

law; did not seek concessions from the pharmaceutical industry; created the “doughnut hole” that has created a massive gap in coverage and no mechanism to pay for it.

What we’re doing at this point is trying to move forward in a constructive fashion to give the American people choices, follow the law, save money, and improve the quality of care.

BUREAUCRATS IN CHARGE OF HEALTH CARE

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

Ms. FALLIN. Mr. Speaker, the American people are concerned about keeping their jobs and the huge deficit that we have incurred here and in the Senate, and passing that debt on down to future generations of our children.

With over a thousand pages, the Democrat health care bill costs too much, spends too much, and will destroy jobs in America. Health care reform should be about lowering costs, providing quality, affordable care for all Americans. And this health care debate must consider that every individual has different health care needs and that Americans are struggling to pay their bills.

The Democrat leadership has failed to address these needs by supporting the same old, tired proposals of massive Federal new spending and increased Federal regulation, which will cost the United States more jobs.

This time, cutting a bigger Federal check won’t do it. Their plan amounts to \$818 billion in new taxes on individuals, on businesses, and a Federal takeover of our health care system. These taxes will crush our small business owners and destroy thousands of jobs.

This plan will put bureaucrats in charge of our health care—and the American people don’t want that.

LET’S PUT OUR HEADS TOGETHER ON HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. ENGEL. The majority Democrats in this Congress are trying very hard to pass a health care bill that will be a good bill for the American people. Our friends on the other side of the aisle don’t seem to want to cooperate.

It’s a national disgrace that there are 47 million Americans that have no health care coverage whatsoever. It’s a national disgrace that our emergency rooms are being used to help people that have no coverage whatsoever. It’s a national disgrace that so many of our health care dollars are going into administrative costs.

We are trying to craft a plan that will put America back on the road so that every American will have health care; so that health care as we know it

will be improved; so that people that like their health care can keep their health care, but people that don’t have health care, can get health care.

We know that the system is broken. I don’t want to hear people on the other side of the aisle talk about deficits because when they were in the majority for 12 years, they gave us the biggest deficits in American history and left us with red ink as far as the eye can see.

So I would urge my friends on both sides of the aisle, let’s put our heads together and come up with a real, good health plan that America can be proud of.

URGING CONGRESS TO DO THE RIGHT THING

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

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs? Unemployment in my district has hit 14 percent—14 percent. Failed stimulus aside, Washington is doing nothing but making matters worse.

Put yourself in the shoes of the only people that can lift us out of this economic recession—small business owners. Let’s see what they’re facing.

They’re facing higher energy costs because of this Democrat cap-and-trade tax on energy. They’re facing higher health care costs because of a government takeover of health care. They’re looking at higher energy taxes, higher health care costs, and the kicker is, higher personal income taxes. The liberals are already proposing it.

The folks that are running Washington are out of touch with small business owners and are doing the wrong thing on our economy. And I urge the leadership of this Congress to do the right thing. Don’t kill the goose that laid the golden egg. Don’t kill small business owners. And don’t hurt this economy any more.

WASHINGTON PROPOSALS IMPEDING JOB CREATION

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

Mr. DENT. The issue is: Jobs, jobs, jobs. A friend of mine who employs many people in my district said this to me the other day, The policy proposals coming out of Washington are impeding job creation and scaring people. He’s right. And there are five reasons that are driving his concern.

One, a stimulus that spends too much, borrows too much, and delivers too few jobs. Two, a budget that doubles the national debt in 5 years and triples it in 10 years. Three, a card check bill that is undemocratic and imposes binding arbitration. Four, a national energy tax, cap-and-trade, that will cost 66,000 jobs in Pennsylvania and jack up electric bills for con-

sumers. And, five, a House health care bill with enormous tax increases and mandates on small businesses and businesses of all size.

Enough is enough. Time for Washington to get out of the way and let job creators do what they know how to do—create jobs.

DOING NOTHING HAS A PROFOUND COST

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

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, we have heard some interesting rhetoric today about the impacts on small businesses and health care reform. Here’s a statistic. If we do nothing, the cost of health care on our small businesses in the United States over the next 10 years will increase to \$2.4 trillion. That’s going to have a crushing burden on the ability of small businesses to do what they do best, which is to create jobs.

Only 48 percent of our small businesses currently provide health care. If we allowed those cost increases to occur by doing nothing in terms of health care reform, we’re guaranteeing fewer Americans will have health care, we’re guaranteeing fewer successes among small businesses that are the job generator in this economy.

Doing nothing has a profound cost. That’s why we need health care reform. We need it now. We’ve waited 6 years. The time has arrived.

DOES ANYBODY SEE WHAT’S HAPPENING?

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

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, does anybody see what’s happening? Does anybody even care? The \$700 billion TARP program was to buy troubled assets. Did we do that? No. We bought car companies and banks. And we own them. And then we took the money away from the bond holders of the car companies and gave it to the unions.

The \$787 billion stimulus package only stimulated more welfare. It hasn’t created jobs. Not one. And now we have put upon us a government takeover of health care that’s going to lose, according to Christina Romer’s formula, 4.7 million more jobs.

This has never been about jobs for the Democrats. It’s never even been about health care. It’s about power.

Who’s going to make the decisions over your life, the personal decisions? The Democrats think they can. We think you should.

Does anybody see what’s happening? Does anyone even care?

WE CAN DO BETTER

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

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, \$700 million for wild horses last Friday; \$50 million for rare cranes and rare dogs and cats that don't even live in this country. We've got habitat problems in this country. The \$800 billion stimulus hasn't stimulated anything except unemployment.

I just left a crime hearing and we found out that out of 207,000 people in Federal prison, 53,000 of them are not citizens. They're non-U.S. citizens. They're here—most of them, they said, were probably illegal. So there's 53,000 jobs Americans didn't want, committing crimes in America. We had to outsource that.

But this is too serious. I know as a former judge, if somebody had come in and said, Here's a mom who has all these kids and grandchildren and she's gone to a bank and said, Give me money, loan me money, I can't control my spending, you would take those beautiful children away and give them to somebody that would be responsible. We can do better.

THE REPUBLICAN PLAN

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

Mr. HENSARLING. Mr. Speaker, it's time to admit the failure of Obamanomics. Where are the jobs? Since we enacted the President's economic program, 2 million more are unemployed in this land—9.6 percent unemployment, the highest in a quarter of a century.

So what do we have to show for Obamanomics? \$143 billion more dollars of taxpayer bailout money. The first trillion-dollar deficit in our Nation's history. We had the national debt to be increased, tripled—triple—in the next 10 years.

We have found the historic debt, we have found the historic deficits, we have found the historic bailouts, Mr. Speaker. But where are the jobs?

You cannot bail out, borrow, and spend your way into prosperity. It does not work. It is time to put America back to work with tax relief for small businesses and American families. That's the Republican plan.

WHERE THE JOBS WENT

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

Mr. LATOURETTE. A number of my colleagues today have asked, Where are the jobs? Well, I don't know exactly where the jobs are because they haven't appeared. But I can tell you where the jobs went, at least in one company, and that's Chrysler.

When the Democrats opened this Congress, 4,000 people at Chrysler out of work. We honored a United States Senator. That's a nice piece of legislation.

But then things began to get serious. Almost 10,000 people out of work. The most important thing they could put on the floor is Supporting the Goals and Ideals of National Teen Dating.

Eleven thousand people out of work, we had to pass the Monkey Safety Act. Everybody likes safe monkeys. Thirteen thousand people out of work; Great Cats and Rare Canids Act. Sixteen thousand people out of work; Honoring Arnold Palmer. And 18,000 Chrysler workers out of work, the most important thing the majority could put on the floor is National Train Day.

But now they're getting serious because later today we are going to vote on Supporting the Goals of National Dairy Month.

That's the jobs.

MORE CREATIVE SOLUTIONS

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

Mr. FORTENBERRY. Mr. Speaker, as Congress takes on the essential task of strengthening America's health care system, we have a choice here to either rush legislation costing more than \$1 trillion or to have a serious analysis on the fundamental question as to how we actually improve health care outcomes, reduce costs, and protect vulnerable persons.

One major consideration should be how any health care proposal will affect small businesses. Small businesses generate 60 to 80 percent of all new jobs each year in this country. In my hometown of Lincoln, Nebraska, 80 percent of those in the private sector are employed in businesses with 25 or fewer employees.

This current plan would place an 8 percent payroll tax on certain small businesses who do not or cannot provide government-mandated coverage.

Mr. Speaker, one study suggests that as many as 4.7 million jobs could be lost as a direct result of this overall health care proposal. This does not help anyone.

There are more creative solutions to get people the care they need, help families manage ever-increasing costs, and help small business entrepreneurs provide the benefits for their employees.

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THE RECORD ON JOB CREATION

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

Mr. HOYER. I have been listening to this litany of "Where are the jobs?" I have been here long enough. Mr. PENCE, you opposed the program in 1993. You said it would destroy this economy. You said it would blow deficits sky high. It created 216,000 jobs per month on average.

You then supported an economic program in 2001. You said it would be a

haven for jobs and small business and all that. You created not 216,000 jobs per month but 4,240. Those are the figures. I'm sure that you will all want to come here and say, "No, Hoyer was wrong on those figures."

Under the economic program we propose, 216,000 new jobs every month on average. Under your program for the last 8 years under the Bush administration, 4,240 per month. That is a very substantial difference between 20.8 million new jobs under the economic program that you did not support in 1993 that we proposed, passed, and President Clinton signed.

So when you talk about jobs, you ought to talk about the experience that you've had under our program and your program. You failed. We succeeded. As a matter of fact, in the last year of the Bush administration, we lost 3 million-plus jobs. During the last year of the Clinton administration, we gained 1.9 million jobs. That's a 5 million job turnaround by your economic program.

So keep talking. America knew the difference. America made a decision. They said what you had been doing was not what they wanted so they changed. In 2006, they changed the Congress, and in 2008 they changed the Presidency.

And let me tell you something. We have lost 200,000 less jobs per month than Bush lost in his last 3 months in office, over the last 3 months. Now, is that where we want to be? It is not. But it is 200,000 better than the last 3 months in your administration. Those are the facts. Refute them if you can. Keep talking.

THIS ADMINISTRATION IS ASLEEP AT THE WHEEL

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

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Leader and Mr. Speaker, where are those jobs? We have the highest unemployment rate since the 1930s. They say a picture speaks a thousand words.

Mr. HOYER. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. MCCAUL. Well, look at this picture.

Mr. HOYER. I thought it was since 1982 when Ronald Reagan was President.

Mr. MCCAUL. Reclaiming my time, they say a picture speaks a thousand words. Well, look at this picture right here because it says it all.

This is a picture of Larry Summers, the President's top economic adviser. Look at him. He's not creating jobs. He is asleep. Mr. Speaker, I would submit to you, this administration is asleep at the wheel.

The Vice President recently said that we can spend our way out of bankruptcy. What? Really? Spend our way out of bankruptcy? What happened to Economics 101? I think the American people are smarter than that.

Instead of cutting taxes and spending, which has historically worked, instead, we are enacting policies that