

the State of Connecticut, United Technologies Corporation, announced a decision to implement dependent coverage up to age 26 for their 30,000 employees and families. They took advantage of an IRS ruling which was issued April 23 to implement this change, which will make a huge difference for adult children of their workforce.

Too often at commencement ceremonies, which are taking place all across the country, kids are given a diploma and then a notice that they are coming off their parents' health insurance plan. With the health insurance reform bill, this is now a thing of the past, and UTC has set a great example for employers all across the country to implement this change as soon as possible.

Yesterday, Mohegan Sun Casino, with 10,000 employees, issued the same decision for its employees. This is going to make a difference for families and adult children. I spoke to a mother of a 22-year-old who has been hospitalized numerous times, and she was in tears. She was so excited that her daughter will be able to continue to receive the care that she needs, which otherwise would never have been available if we had not passed the health care reform bill.

STOP BAILING OUT COUNTRIES, STATES, AND COMPANIES

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

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, recently the IMF announced a giant bailout to keep Greece from defaulting, defaulting on its own debt, debt for its socialistic economy. The U.S. is the largest contributor to the IMF; therefore, we are the largest bailout source for this. That's right, Mr. Speaker, the U.S. taxpayer is now in the business of rescuing Greece from its debt crisis, which was brought on by reckless borrowing and spending to fund welfare programs.

While the U.S. is putting itself on the hook for another bailout, liberals in Washington are working hard to copycat the Greek model: taxing, spending, borrowing, and increasing entitlement programs across the board. Behind Greece are other European countries on the verge of default. Are we going to bail them out, too? And that's not to mention States like California and the many companies this government has already bailed out. Who will bail out our country when we can't borrow our way out of trouble?

Mr. Speaker, let's stop bailing out countries, States, and companies, and hold all entities, including ourselves, accountable for runaway spending.

PASS WALL STREET REFORM

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

Ms. MARKEY of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge this Con-

gress to pass meaningful Wall Street reform to protect American taxpayers from ever again being forced to bail out Wall Street banks. It's time to end "too big to fail" financial firms whose irresponsible behavior almost crashed our entire economy. And it's time to end predatory lending practices with tougher enforcement.

We must pass a bill that will end bailouts and ensure that banks and taxpayers are never again on the hook for Wall Street's risky gambles. We must act to protect families' retirement funds, college savings, homes, and small businesses, and bring transparency and accountability back to a financial system run amok.

I wasn't in Congress while some Wall Street banks were running our financial system into the ground, but I came here to clean up the mess and get America's economy back on track. So I ask my colleagues, whose side do you stand on? Do you stand with the reckless Wall Street banks or will you stand with American families? I urge my colleagues to pass this bill.

FLORIDA IS STILL OPEN FOR BUSINESS

(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, on Wednesday the U.S. Coast Guard announced that the tar balls discovered on the Florida Keys shoreline were not linked to the gulf oil spill. What does this mean? It means that Florida is still open for business.

Mr. Speaker, public beaches in my congressional district of Miami Beach and the Florida Keys are open. Their waters are warm and inviting. Charter boat captains eagerly await the opportunity to take tourists deep sea fishing. Similarly, dive shops stand by to take visitors on a tour of some of the greatest underwater treasures in this world, the Florida Keys coral reef.

For those outside of Florida, it is important to note that fresh-caught fish from our Sunshine State is just as fresh as ever, as are our stone crabs, spiny lobster, and shrimp. Recent news reports have caused a premature panic for visitors. And while it is important that coastal communities prepare for the possibility of oil coming ashore, Florida is open for business.

Come on down; the water's fine.

ARIZONA'S MISGUIDED LAW

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

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, America's immigration system is broken. Congress' failure to act has opened the doors for laws like Arizona SB 1070 that are inspired by hate and racism. Sadly, this misguided law hurts everyone who looks different, whether they are American citizens, lawful immigrants, or undocumented immigrants.

Everyone deserves the right to live free from unwarranted suspicion, but Arizona SB 1070 legalizes racial profiling, taking away our basic freedoms.

Later today, I will introduce legislation in the House to fight this law that clarifies the role of the Federal Government as the sole enforcer of immigration laws.

I urge all of you who value fairness and justice to join me in an economic boycott of Arizona and wear a red and yellow wristband in opposing this hateful law.

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

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, every day all across America right now families are sitting down at the dinner table trying to figure out how to make ends meet. Many of them have lost their jobs. Others have seen that their mortgage payments have gone up, their utility costs are going up. And you know what they are having to do? They are having to sit down and revise their budget. They are trying to figure out instead of taking a vacation if they need to go and fix the car.

What we have seen is the American people are realizing that you can't borrow and spend, borrow and spend, that someday there is a day of reckoning. And they are wondering why their government hasn't figured that out.

Last week, Republicans gave the American people an opportunity to voice their opinion about whether we should cut expenses or not; 280,000 people said we should start cutting spending. And they are going to be given an opportunity this week to express themselves as well.

Mr. Speaker, what they wonder is why Congress doesn't get the message. We saw today that the jobless rate is up to 471,000 people. People are out of work, Mr. Speaker. We need to get Americans back to work and we need to cut the spending. We need to listen to the American people.

THE SMALL BUSINESS INTERMEDIARY LENDING PILOT ACT

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

Ms. KILROY. Mr. Speaker, when I talk to people in my community, the thing that they are most concerned about are jobs and the economy. When we took office, when I was sworn in last January, we were losing jobs at an atrocious rate, over 600,000 jobs per month. Now we are seeing months of job growth and adding jobs to our economy. That's the good news.

We must continue to stay on this pathway. That's why I have supported bills like the HIRE Act to help employers add more people to their businesses, and recently filed the Small Business

Intermediary Lending Pilot Act so that people who are starting businesses and need smaller loans, in that gap between \$35,000 and \$200,000, that there can be a pilot program to set that in motion. Because when I talk to people and business people in the community, the one thing that they tell me that they really need is access to credit and access to capital.

The Small Business Intermediary Lending Pilot Act will help that. And another bill that we are working on in our Financial Services Committee, putting money into community banks to make loans to business, small business, will do just that.

READ THE ARIZONA LAW

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, administration officials are criticizing Arizona's new illegal immigration enforcement law, and they haven't read the bill. The Attorney General hasn't read it. The Secretary of Homeland Security hasn't read it. Some State Department radical compared the Arizona law to human rights violations in China, but he hadn't read the bill either. But that hasn't stopped them all from criticizing the Arizona law they know nothing about.

Mexico President Calderon spoke here today and lectured us on our illegal immigration laws. He said the Arizona law opens the door to racial profiling. If the President had read the law he would know it does nothing of the sort. In fact, in four places the law prohibits any profiling.

I wonder if President Calderon has read the law he has been criticizing. It doesn't appear he has read his own country's tough illegal immigration laws either, but he takes the time to arrogantly denounce our laws. All of these critics don't want the truth of the law to get in the way of their indignant demagoguery and political agenda.

And that's just the way it is.

IN TRIBUTE TO SGT NATHAN KENNEDY

(Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TIM MURPHY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an American hero. On April 27, the Kennedy family in the Town of Claysville, Pennsylvania, in my district, lost a son and a brother. Sergeant Nathan Kennedy was less than a month away from completing his second tour with the U.S. Army when he was fatally wounded by enemy sniper fire in Afghanistan.

Nathan Kennedy was a 2004 graduate of McGuffey High School, where he excelled as a champion wrestler. In 2006, he enlisted in the Army, and served in Iraq and Afghanistan. Sadly, he was

killed in battle on his late mother Penelope's birthday, and Nathan was laid to rest beside her this past Mother's Day.

While Sergeant Kennedy returned a few weeks too early, he returned to a grateful group of friends and neighbors standing along the flag-lined streets of Claysville to honor his sacrifice. In joining the procession, I will never forget the overwhelming solemn presence of that silent crowd. Not a sound was made during Sergeant Kennedy's procession, none but for the strut of the team of horses that pulled the caisson carrying his flag-draped coffin.

Although our hearts are heavy in remembrance of Nathan, we may rejoice, because while the small town of Claysville has lost a son, a grateful Nation has gained a hero.

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“INTELLIGENT TALK” IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

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

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to inform our colleagues that common sense has come to Washington, D.C., at least by way of the airwaves. WRC 1260 is now offering “Intelligent Talk,” which includes people like Bill Bennett, Michael Medved, Hugh Hewitt, Dennis Prager, and more.

And we all know that with the 24-hour news cycle, bloggers, talk radio, satellite radio, Facebook, and YouTube, there's no shortage of commentary out there at all. But these hosts are consistently thoughtful voices for sound public policy. They have built large audiences and broad respect not by being the loudest or most outrageous, but by consistently offering reasoned sound analysis and positive center-right solutions.

Some might think that “Intelligent Talk” in Washington, D.C., was an idea whose time would never come. Thanks to Bennett, Hewitt, Prager, Medved, and more, there is a little more common sense kicking around now in our Nation's Capital.

THE NEED TO EXTEND THE SHORT LINE RAILROAD REHABILITATION TAX CREDIT

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

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, investing in transportation and infrastructure is one of the best ways to put people back to work while increasing our global competitiveness. These investments must be made not just publicly but also by private companies. So we need to support policies that encourage private investment.

One such policy is the Short Line Railroad Rehabilitation Tax Credit,

which has been critical in boosting private investment in rail infrastructure. In Chicagoland, which suffers greatly from rail congestion, this credit has been put to good use by railroads such as the Belt Railway Company and the Indiana Harbor Belt. These railroads have made improvements that reduce congestion, boosting local business competitiveness and easing traffic on the roads.

Unfortunately, this credit expired at the end of last year. So we must act now. Let's help put people to work and improve American transportation and enhance and extend the short line tax credit.

COSTA MESA, A “RULE OF LAW” CITY

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

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to praise the courageous and responsible stand taken by the city of Costa Mesa. In stark contrast to the municipalities that have declared themselves sanctuary cities, Costa Mesa, under the leadership of Mayor Allen Mansour, has declared itself a “rule of law” city, a city where citizens and law enforcement will support, rather than undermine, our efforts to deter and enforce our immigration laws.

I am proud to represent Costa Mesa and, yes, to reside in that city. It follows Arizona in its efforts to protect the interests of the American people from the municipality up. This isn't just a job for the United States Government.

Today the citizens of the United States see their well-being threatened, whether it's their education, their health care, or the criminal justice systems on which they depend undermined by this massive, out-of-control flow of illegals into our country.

I praise those people who are taking a stand there locally, whether it's Costa Mesa or Arizona, and I think we should be taking a cue from them to do our job in Washington to watch out for the interests of the American people.

NATIONAL MEDIA IGNORE NEWS STORIES THEY DON'T LIKE

(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. Mr. Speaker, here are a few recent examples of the national media ignoring stories they don't like.

Number one, Attorney General Eric Holder has criticized Arizona's new immigration enforcement law and may file suit against it. However, during a Judiciary Committee hearing last week, the Attorney General admitted he had not even read the law. The national media largely ignored his admission.