

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.

In the Florida Keys, recreational fishermen are docking their boats permanently as the industry grapples with one of its slowest seasons in history.

There is serious trouble in paradise as hardworking small businesses and middle-class families remain uncertain about their economic future. That is why it's imperative that this Congress gets serious about providing real solutions for our constituents. They cannot afford to wait because they are looking for jobs.

WASTEFUL GOVERNMENT SPENDING IS HAVING DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES ON THIS COUNTRY

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

Mr. SULLIVAN. Mr. President and the Democrat majority, where in the heck are the jobs? With this stimulus bill and more than \$1 trillion spent and zero job growth, where are the jobs?

With the national energy tax passed by this House, it levies billions of new energy taxes on the American people, costing the average American family \$3,100 more a year to heat and cool their home and put gas in the tank of their car. Where are the jobs?

On health care, our Democrat majority's \$1.2 trillion government takeover of our health care system mandates a one-size-fits-all, government-run health care plan on most Americans. Their plan is to nationalize our health care system and create new mandates, government bureaucracy and inefficiency that will only serve to drive up costs of our health care system even more.

Wasteful government spending is having devastating consequences on this country. It also could cost 4.7 million more jobs and hurt small business.

WE NEED TO FOCUS ON SAVING THE COUNTRY'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

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

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, when I was a young boy, a radio station went on the air in Louisville, Kentucky, and for the first week of its existence played one song over and over. It was called "Purple People Eater."

I am reminded of that event today as we've heard speaker after speaker from the other side repeat the same tired Republican talking points. What we haven't heard is one idea about how to fix our dysfunctional health care system which is threatening every business in this country, threatening our competitiveness and our long-term economic prospects.

It is time that this Congress and our colleagues from the other side focus on saving this country's health care system. We heard one gentleman from the other side saying we're facing \$38 tril-

lion in additional debt in Medicare. We're trying to make sure that that doesn't happen.

I wish our colleagues on the other side would help us in that task.

GOOD ENERGY POLICY IS GOOD JOBS POLICY

(Mrs. EMERSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, in southern Missouri, rural families are struggling with job losses. We are a vibrant district with a time-honored work ethic, but job losses have hit us especially hard during a time of unprecedented economic challenges.

Constituents call my office every day, and they're asking what is Congress doing for them, how are we helping the manufacturing worker who doesn't want to go to the unemployment office because he really just wants to go back to work. And I hear a lot of justifiable anger from the same callers about Congress' policies that are going to make it tougher for them to get back to work. Cap-and-trade is the focus of their frustration and mine.

Today, unemployment is still severe in southern Missouri with the potential to go much higher, much higher, if the cap-and-trade bill becomes law. More than 3,000 jobs could be lost in the Eighth District in a single year, and the few new green jobs this bill would create won't be in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, this bill will leave with us a legacy of energy cost increases that will kill generations of jobs in rural America and in southern Missouri. Like my constituents, I am ready and willing to get to work if you will only give us the opportunity.

Good energy policy is good jobs policy. I hope we can reverse course on cap-and-trade so it doesn't destroy our rural economy.

THE HEALTH CARE BILL WILL CREATE ADDITIONAL TAXPAYER EXPENDITURES

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

Mr. WHITFIELD. Last night, as the Energy and Commerce Committee met to debate the new health care reform bill offered by the Democratic Party, as I looked through the analysis by CBO, I discovered that there was a reduction in Medicare benefits over the next 10 years in excess of \$450 billion.

In addition to that, there was a reduction in reimbursements to hospitals of \$155 billion over the next 10 years.

The part of it that bothered me most is that in so many rural areas, programs like Medicare Advantage, home health care, skilled nursing care were particularly hit by these reductions.

In addition to that, this bill provides for an additional tax on employers, a tax on individuals that do not go out and buy health insurance once the

mandate goes into effect; and, still, the bill is not paid for. And as the CBO director indicated, this bill will not save taxpayer money. This bill will create additional taxpayer expenditures.

WE DON'T NEED A GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF HEALTH CARE AND WE DON'T NEED ADDITIONAL JOB LOSSES

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

Mr. SOUDER. Where are the jobs? Last week, the health care bill was passed through the Education and Labor Committee, jammed through in an all-night session; and, supposedly, it offered a public-private option.

Just a few minutes ago, we finished an Education and Labor markup. Where we once had a public-private option in direct lending, 80 percent chose the nonpublic option. So what did we just do? We eliminated the private option, and the Federal Government is going to be a giant bank, one of the biggest banks in the world, taking over all student lending.

When we talk about the needs in health care, we need to address the problems that we're facing, the gaps in the health care system, how to make it more efficient. What we don't need is a government takeover of health care with no private options. We don't need higher taxes on the small businesses and the people in my district who are struggling with a mean of 15 percent unemployment in my eight counties. We don't need additional job losses.

And this bill unbelievably had a clause added that will add more jobs for ACORN. When people in my district said they wanted more jobs, they didn't mean more jobs for ACORN.

AMERICA DEMANDS REAL REFORM

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

Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, it's an outrage the way health care is being approached in this country. Voters did vote for change; but, apparently, that's all they're going to have left in their pocket.

I sat through a 17-hour markup on the Ways and Means Committee last week, and I didn't see one constructive process. I didn't see the voices of Democrats and Republicans heard on addressing the delivery system for Medicare to re-engineer it to reduce billions of dollars in cost.

Instead of reforming the private insurance industry that many of us want to do on both sides, Speaker PELOSI's response to that and the Democratic response to that is we'll legislate them out of business by undercutting them with a Medicare-like system which will punish rural America.

And finally, egregiously, there's been no addressing of liability reform that