

health care, and to really start over. In a CNN poll last week, 73 percent of the public said, Shelve the bill. Start over.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman's time, and I look forward to working together with him in whatever way we can, frankly, focusing on the issue of getting America back to work.

I yield back the balance of my time.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY,
MARCH 5, 2010, TO TUESDAY,
MARCH 9, 2010

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Friday, March 5, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday next for morning-hour debate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETERS). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on the Budget:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 3, 2010.

Hon. Speaker PELOSI,
United States Capitol,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI, Given the increased commitments I have made to my state, I resign, effective immediately, from the Committee on the Budget. It has truly been a pleasure to work with Chairman Spratt and the many dedicated members that care passionately about getting our nation's fiscal house in order. Fighting for fiscal responsibility as a member of the Blue Dog Coalition for the past five years and pushing for a responsible budget has been an immense honor. I look forward to continuing to work hard for the people of Louisiana and our great nation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

CHARLIE MELANCON,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

JOBS FOR URBAN SUSTAINABILITY ACT

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, today, Congress passed a jobs bill. It was a small jobs bill, but it was a start.

This country needs to work on jobs. This week, I introduced an Urban Sustainability Act to direct \$10 billion of TARP money into cities with populations of 600,000 or more and with unemployment rates of 10 percent or more to put in public works projects and job training.

It is important that we realize that urban America is suffering and suf-

fering in a disproportionate way, and it is important that they get paid particular emphasis. I encourage other cosponsors—we have 9 or 10 already—to join with me, and I encourage the administration and the leadership to look at urban cities and the need for job training programs and public works programs.

Last week, Senator BERNIE SANDERS and I introduced a bill on solar for 10 billion solar photovoltaic panels on roofs and 10 billion gallons of solar water. We need to invest in solar to protect our country, our mother Earth and our resources so that we don't have as many soldiers protecting lines of transportation that are there to bring in oil from the Middle East.

I urge the strong consideration and adoption of that bill. Solar is the future, and it can protect our Nation and our mother Earth.

UNEMPLOYMENT

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

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in January, Georgia's unemployment rate hit a record-high level of 10.4 percent. There could be no clearer proof that the Democrat majority should have long ago shifted this body's focus to the economy and to jobs.

Back in Georgia, Democratic Labor Commissioner Michael Thurmond said yesterday, "I'm concerned that thousands of pending government layoffs will further cripple Georgia's struggling private job market. Our elected leadership must come together to develop a bipartisan plan that will balance the State budget and jump-start private sector hiring."

Mr. Speaker, listen to our State leaders. Unlike the current health care bill, which the Democrats are going to attempt to ram down the American people's throats without any bipartisan input, please do not bring any more legislation to the floor that will raise taxes and kill jobs. Listen to Commissioner Thurmond and work with us. Let's get our economy back on track.

A QUESTION OF JOBS

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this is a question of jobs, and I don't want tomorrow's numbers, if they happen to be showing that we have not reached the goals that we want to reach, to in any way distract from the work the Democrats are doing and that we should be doing together.

I have concerns about what we just passed as it relates to jobs, although I support the infrastructure part of the bill. I think that, if we focus on jobs, we've got to save NASA, and we've got

to ensure that we continue human spaceflight.

Then we've got to go into neighborhoods and areas where there are the chronically unemployed. We have to put up recruitment offices so that we can provide real opportunities for jobs to build America's infrastructure. We have to go to the public housing projects and make sure that those who live there can work on the rehabilitation of those projects.

Those who are chronically unemployed need to have a job in hand. They need to be able to be trained and then work. Those who are unemployed need to be able to be trained for new jobs and not lose their unemployment. We've got to put a job in the hand of the chronically unemployed. That's what I will continue to fight for. That's the legislation that I will support.

A GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, from the town halls in August of last year to the voting booths of Massachusetts, the American people have spoken. The American people don't want a government takeover of health care. Despite the President's latest polished pitch, ObamaCare 2.0 is still a government takeover of one-sixth of the American economy, and the American people know it.

The latest version of ObamaCare is a government takeover because it will mandate private citizens' purchases of health care whether they need it or want it or not. It will cause millions of employers to cancel the health insurance they currently offer employees, and it will force tens of millions of Americans into government-run exchanges. It will create a health care czar to impose price controls on private health insurance, which will lead to shortages and which will force even more people into government-run insurance.

Mr. President, government mandates, government-run insurance and more government control is a government takeover of health care.

HOUSTON CITIZENS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NASA RESOLUTION

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share a letter that I received from my friends at the Houston Citizens Chamber of Commerce. The Houston Citizens Chamber of Commerce is the oldest and largest African American Chamber of Commerce in Houston. They are strongly in support of efforts to preserve NASA's Constellation human spaceflight program.

In their letter, they stated, "The future of our Nation's long-term prosperity and national security is dependent on innovation and more young Americans being educated in the areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics."

They also stated what a source of pride and inspiration human spaceflight has been for African American children who see African American astronauts and know that the sky is not the limit.

Mr. Speaker, the Houston Citizens Chamber of Commerce understands the national value of human spaceflight. I urge my colleagues to support the Constellation program in our upcoming budget.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

GLOBAL WARMING IS A THEORY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, at first, Al Gore claimed to invent the Internet. Now it looks like he really did invent something—global warming.

The Nation had one of the coldest winters in years, including record snowfalls in the South; but the Warmers like Al Gore ignore the obvious, and still claim we are all going to perish, saying that Man is the threat to the planet. The groundhog is a better predictor of the weather than Al Gore.

Al Gore's long-winded article in The New York Times over the weekend was long on claims and short on facts. He didn't cite hard sources for his information. Like the rest of the global warming scientists, they are using fraudulent information. We are supposed to take their word for it now that basic data supporting their claims has, all of a sudden, disappeared.

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That data has been found to be fraudulent. It is no wonder that data is disappearing.

There seems to be no conclusive scientific data that proves the global warming theory. It is a theory. That is what a theory is, something that isn't proven. The Federal Government is trying to force Americans to pay a cap-and-trade national energy tax, and it is all based on this highly disputed theory of global warming.

The United Nations International Panel on Climate Change issued a report in 2007 that made all kinds of claims about global warming. The report is based on some faulty science.

Climategate started last year when a whistleblower released emails between all these global warming scientists.

The emails and other information released showed these guys had been cooking the books. It is still a huge scandal unfolding on the front pages of newspapers all over the world, especially in England.

The Climatic Research Unit at East Anglia University in England is the center of the Climategate scandal. That is where the emails were released by an anonymous whistleblower. Some emails reveal global warming scientists plotting to avoid disclosing information under the Freedom of Information Act in England, and, of course, that is against the law in England. Other email even showed this so-called scientist talking about how to manipulate the data, how to fix the outcome of their scientific experiments.

It sounds like fraud to me. Then they spread this false information around to their buddies without a proper peer review. That is how you perpetrate a hoax.

The data at the basis of all of these findings are based on the same fraudulent data from one of these small groups of scientists. If global warming is the truth, why are these scientists caught in lie after lie? If it is the truth, why would they be lying to the American people in the first place?

The British scientific community spoke out this week about and against their climate science peers. The British Institute of Physics this week said, "Unless the disclosed emails are proven to be forgeries, worrying implications arise for the integrity of the scientific research and for the credibility of the scientific method."

There is no credible proof man causes weather changes. It is a way to bilk millions of dollars out of taxpayers with a so-called carbon tax. It seems to be all about money.

Of course, Mr. Gore is heavily invested in green technology. Last year, he was proclaimed by the media to be the first green technology billionaire. That is a billionaire with a B. Al Gore has made a fortune off of global warming, and so have a lot of other people. He should have to back up his claims with hard data, not the data that has been proved to be false. He would have to prove all of the wild claims, and other scientists should have to prove these claims as well, about man being the culprit of global warming.

The fact is that global warming is not a fact. The jury is still out.

And that's just the way it is.

THE HIRING INCENTIVES TO RESTORE EMPLOYMENT ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Ms. SCHWARTZ) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Mr. Speaker, earlier today, unfortunately, I missed the vote on legislation called the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act, the HIRE Act, because I, along with several of my New Democratic Coalition

colleagues, were meeting with President Obama in the White House. I apologize for not getting back to the floor in time. I would have liked to.

But I did want to speak on the legislation because, in fact, this is an important jobs bill. It is one, I hope, of a series of jobs bills that we will pass in the House and in the Senate and get to the President's desk to move this economy forward, to enhance our economic competitiveness and create job growth, help stimulate job growth in the private sector.

This bill did pass the House of Representatives by 217-201, and I believe it will be an important step in giving America the tools to jump-start job growth. It provides tax cuts to spur investments by small businesses and it allows tens of millions of new dollars for infrastructure investment.

Specifically, this bill will grow small business investments by extending provisions included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that Congress passed in 2009 and which have been very successful in stimulating new jobs. These provisions double the amount that small businesses can immediately expense for capital investments and purchases of new equipment made in 2010 from \$125,000 to \$250,000.

The legislation also extends surface transportation programs to allow for billions more to be invested in infrastructure necessary across this country. It makes it easier for States to borrow for these infrastructure projects, such as for school construction and energy projects, and it bolsters the Highway Trust Fund to support existing highway and transit projects.

As vice chair of the House Budget Committee, I am particularly pleased that the HIRE Act is fully paid for and it does not add to the annual deficit. It is paid for by cracking down on overseas tax havens. The legislation provides the U.S. Treasury with new tools to find and prosecute U.S. individuals who hide assets overseas from the IRS.

This jobs bill provides new investments needed to get our Nation back from this economic crisis we have experienced and to stimulate job growth in the private sector by investing in small businesses and in infrastructure, and it does so in a fiscally responsible manner.

I am proud of the House's work on this legislation. I urge my Senate colleagues to pass this legislation quickly and send it to the President, and I look forward to additional legislation that we will see and help work on to produce those new jobs to rebuild this economy and to make sure that America is well positioned and well prepared for 21st century economic competitiveness in a global marketplace.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.