

more debt. Oops, there goes our economy—to China and India.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

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

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, around the country, more and more Americans are out of work, struggling to pay their bills. Yesterday, the Web site recovery.gov revealed that your government spent \$1.2 million to purchase pork at twice what struggling families would pay at a local grocery store. It would be funny if it weren't so painful.

The \$787 billion stimulus was sold to the American people as a bill that would put people back to work. But now we see it for what it really is, a massive expansion of social welfare which is doing nothing to create jobs.

Where are the jobs? Almost 6 months have passed since the stimulus was signed into law, and unemployment continues to tick upward. It is over 13 percent in my congressional district. The so-called "stimulus" was a missed opportunity to provide true tax relief to the American people and for shovel-ready infrastructure projects that would have provided jobs. As more information on this stimulus package is revealed, I'm sure more terrifying news will be before us.

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

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I want to introduce you to Mr. Pitchford. He is a young and exciting teacher who gets 12-, 13- and 14-year-olds to enjoy geography and history. But this September, he is not going to be back in the classroom because his district relies upon resource jobs and royalties and development to fund schools. And this administration, through the arbitrary and unilateral decisions of the Secretary of the Interior, has cut this funding. This is the administration that stopped new uranium development for 2 years, has postponed offshore drilling decisions, and has postponed oil shale development projects. And for Mr. Pitchford, has taken 77 oil and gas leases and suspended them because they don't think 7 years of study was enough time.

If we do not develop the resources on our public lands, jobs are lost. If we don't have cheap forms of affordable energy, jobs are lost. And those jobs aren't simply a number. They are a face of a real person like Mr. Pitchford, who is no longer a teacher not because of his choice, but because of government decisions. And the collateral damage of these government decisions are the 13- and 14-year-olds in his classroom. Where are the jobs? They're not in Mr. Pitchford's classroom.

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

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, let me ask a question. I don't know if it has been asked yet today. The American people want to know, where are the jobs? We have a Congress that has gone off the tracks. A trillion-dollar stimulus package, that's thousand-dollar bills stacked 63 miles high. Did we get any jobs? No. We have a budget with a \$1.2 trillion deficit built into it. Are we going to get jobs? No. We are going to get inflation and higher interest rates.

We have a cap-and-tax bill that is going to kill American jobs by raising the cost of our traditional sources of energy, coal, nuclear and oil. We have a health care bill on the agenda before the Congress today that is going to kill jobs and raise the cost of health care to the American people rather than contain the cost and create more choice and more competition for the American people.

This Congress is out of control, and the American people want to know, Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs?

MENTAL HEALTH PARITY

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in favor of the health care bill this Congress is considering. It would cap out-of-pocket expenses. It would eliminate preexisting condition discrimination. It would give patients a choice between our own physician and a government plan. It would eliminate lifetime caps for health care. It would eliminate the ability for people to no longer have the choice of having to choose a job and not be able to leave that job because of health care discrimination, no more denial because of a preexisting condition, and mental health parity for all insurance plans, irrespective of mental health preexisting condition.

Mr. Speaker, we need to have mental health screening annually covered, and that is what this bill does so that we treat it as a preventive item. For the 130 million Americans with mental health conditions, this will act as a preventive measure, saving us millions and millions of lives and dollars from suicide and the like.

BIPARTISAN SAFE COMMISSION

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

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I offered a bipartisan commission amendment to the stimulus bill when it came before the Appropriations Committee and it failed. Had that amendment passed, we

could have helped create jobs, deal with the debt and deal with the deficit.

Now 6 months later, we have unemployment rates at a 26-year high, and some say it will go to 11 percent, and some even say 12 and 13 percent.

We have piled another \$787 billion on top of our children and our grandchildren. Social Security is in trouble. Medicare is in trouble. Medicaid is in trouble. Let's pass this bipartisan amendment so we can get control of the debt, get control of the deficit, create a renaissance in this country and create new jobs.

GOVERNMENT-RUN HEALTH CARE WILL COST JOBS

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, the health care proposals that are before us have been tried before. Public option was tried in my home State of Tennessee under a plan called TennCare. For more than 10 years, the legislature and three Governors tried to make it work. It has been less than successful. But what has happened is that a program that was supposed to have saved millions, tens of millions of dollars, has never saved one nickel. It also has restricted access. It has driven up the cost of private health insurance, and it has nearly bankrupted the State.

Tennesseans know that rushing to reform health care and doing that wrong is a very expensive process. We all know that costs and access of health care needs to be addressed. No one seriously believes that any of these plans before this House right now is going to do that.

Tennesseans know the cost of rushing and getting it wrong, and the American people are figuring it out because they have seen the majority rush a stimulus, an omnibus, a housingus and a porkulus that has left the American people saying, where are the jobs? And they do not want that to happen in health care.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair must enlist the cooperation of Members in heeding the gavel at the expiration of their time.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS HAVE A PLAN FOR REFORM

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in the midst of the worst recession in a generation, so what did President Obama and Speaker PELOSI do? Well, they propose a government takeover of health care that will lead to fewer jobs, higher taxes, and less health coverage.

As a physician, I know that government-run health care will end quality care. In addition, since the recession began, 6 million jobs have been lost; yet the Democrats' health care plan includes hundreds of billions of dollars in new taxes on small businesses, the job engine creation in this Nation, \$800 billion in new taxes.

According to the economic modeling by the President's own Chief Economic Advisers, the business tax hikes alone would destroy up to 4.7 million jobs, and amazingly, an independent analysis by the nonpartisan Lewin Group found that 114 million Americans would lose their personal, private health insurance.

Mr. Speaker, the American people want real solutions to get our economy back on track, not another excuse to raise taxes on small businesses and working families. House Republicans have a plan for reform that expands access to affordable health care and saves jobs.

JOB, JOB, JOB

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

Mr. MARIO DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, the facts show that the stimulus has been a dismal failure.

Fact: the administration promised that it would create 3.5 million jobs. Instead, we have lost an additional 2 millions jobs. But not only is the administration and this Congress not succeeding in creating jobs; they're actually rushing to pass legislation that would even create more job losses.

Look, the Pelosi cap-and-trade bill would cost Americans anywhere between 2 million and 3 million jobs a year in additional job losses. The health care proposal would cost Americans 4.7 million jobs lost and lead to \$1.3 trillion in new spending and huge tax increases.

Mr. Speaker, it's time to give relief to the job creators like the small businesses; and very respectfully I say, Mr. President, it's time to stop talking. Stop wasting taxpayers' money. Stop irresponsibly borrowing. Stop raising taxes. It's time to focus, focus on creating jobs. That would be a welcome change.

THE ADMINISTRATION IS HIDING OMINOUS NUMBERS FROM THE AMERICAN PUBLIC

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

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. In case you missed it, there was an ominous report in yesterday's Washington Post that said the administration is delaying for several weeks the congressionally mandated report on economic growth, job creation, and budget deficits, a report that's due right now.

The administration said yesterday, We're not going to tell you what's in that report for several more weeks. Why? I will tell you why. They don't want to downplay the politically damaging deficit numbers, the unemployment numbers, and the economic growth, or lack of growth, numbers that are in that report.

Why? Because it's an attempt to hide this record-breaking deficit as the Democrat leaders break arms to rush through this government takeover, the experiment in health care. That's why the administration is hiding ominous numbers from the American public.

DEVASTATING JOB LOSSES IN THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

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

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the devastating job losses in my district in California. This Congress, with the help of the Obama administration, has taken away 40,000 jobs and almost \$1 billion of income from the great San Joaquin Valley in California in a foolish attempt to protect a 3-inch fish.

The valley's unemployment now is at 20 percent, with some towns as high as 40 percent. Yet, the mere flick of a switch on the pumps in the delta will restore 40,000 jobs at no cost to the government.

In addition to this careless disregard for the farmers in my district, the Democrat leadership is now ramming through a \$1.2 trillion health care reform measure that will eliminate 4.7 million jobs, small business jobs, and subject farmers to \$500 billion in new taxes. And let's not forget the \$846 billion national energy tax that will result in a 2.3 million job loss and cause the price of everything on the family farm to dramatically increase.

Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs? The Democrats are giving them to the little fishies in the San Francisco Bay delta. Go figure.

STIMULUS SPENDING

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, when Congress passed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the administration argued that an \$800 billion taxpayer-funded spending spree was necessary to create jobs. It was rushed through with no time to review the policies that would implement this massive spending plan.

The administration sold this spending spree as a jobs creation measure. Yet, it turns out that jobs weren't a priority at all.

A \$3.9 billion stimulus funding announcement was made for smart grid investment grants by Vice President BIDEN in which he stated, "This is jobs—jobs."

Well, the Department of Energy didn't seem to get the memo. Application forms for grants asked: "Will DOE use the number of jobs estimated to be created and/or retained as a criterion for rating a proposal for funding?" The grant guidance says: "No."

Where are the jobs? Job creation was supposed to be the primary requisite for receiving recovery funds, and yet it was simply a reporting requirement. It was never about jobs.

WE SHOULD NOT ALLOW A RUSHED GOVERNMENT TAKE-OVER OF HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, as the House leadership prepares to rush to judgment on legislation that will lead to a government takeover of health care, 17 percent of our Nation's economy, it's instructive to look back a few weeks to the cap-and-trade energy debate.

Just before the Fourth of July break, leadership set another deadline to pass what will amount to the largest tax hike in U.S. history.

With unemployment soaring, policies that impose a national energy tax will only make things worse by increasing energy costs for all Americans, crippling small businesses, and putting more people out of their jobs.

Frankly, the legislation we passed is a gift that keeps on giving to our economic rivals like China and India whose economies are already sucking away U.S. manufacturing jobs at an alarming rate. Needless to say, as we saw from Secretary Clinton's recent visit to India, these nations do not plan to impose restrictions on their emissions.

Mr. Speaker, American families are struggling; there's no doubt about it. They're working to make ends meet and they are worrying about their jobs. We should not burden them with a new national energy tax, and we certainly should not allow a rushed government takeover of health care.

CREATING JOBS, NOT DESTROYING THEM

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, our economy is in the midst of a historic recession, and millions of Americans have lost their jobs over the past several months despite promises from Speaker PELOSI and President Obama that their extravagant spending would create jobs.

But Americans are a hardworking and resilient people. So I was excited when I heard from a laid off entrepreneurial constituent of mine from Allegheny County, North Carolina, who's working on starting his own business.