

are smart, but they're apprehensive; they're anxious about what's coming next from this Congress.

Is, in fact, this Congress going to pass cap-and-trade that's going to raise the cost of energy? Is, in fact, this cost of energy going to raise taxes? Is this Congress going to federally take over health care and make health care decisions for every single family and for every single small business owner out there?

That's why we're not creating jobs. We need to do what we know always works: cut taxes, get spending under control and enact a commonsense energy policy.

CUT TAXES, CREATE JOBS, REBUILD THE ECONOMY

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

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address how this Congress and this administration are handling the number one concern on the minds of Americans today—jobs. Despite promises of quick action and of immediate returns, hard-working parents in my district and around the country are still staying up nights, worrying about whether they will have jobs in the next month, in the next day or in the next week to provide for their children.

In response, House and Senate leaders' only answer seems to be higher taxes and massive new government spending. Already our children and grandchildren are on the hook for the \$1 trillion so-called "stimulus bill" that has resulted in almost 10 percent unemployment nationwide, even higher in my home State of Illinois.

Now the House leadership seems intent on pushing through another \$1 trillion-plus health care takeover that only promises more taxes on small businesses and working families. The result: fewer jobs except for Washington bureaucrats who will be rationing out health care procedures for patients.

Mr. Speaker, we can do better. Let's work together on real solutions to cut taxes, to create the jobs and to rebuild this economy, not just more Washington spending with no end in sight.

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JOBS ARE BEING SHREDDED

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

Mr. TIBERI. Mr. Speaker, a hundred of my colleagues have come and asked, Mr. Speaker, "Where are the jobs?" We passed a stimulus bill months ago, and in Ohio, we had 33,000 jobs lost just last month. The jobs I see created, Mr. Speaker, are here in Washington—czars, commissars—not real people back in Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs? We passed a bill on this floor creating a national energy tax which is going to cost Ohioans hundreds of thousands of jobs. We're debating a health care bill where small business owners are concerned that they're going to shed additional jobs at a time when we need small business owners to create more jobs.

Mr. Speaker, Ohioans, as this chart points out, are shredding jobs in this administration, are shredding jobs this year. We're creating a record amount of deficits, record debt, higher taxes. All Americans want, all Ohioans want, Mr. Speaker, are jobs.

Where are the jobs?

JOBS ARE HEADED TO INDIA AND CHINA

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

Mr. UPTON. Mr. Speaker, the question of the day is "Where are the jobs?" I will tell you where they're not. They're not in Michigan. Our unemployment is 15.2 percent. And sadly, in this House, we passed an awful energy bill a couple of weeks ago called cap-and-trade. That bill will add nearly a trillion dollars to the cost of businesses and homes across this country. Does that help with jobs? Absolutely not.

In fact, one of my constituents in Michigan said their utility increases, their electricity costs will go up by nearly 40 percent by the year 2024. Is that going to help with jobs? Absolutely not.

Did the Rules Committee allow us to add jobs with an amendment that would build perhaps as many as 100 new nuclear reactors in this country, tens, if not hundreds, of thousands of jobs? No. The Rules Committee said, You cannot offer that amendment.

Now, where are the jobs going? They're going to India and China. Did you happen to see on July 16 The New York Times where Secretary Chu said that if China's emissions of global warming gasses keep growing at the pace of the last 30 years, the country will emit more gasses in the next three decades than the United States.

Where are the jobs?

TWO AGENDAS

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

Mr. DEAL of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, my State of Georgia now has an unemployment rate in excess of 10 percent. As you've heard, other States are in worse condition. We are asking today the question of where are the jobs. We spent millions and billions, and perhaps even now trillions, of dollars throwing money at the problem, and yet the job losses continue.

The legislative agenda that's been adopted by this administration and by this House has primarily two pieces of

legislation. First is the cap-and-trade, a bill that is setting us on a path that has already been followed by some of our European countries, Spain in particular. They set out on this path of green jobs over a decade ago. The result is 17.5 percent unemployment. The green bubble burst, and for every job they created, they lost 2.2 jobs.

The second major approach of this House has been the new health care reform bill, a bill that will tax employers 8 percent of their payroll amounts if they do not provide health insurance for their employees. What does that mean? New jobs? No. It means losing jobs that we already have.

Mr. Speaker, it's appropriate to ask, where are the jobs?

THE MORE CONGRESS SPENDS, THE WORSE THINGS ALWAYS SEEM TO TURN OUT

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

Mr. POSEY. Mr. Speaker, the stimulus bill was advertised as a way to reduce unemployment and help put this economy back on track. The blue line on this chart represents the projected path of the unemployment rate. That was below 8 percent prior to the stimulus being passed. The red line shows, in fact, what actually happened since the stimulus bill was passed. It was well-intended, but surely it was misguided.

Now, the more Congress spends, the worse things always seem to turn out. So let's get out of the bailout business. Let's get out of the stimulus business. Let's get out of the national energy tax business, and let's not get into the health care business. Let's let the free enterprise system and the small businesses that made this economy great stay strong and create jobs.

WE SHOULD BE SPURRING JOB CREATION

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

Mr. ROYCE. Mr. Speaker, accompanying the spike in the private sector job losses throughout our economy, we have seen a massive government intrusion into the private market. This Chamber recently passed cap-and-tax legislation which gives Washington 17 percent over the economy. If we move towards nationalized health care—the next priority for the administration—it could shift another 16 percent of our economy towards Washington, D.C.

The Federal Government already runs General Motors and Chrysler. It now has a huge equity stake in dozens of our financial institutions. We've witnessed a massive \$800 billion stimulus package that has failed to deliver the promise of an increase in job growth. And this flawed approach has failed to deliver because government spending does not increase the size of the economic pie. What it simply does is take

money out of the private sector and shift it to the government.

Real economic growth has always and will always come from the private sector. And instead of continuing this trend, shifting our economy to one centered on bureaucrats, which is exponentially increasing our deficit and killing off the private sector, we should be spurring job creation.

JOB-KILLING LEGISLATION

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

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to strongly oppose efforts by the majority to rush through a misguided health care experiment that will greatly increase the already sky-high unemployment in my State. At a time when Floridians are facing double-digit unemployment, Congress should not be pushing through a government takeover of health care that will be paid for by a tax hike on small businesses.

And a recession nearing double-digit unemployment nationally will discourage job growth and creation leading to even higher unemployment and people with employer-based health insurance being forced onto the government plan. This job-killing tax, combined with the crushing debt some in Congress have been piling on our children and grandchildren to pay for Big Government programs, will make it much more difficult for future generations to succeed.

I urge my colleagues to reject this small business tax.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS AND TRANSPARENCY

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

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say three things: Where are the jobs? Where is the transparency that was promised? And where will the savings come from in a health care proposal that, in fact, starts off by talking about savings while, in fact, increasing spending?

You don't need a new tax if everything is already taxed and you are going to save. You only need a new tax if, in fact, you are going to spend more money, create more waste, fraud, and abuse.

Mr. Speaker, the President said we would not go above 8 percent, that the stimulus would in fact drive down the tendency towards unemployment and, in fact, create jobs.

Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs? They were not created.

Mr. Speaker, the President said that this administration would have unparalleled access and transparency, and yet the special IG for the Troubled Asset Relief Program has said just the opposite, that he's being blocked at

every step, that, in fact, he's not getting the transparency that he was promised.

Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs? Where is the transparency?

AMERICA'S RIGHT TO KNOW MONTH

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

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I propose that we make August America Right to Know month. That means Americans have a right to know what this Congress is doing in proposals that change their lives, and what I'm talking about is the health care legislation.

Just a couple of days ago, we marked up this legislation in the Ways and Means Committee, about a thousand pages, and it came to us 3 minutes before midnight the day prior to us marking it up.

We had an amendment in the committee that said, If we're going to impose this new health care system on the American people, Members of Congress, themselves, should be put into this system. What happened to that amendment? It went down by a party-line vote. Republicans said "yes"; Democrats, except for Mr. DAVIS of Alabama, said "no."

We also said let's recognize the fact that we're taxing people, a lot of taxes on people earning less than \$250,000. That violates the pledge people believed they had in the last election. What was the vote? The Republicans said, no, let's not tax people earning less than \$250,000; the Democrats said, yes, we will continue to tax those people, violating this pledge, this promise the American people thought that they had on Election Day.

August ought to be the month where America gets to know what's going on.

EXCESSIVE UNEMPLOYMENT

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

Mr. MICA. Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, my district extends from Orlando to Daytona Beach. The State of Florida now has in excess of 10 percent unemployment. Nationally, 9.5 percent unemployment. Where are the jobs?

Congress passed a \$787 billion so-called stimulus package. I took to the floor and spoke from the Democrats' side of the aisle and pleaded with folks that we needed jobs and we needed to invest in America's infrastructure; instead, we put less than 7 percent. So to date, out of \$787 billion and \$48 billion for transportation highway money, we have \$523 million expended.

Mr. Speaker and my colleagues, where are the jobs? People want to work. They don't want government handouts. They don't want government welfare or food stamps. They want jobs in my district and throughout the Nation.

Where are the jobs, I come back to ask, that this country needs and our people need?

AGENCIES, PROGRAMS, AND COMMISSIONS BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR DOCTOR

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

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, there are a lot of people in Texas who are worried what kinds of jobs they will have when this new government-run health care plan goes through Congress, 1,018 pages delivered to us a few minutes before midnight. We had until 9 o'clock to read it and start voting on it.

Here's the plan: Thirty-one new Federal agencies, programs, and commissions in between you and your doctor taking away control of your health care.

At the committee, we asked, What does all this cost? They said, We don't know the price tag. We offered amendments. We said, Can you certify that Members of Congress read this bill and let the public read it? They said they thought that was a bad idea. We asked about rationing.

We were worried about wait times for family physicians and second-class cancer treatment. They said that would be too inconvenient to provide information, and they defeated it.

Then finally we said, Let's strike the taxes on small businesses, and they refused to, saying small businesses have it so easy, they need to raise taxes on them.

Ladies and gentlemen, we don't want the government telling us what doctors we can see, what treatments we can receive, and what medicines we can receive.

WASHINGTON-KNOWS-BEST MENTALITY

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, last October, President Bush and Hank Paulson said to the Congress we need to bail out the financial services industry. We have to do it bold and we have to do it quick or the financial markets will tumble. Well, we passed the \$700 billion TARP program, and still stock portfolios, savings of Americans all through the country dropped by 30 or 40 percent.

In January, NANCY PELOSI and President Obama told us that we had to act bold and fast to pass the stimulus program because the unemployment rate was 8 percent, and now 2.5 million jobs have been lost since that and unemployment is up to 10 percent.

And now the same Washington-knows-best mentality is telling us to rush through a government takeover of health care by August 1. This will result in a bureaucrat taking the place of