

American people is a defining purpose of government.

We have to start thinking about the American people. They need a bailout. They need to be bailed out of their difficulties with insurance companies. They need to have a job. They need pension security. It is time to stand up for the people and stop these bailouts.

#### THE VETERANS' HERITAGE FIREARMS ACT

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

Mr. REHBERG. During World War II and the Korean War, veterans serving overseas often brought back firearms collected on the battlefield. These were trophies of their service, not tools for criminal activity. And yet, after fighting for the preservation of our freedom, a badly written law has made criminals out of American heroes. Unless weapons have been registered with the Federal Government, the veteran, or their heir, can be convicted of illegally possessing the firearm.

This is an offense of justice. That is why I have introduced the Veterans' Heritage Firearms Act, which provides a limited amnesty for veterans who possess these relics to register their firearms without fear of prosecution. This amnesty also extends to any lawful heirs who inherited these weapons.

It's time to stop treating our veterans like criminals. It's time to start treating them like the heroes that they are.

#### A DREAM TURNS INTO A NIGHTMARE

(Mr. LEE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, last week I received an e-mail from a constituent, Lori Adams, who runs the Silver Lake Country Market in Perry, New York. Her e-mail reads, "I thought owning a business would be a dream, but it feels more like a nightmare. I keep thinking we are gaining ground only to slide back. I've had to make tough choices to stay open. When I hear about the stimulus and the bailouts for people who made bad choices, I feel even more defeated. When is Washington going to realize it's the small businesses that are on the front-line of this crisis?"

This is an example of the countless messages I have received over the past weeks from families and small business owners struggling to survive and outraged by how Washington continues to spend their money without restraint. For every dollar this so-called "stimulus" devotes to tax relief for small businesses, Washington gets to keep \$6 to create new government programs.

We need a timely, fiscally responsible plan that helps small businesses innovate, creates good paying jobs and grows the economy for our families,

not adding to an already bloated Federal Government.

#### LET'S SUPPORT THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, yesterday I spoke to some small business owners in South Carolina, including Betty Jackson at The Sunset Grill in West Columbia. They are concerned with the billions in spending some in Congress are proposing. They also know that we need to take action and create jobs. I was grateful to tell them that big spending is not the only solution. There are fiscally responsible solutions that put more money back into the pockets of taxpayers, help American businesses create jobs and help boost our housing market.

Congress does not have to choose between a big spending agenda and no action. We can create jobs while holding the line on spending. We can help small businesses without expanding government.

Our constituents go to work every day to make our communities wonderful places to live and to raise families. We must not forget, when we talk about billions of dollars in spending, that this is the taxpayers' money and not the government's money.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th.

#### SENATE COMPOUNDS WASTEFUL SPENDING

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, it is important that we continue to help the American people understand what is in this so-called "stimulus bill." The bill passed last week, but in addition to every Republican voting "no," there were 11 brave Democrats who also voted "no." That has not been told much on the news.

Here are some more facts about how the Senate, which is now debating the bill, has made this awful bill even worse. When the public knows the facts, it then can react and tell its Members what they should and shouldn't do. The Senate added \$88 million for ATV trails, park trails, fish and wildlife trails and fish passages. There is \$524 million to create 388 jobs in the United States through the State Department Capital Investment Fund. This equals \$1.35 million per job created. There is \$696 million for the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation, \$70 million for a support computer for climate research, \$34 million of renovations at the Department of Commerce and \$20 million for IT improvements to the Bu-

reau of Industry and Security. The American people are angry, and they should be.

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#### WHERE DO WE BORROW IT FROM?

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

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, when we speak of running up \$2 trillion of debt to pay for this year of unprecedented spending, where does that money come from? We don't have it, so we borrow it. Where do we borrow it from? We'll borrow that \$2 trillion from the same pool of funds that would otherwise have been available for employers seeking to add jobs, or homebuyers seeking to buy homes or consumers seeking to buy new cars and appliances. But now that money won't be there for consumers or homebuyers or employers to borrow to expand the economy because government has borrowed it instead to increase government programs like the National Endowment for the Arts.

Madam Speaker, when are we going to stop hurting the economy and start helping it?

#### SO-CALLED ECONOMIC STIMULUS BILL

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, some people look at the huge, so-called economic stimulus bill and think it's a Christmas present. But the Federal Government is not Santa Claus. Elves are not producing this money. This money isn't free, and the American people will get the bill.

The \$1 trillion in spending and interest equals more than \$9,000 for every taxpayer. And the unprecedented deficit will inevitably hike inflation and damage the economy.

Only \$90 billion, or 12 percent of this spending spree, will stimulate the immediate creation of jobs which are needed now. Most of the spending doesn't occur for 2, 3 or 4 years.

It would be far more effective to provide tax incentives and investment credits to the small businesses of America that already create 70 percent of all the jobs.

#### FISCAL CONSERVATIVES

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

Mr. CULBERSON. Madam Speaker, fiscal conservatives may be outnumbered today in the Congress of the United States, but we take our obligation to lead very seriously. We understand, with common sense, that each one of us as Americans are endowed

with, that this spending spree the liberal majority has engaged in is a lot like attempting to run up your MasterCard to pay off your mortgage. All this money that's being spent so rapidly by this liberal majority is coming out of our grandchildren and great-grandchildren's pockets. It's all borrowed money.

The bond market has never seen this much money come on to be sold at one time. There may be as much as the \$3 trillion in debt sold over a 30-day period.

We fiscal conservatives have laid out a commonsense alternative of immediate tax cuts. What better way to stimulate the economy and get the job market growing again and to put money in people's pockets and let them keep the money to begin with?

We support and have endorsed Congressman LOUIE GOHMERT's idea of a 2-month tax holiday. Rather than spend all this money, why don't we let people keep it, not pay any income tax for a 2-month period, that they can spend that money as they wish, invest it, save it. That's the way to grow jobs in America right away.

#### CONGRESS CAN AND MUST DO BETTER

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

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, you know, last week our Democrat leadership in this House passed their \$1 trillion spending bill, and now we will see what our colleagues across the hall in the Senate are planning to do with that.

But, Madam Speaker, I think it's important to note, we Republicans know that excessive spending is not stimulus. And last week's bill was a spending bill. We know that the permanent way to work through to stimulus is to have it targeted, to have it temporary, to have it focused and to make certain that it is there to give jobs. We know the best way to do this is through tax incentives, tax reductions, regulatory relief, making certain that the private sector can create the jobs, because there is no economic stimulus that is better than a job. That is the best way to do this.

Now, also, Madam Speaker, the Democrat leadership in this House has seen us with a \$1.2 trillion deficit for this fiscal year in 2008. That's the spending they did in 2008. I mean, swiping those numbers off the credit card. They are at it again with another \$1.2 trillion, adding that to our national debt.

It is time for everyone to stand up and oppose the Democrat stimulus bill.

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair

announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Joint Economic Committee:

Mr. HINCHEY, New York  
Mr. HILL, Indiana  
Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ, California  
Mr. CUMMINGS, Maryland  
Mr. SNYDER, Arkansas  
Mr. PAUL, Texas  
Mr. BURGESS, Texas  
Mr. CAMPBELL, California

#### APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO SELECT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND GLOBAL WARMING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 5, 111th Congress, and the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair announces the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming:

Mr. BLUMENAUER, Oregon  
Mr. INSLEE, Washington  
Mr. LARSON, Connecticut  
Ms. HERSETH SANDLIN, South Dakota  
Mr. CLEAVER, Missouri  
Mr. HALL, New York  
Mr. SALAZAR, Colorado  
Ms. SPEIER, California

#### EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

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

Mr. MOORE of Kansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my frustration, and that of my constituents, over the irresponsible and reprehensible actions of some of those very financial services corporations that you and I and every American taxpayer have helped financially over the last few months.

In October 2008 we heard about AIG's corporate retreat, complete with manicures and lavish meals. Last week we got news that Wall Street handed out \$18 billion in bonuses. And just this weekend, Bank of America spent \$800,000 on tents for their Super Bowl party.

I could go on and on. The American people deserve better. We must demand better.

That's why as chairman of the House Financial Services Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee, I will be demanding greater oversight and accountability for companies receiving taxpayer funds and working in a bipartisan way to develop a structure that will regulate and supervise financial institutions and transactions.

I've also spoken to my distinguished colleague from Missouri, Senator CLAIRE MCCASKILL, who filed the original bill in the Senate and who shares my frustration. She's been a strong advocate for greater accountability and transparency, and I am proud to join with her to promote legislation to help address these abuses by financial services corporations receiving TARP funds.

Tomorrow I will introduce the Executive Pay Act, which would ensure that no employee of a financial institution or other entity that receives funds under TARP may receive annual compensation including bonuses and stock options in excess of that paid to the President of the United States.

I think we need to move together here to restore the confidence of the American people in what we are trying to do to save our economy.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

#### CAMPUS SAFETY ACT OF 2009

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 748) to establish and operate a National Center for Campus Public Safety.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 748

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Center to Advance, Monitor, and Preserve University Security Safety Act of 2009" or the "CAMPUS Safety Act of 2009".

#### SEC. 2. NATIONAL CENTER FOR CAMPUS PUBLIC SAFETY.

Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3711 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following new part:

#### "PART LL—NATIONAL CENTER FOR CAMPUS PUBLIC SAFETY

#### "SEC. 3021. NATIONAL CENTER FOR CAMPUS PUBLIC SAFETY.

"(a) AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE CENTER.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services is authorized to establish and operate a National Center for Campus Public Safety (referred to in this section as the 'Center').

"(2) GRANT AUTHORITY.—The Director of the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services is authorized to award grants to institutions of higher education and other non-profit organizations to assist in carrying out the functions of the Center required under subsection (b).

"(b) FUNCTIONS OF THE CENTER.—The Center shall—

"(1) provide quality education and training for campus public safety agencies of institutions of higher education and the agencies' collaborative partners, including campus mental health agencies;

"(2) foster quality research to strengthen the safety and security of institutions of higher education;

"(3) serve as a clearinghouse for the identification and dissemination of information,