

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

your doctor telling you what procedures you will have. It will result in a \$1 trillion Federal program. It will result in rationing and a huge tax increase on farmers and small businesses.

Ladies and gentlemen, we have to slow down. Let's learn from the stimulus program. Let's learn from TARP. Let's slow down the process.

BLUE DOGS NEED TO ENFORCE BILL

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, the pending health care legislation does one thing: It does bend the cost curve, but it bends it up. That's not according to me or my colleagues. That's according to the Congressional Budget Office that says private insurance rates will go up and the public option insurance will go up. What does that result in? 4.7 million jobs could be lost as a result of increased taxes, particularly hard-hit small businesses.

Where are the jobs?

My Blue Dog colleagues are down at the House negotiating some face-saving measure in this bill, and I'm going to include this list of their proposals, but I want to make sure that they comply with their July 9 letter which says it must be deficit neutral, it must protect rural health care, it must ensure bipartisanship, and finally, any health care reform legislation that comes to the floor must be available to all Members and the public for a sufficient amount of time before we are asked to vote on it.

This is government. This is transparency. The Blue Dogs need to enforce it.

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THE JOBS WERE IN WYOMING

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

Mrs. LUMMIS. Mr. Speaker, "where are the jobs?" could be answered in one word, in my State of Wyoming. We were hiring people when our energy industry was robust from other States that were losing jobs, like Michigan. But the cap-and-trade bill that passed this House last week changed coal bonus payments from being paid over 5 years to now being paid in one lump-sum payment.

We are going to destroy jobs in Wyoming. So the people who moved from Michigan to Wyoming to find good-paying jobs are now going to have to return to Michigan or stay in Wyoming and be unemployed.

It is because of the activities of this Congress. This Congress has not been happy to watch States like Michigan suffer. They have decided to make States like Wyoming, that were pro-

ducing energy for this country, suffer right alongside States like Michigan. Our State, which had a healthy economy before cap-and-trade, before the Obama presidency, is now suffering just like the rest of the Nation. Our unemployment has doubled in Wyoming, Mr. Speaker.

UNSUSTAINABLE DEBT

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

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, it was Albert Einstein who said that "the most powerful force in the universe is compound interest."

That's great, Mr. Speaker, when compound interest is working for you—in building a nest egg for your children's college costs or for retirement. But when compound interest is working against you, it's catastrophic.

It is absolutely devastating, especially for a Nation on the intermediate and long term, when that Nation recklessly spends taxpayers' money and causes huge, unsustainable deficits.

As of June 30, the national debt was \$11.5 trillion—over \$37,000 per person. In June alone, the deficit rose by over \$220 billion, a year's worth of deficits in 1 month! Now CBO says that the number, the total debt to the United States, will double in the next 10 years. It took 180 years for us to get to that \$11.5 trillion. Under President Obama's massive spending it will double in just 10 years. Nothing puts our economy at greater risk of implosion and job loss than unsustainable debt.

COMMONSENSE SOLUTIONS ARE THE CURE TO OUR ECONOMIC WOES

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

Ms. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, last November, Americans sent a clear message. They wanted change in Washington. But they also asked for accountability, transparency, and for politicians to respect their tax dollars.

Unfortunately, from the \$787 billion so-called "stimulus," trillions in bailouts, and the \$3.55 trillion budget, Washington has gone on a reckless spending spree with taxpayer dollars.

And now the majority in Congress is trying to pass a government takeover of health care that will add \$239 billion to the debt our kids will have to pay back.

Prime time press conferences don't hide the fact that since January, our Nation's debt has skyrocketed by more than \$1 trillion, that our debt to China increases each day, and that our Nation is facing double-digit unemployment levels.

Kansans know you can't spend money that you don't have. Congress must learn this lesson. As a CPA, a former

State treasurer and a mother of two teenagers, I'm convinced that we need commonsense solutions to rein in spending, keep taxes low and get Americans back to work.

JOBS WILL BE LOST AS A RESULT OF HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, it's pretty clear that we've lost a lot of jobs in this country, and I think it's pretty clear that we are going to lose a whole lot more jobs if we pass this health care plan.

I thought Members might want to just hear a firsthand personal example. I've got a longtime friend that lives in Florida. He has a small business. By the way, he voted for Obama this year. He said, I'm going to vote for Barack Obama, even though I'm a Republican, because we need some change in this country.

I saw him this weekend. He said, hey, have you seen that Obama health care plan? I said, yeah, as a matter of fact, I have. A lot of people have seen it. He said, man, that's not the change that I was voting for. He said, that's going to kill my business. He said, I'm going to see my taxes go up. He said, we're already laying off people, but if they put that penalty on us that I read about, then I'm going to have to lay some more people off. He said, this is killing me.

And I'll tell you, that's happening all over the country, not just in Orlando, Florida, but all around the country. So we need some reform, but we need the right kind of reform, and this is not it.

\$746,000 OF TAXPAYER MONEY FOR ONE JOB

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

Mr. SCHOCK. Mr. Speaker, in the last 6 months, a lot has changed. We have a new President of the United States, we have a new Congress, the 111th Congress, and we have 3.1 million fewer jobs, and an increase of 28 percent in unemployment just in the last 6 months.

What was the reaction? What was the response from the new administration and of this Congress? Well, we need to pass a stimulus bill, and we need to pass it now. No time for debate. No time for amendments. No time for input from the minority. We need to pass it now.

This bill had less than 24 hours of debate on this floor before it was passed out of the floor, and yet the President took 4 days to sign it. What did it do? It spent \$787 billion, the largest spending bill in our country's history.

And what have we gotten? The administration says we created 150,000 new jobs after spending \$112 billion.