

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.

Well, get out your calculators. That is \$746,000 of taxpayer money for one job. Where are the jobs?

PRESIDENT'S HEALTH CARE PLAN LOSING SUPPORT

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a new ABC News/Washington Post poll has found that for the first time, less than half of Americans support President Obama's health care plan. Since April, approval of the President's handling of health care has dropped 8 points, while disapproval has risen 15 points.

In an example of fair reporting, the Post put the poll results on its front page yesterday. Other news media have not been as candid in their coverage of health care.

When the Congressional Budget Office director revealed that the health care bill "significantly expands the Federal responsibility for health care costs," the evening news programs on both CBS and NBC failed to report the CBO's key finding, nor have they reported how many jobs will be lost under the President's health care plan.

Mr. Speaker, with so much at stake, Americans need the media to report all the facts on health care.

HEALTH REFORM IS SOCIALIZED MEDICINE

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

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year, President Obama told us that all this reckless spending he was doing was going to create jobs.

Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs? Instead of jobs, we get a so-called "health reform" bill. And this provision of that bill tells Americans that they will be prohibited from having their own insurance. They will be forced into a government health plan run by something like the IRS.

Mr. Speaker, this health plan is socialized medicine, pure and simple. And in addition to that, it will cost more. It will increase taxes on the wealthy and a whole lot of other people. It will increase the deficit. It will lower quality. It doesn't cover everyone. And it is projected to lose another 5 million jobs of Americans.

Mr. Speaker, this is not reform. This is just nuts.

1934 CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, this weekend, I received a communication from a constituent at home who

brought to my attention a political cartoon that ran in the Chicago Tribune 75 years ago in 1934. It is often said that history doesn't repeat itself, but if you listen closely enough, it will rhyme. Or said another way, those who do not recall their history are doomed to repeat it.

The constituent who sent this to me is a retired FBI agent. He wrote in his e-mail, "change the names and the situation looks very familiar." Saul Alinsky, the leader of community organizers in Chicago, would be pleased with the current situation. When you look at the caption, spend, spend, spend under the guise of recovery, bust the budget, blame the capitalists for failure, junk the Constitution.

Mr. Speaker, this was apropos 75 years ago. It may well be apropos again today.

RADAR IN SOUTH FLORIDA

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. I would ask my colleagues on the other side if they would tell me, what is their health care plan? Is it just that we shouldn't do health care? What part of it would you not do? is the question that I ask.

But I really rise, Mr. Speaker, to take cognizance of a very fine day yesterday of bipartisanship. A former colleague of ours, the now-Secretary of Transportation, Ray LaHood, came to south Florida along with FAA Director Randy Babbitt to meet with several of us regarding radar in south Florida. On the flight from USAir here, Administrator Babbitt and I had an opportunity to hear a flight attendant do something very nice. She recognized and complimented 30 members of the Booker T. Washington High School class of 1949 in Miami who were en route here to Washington. It was a wonderful gesture, and it made for a wonderful day.

My colleagues here who continue to rant about us not having health care, I wonder what they would say if we do nothing? Will health care stay the same? Or will it rot?

CREATE WEALTH AND CREATE JOBS

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

Mr. INGLIS. Mr. Speaker, I'm not here to ask the President to make good on his promise about those jobs, because I don't believe that government creates jobs. Government doesn't create wealth. All it does is move wealth around. We need jobs.

But I am here to ask the President to make good on the idea of producing the right policies that would create jobs by creating wealth in the private sector. And I would suggest to my colleagues

that the way to do that is to have a low-tax situation, a lighter touch on regulation and less litigation. It's really those three things. If you have low taxes, light-touch regulation, and less litigation, we will expand the American economy, we will create wealth, and we will create jobs.

That is something that we can be doing here in this Congress. It is something that we can cooperate on getting done, and we can serve the American people. We can deliver American solutions.

DON'T WRECK MEDICARE

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

Mr. MORAN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, I for one believe that the health care system must be reformed. I've said that and have worked in that regard during my time in Congress. But I'm greatly concerned about the plans that I see coming forth for us to consider in this Congress.

The single-payer plan raises concerns with me on behalf of senior citizens across the country, especially those I represent in Kansas. The plan that we are currently operating under, Medicare, provides wonderful services for many Americans, for senior citizens. But the reality is, that plan is bankrupt. We will spend \$38 trillion more than we have over the next 75 years.

The plan is expected to be bankrupt by 2017. So the idea that we would expand the plan when it already is in financial difficulty baffles my mind. The plan is to raise \$820 billion in taxes, and we still leave the national debt increasing by \$239 billion. This plan needs attention, and we need to make certain that what we do does not wreck the health care delivery plan we have in place for seniors today, especially in places like Kansas, where senior citizens are dominant. That plan does that.

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THERE IS SERIOUS TROUBLE IN PARADISE

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs? I rise today to discuss the rising unemployment in my congressional district of south Florida. Last week, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released data indicating that unemployment in Miami-Dade County was at nearly 11 percent. This represents a notable increase from 9.9 unemployment just last month.

Mr. Speaker, south Floridians are hurting. In Miami, workers in the food service and hotel industries have had their hours cut in half because of a reduction in tourism. These workers are working two, three jobs in order to pay the bills.