the diverse opportunities available in many, many different technological fields.

Madam Speaker, I would then ask my colleagues to join me in supporting this resolution, honoring this special day and anniversary.

At this time I will reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to my friend from Florida (Mr. STEARNS), a cosponsor of this resolution.

Mr. STEARNS. Madam Speaker, let me thank the gentleman from Tennessee, the Chairman of the Committee on Science and Technology, for his hard work and his kindness and for letting me have this bill on the floor so promptly.

I also thank my colleague from Florida for his introduction and kind words.

This legislation, which I introduced with my good friend Chairman GORDON, obviously congratulates the IEEE on its 125th anniversary and recognizes