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RIISING UNEMPLOYMENT

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

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I sat here and listened to perhaps as many as 10 Democrats do their 1-minute. And at least three of them said something that astonishes me. They said we have already created more new jobs than were created in all 8 years of the Bush administration, or some version of that. I have no idea how that could be true.

Now, I didn't check the Obama-sycophant-talking-points-dot-gov Web site, but I did everything else, and I couldn't quite find this data. Here is what I know: Last week, unemployment new claims were up to 470,000. The week before it was 478,000. The monthly average was 456,250. We have growing unemployment, not shrinking unemployment. And you don't have a category for jobs created. You have a category for jobs saved or created. That didn't exist until President Obama created that phrase.

Now if you get down to 3½ million jobs left, the President could always claim, well, that's the 3½ million I saved. Government doesn't create jobs. It gets out of the way so the private sector can, Mr. Speaker. We need a budget, and we need a budget now.

ENACT WALL STREET REFORM

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for the work being done to crack down on Wall Street and enact reform to prevent another economic collapse. We absolutely must create an environment in which corporations are held accountable to shareholders, employees, and customers.

That's why I plan to reintroduce the Federal Employees Responsible Investment Act, to add a socially responsible investment option to the Thrift Savings Plan. Making an investment in companies that are committed to corporate responsibility will have a positive impact on our financial system, and empower individuals to reward companies that share their values.

We absolutely must do everything in our power to move our economy forward, and I urge all my colleagues to support good corporate governance and legislation that ends Wall Street's gambling with our hard-earned dollars.

PASS A BUDGET

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

Mr. BOEHNER. Yesterday, President Obama asked for a new law to give him specific authority to force Congress to vote on spending cuts. He already has the ability to force Congress to consider spending cuts immediately, and we've been asking him to do it for months. With our national debt nearing some \$13 trillion, Democrats are on the verge of adding \$140 billion more this week. Why can't we start cutting spending now? And why don't we see a Democrat budget here on the floor?

President Obama and the Speaker continue to put off this important work, missing a critical opportunity to stop out-of-control spending that economists say is hurting our economy and slowing the creation of new jobs in America.

The President's fiscal commission, that won't even report until December, is a prime example of this lackluster, kick-the-can-down-the-road approach. Americans want immediate, decisive action to end Washington's out-of-control spending spree.

If President Obama is truly committed to fiscal responsibility, he will use the authority that he has under current law to force the Congress to vote immediately on his spending cuts. He should also call on Democrats in Congress to pass a real budget that reins in out-of-control Federal spending. The House has never failed to pass a budget in the modern era. And every family knows that the budget is more important, not less important, in times of a tough economy.

PASS THE AMERICAN JOBS AND CLOSING TAX LOOPHOLES ACT

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

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, today the Congressional Black Caucus, which I chair, the Asian Pacific American Caucus, the Progressive Caucus, along with the Jobs Task Force conducted a forum with the Campaign for Community Change and the Lawyers Committee on Civil and Human Rights. We had a forum to discuss a comprehensive legislative strategy to create jobs, especially for the chronically unemployed.

For example, the national unemployment rate is still way too high, over 9 percent. Yet, in the African American community it is over 16 percent. African American and Latino teens are unemployed at nearly 40 percent.

It is critical that we pass H.R. 4213, the American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act. This bill includes a summer youth jobs provision, which will put over 350,000 young people to work this summer. Our young people now are helping their families pay the rent and put food on the table. Also, summer youth jobs programs give them the essential jobs and life skills to be productive workers and employees.

Under the Obama administration, we are beginning to see signs of hope in

the economy, but we must do our part and invest in putting people back to work and pass H.R. 4213. This puts us on the right track.

DEMOCRATS' BUDGET FAILURE; REPUBLICAN SOLUTIONS

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

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, spending will reach a record \$3.8 trillion for fiscal year 2011, with \$1.6 trillion of that being money that we don't have. This same White House budget proposes \$1.8 trillion in tax increases by the year 2020.

Yet for the first time in more than 35 years, the House will fail to produce a budget. The failure of the Democratic leadership to responsibly construct a budget resolution threatens job creation, explodes spending and deficits, and intensifies America's debt crisis.

The majority must produce a budget if it is going to govern properly. House Republicans will continue to reach out to Democratic Members with solutions to boost our economy. Unfortunately, the President and his Democratic allies in the House have failed to engage Republicans on the principal issues facing our country.

My faith is in the American entrepreneur and our small businesses, not in the Federal Government, to create jobs. Give the taxpayers what they deserve, a fiscally responsible budget that spends much less, cuts taxes, and reduces our national debt.

IN HONOR OF R.H. "BOB" GOLDBERG

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

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, as Memorial Day approaches, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the brave men and women who have served in our Armed Forces and to honor the cherished memories of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our precious democratic way of life.

I also want to take a moment to honor a veteran who not only fought for his country, but returned from war and dedicated his life to helping veterans here at home. R.H. "Bob" Goldberg celebrated his 75th birthday just a few months ago, on October 8. I rise today to wish him a belated happy birthday, and thank him for his service to our Nation and for his tireless efforts on behalf of his fellow veterans in southern Nevada.

Bob has served as commander of Post 711 of the Jewish War Veterans of America, and worked for many years as an Indian Affairs Officer for the State of Nevada. Bob personified valor on the battlefield and devotion on the home front.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN OHIO

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

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, over the past year-and-a-half the administration and the majority in Congress have enacted legislation authorizing an unprecedented amount of government spending and intervention in private enterprise. I opposed many of these measures because I believed they spent money we don't have on programs that would not stimulate the economy.

An Ohio-based economist recently released a report stating that the State of Ohio has lost a staggering 587,000 jobs since 2001. In particular, the report indicated that at the end of the last decade each of Ohio's 88 counties lost employment, a total of 338,000 jobs, or 6.6 percent of all employment that year.

Specifically, my home county, Montgomery County, was one of the hardest hit counties in the State and the Nation. Over the past 9 years, Montgomery County has lost 20 percent of its total jobs and 53 percent of its manufacturing sector jobs. Today, current unemployment rates in my district for Montgomery County total over 12 percent, Clinton County over 17 percent, Highland County over 17 percent, Warren County over 9 percent.

The American people are looking for both sides to find reasonable solutions to these critical challenges. Congress needs to curb our out-of-control spending and enact bipartisan, commonsense solutions to stimulate the economy and create jobs.

SUPPORT THE LOCAL JOBS FOR AMERICA ACT

(Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, because of the policies of the last administration, the Bush administration, our Nation is going through the most difficult economic times in its history, and unemployment is around 10 percent. We must do everything we can to help create jobs, especially for those struggling to support their families. That is why I support the goals of the Local Jobs for America Act.

We need a bill that will create and save millions of public and private jobs in local communities. This bill is intended to help ensure that local communities can still operate essential services, to help prevent State and local tax increases, to stimulate local businesses, and create more jobs in the local community.

The Local Jobs for America Act is aimed to get our economy back on track and Americans back to work. We have short memories sometimes and we forget where the problem began. It did not start with this administration. It was done by the last administration.

PASS A BUDGET

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

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, as we approach Memorial Day we still have no budget. And now it appears we will not even be offered a budget resolution for the first time since the adoption of the 1974 Congressional Budget Act.

Across the country, people are hurting and being forced to cut back on their spending. An article in USA Today released today cited income from private wages fell to an all-time low during the first quarter of this year. While our private sector is losing jobs and cutting wages, the Federal Government, under the leadership of this Congress, has been irresponsibly seeking to spend trillions of dollars on a stimulus package full of pet projects, a job killing cap-and-trade proposal, and a budget-busting, if we had a budget, health proposal.

While Americans across the country are making a budget and sticking to it, I think it's time that we in Congress sit down under their leadership, make a budget, and stick to it.

Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve better.

HELP AVERAGE AMERICANS

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

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call on this Congress to put the interests of the average American ahead of corporate special interests. In this tough economy, my three top priorities are jobs, jobs, jobs. That's true for America. We must provide opportunity to everyone who is willing to work hard to make the best of their God-given ability.

There is an important piece of legislation on the House floor this week that will help to get our economy going and boost jobs. Yesterday, I visited a coffee shop in Raleigh, North Carolina, that's thriving now after getting an SBA loan from the Small Business Administration. I also visited a North Carolina high-tech company yesterday. Even in this tough economy they're growing, adding jobs, and hiring. And they're counting on the R&D tax credit.

We need to act to empower local folks on the ground and get our economy running again. It's time to put aside politics to focus on the next generation rather than the next election.

PASS A BUDGET

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

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, a government is what it spends, and a government without a budget is a

government without direction. A highly intelligent man once put it this way: "If you can't budget, you can't govern." The man responsible for those words was none other than JOHN SPRATT, the Democratic chairman of the House Budget Committee. He made that statement 4 years ago.

Likewise, 4 years ago now-House Majority Leader STENY HOYER said, "Enacting a budget is the most basic responsibility of governing."

Mr. Speaker, in the interest of bipartisanship let me just strongly affirm the sentiments of my Democrat colleagues in this case. As we now find ourselves well over a month past the April 15 budget deadline, with essentially no progress to be shown on any budget, something that hasn't happened in 35 years, truly this tax-and-spend Democrat majority is failing the most basic responsibility of governing and is categorically demonstrating its inability to govern in any responsible way.

Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve better.

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NATIONAL SECURITY

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, Democrats have stepped up the fight against terrorists and are getting real results that make Americans safe. Democrats are strengthening our security by restoring America's global leadership. We have ended torture. We are working with our allies and are getting countries like Pakistan to cooperate in the fight against terrorism. We have increased funding for counterintelligence activities and human intelligence collection. We have enhanced cybersecurity efforts and bolstered aviation, ports, and border security.

We are ensuring troops, veterans, and their families have the support they need on the battlefield and when they come home. That means state-of-the-art equipment and body armor and mine-resistant vehicles that they need to bring them home safely. And we have also made historic investments in our veterans' health care and improved the benefits they have earned when they return home. And we passed a GI Bill for a new generation so that our troops and their family members will have access to a quality education.

Mr. Speaker, Democrats are making America stronger.

CONGRESS NEEDS TO PASS A BUDGET

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to perform one