

with the health care bill, where they refused to ask the American people what they wanted and then refused to tell them what was in the bill. Remember? Pass the bill and you will find out what's in it.

Now we have a new rendition of "don't ask, don't tell." Don't ask us what our budget is, we don't know what it is, and we won't tell you what's in it. Wait until after the year is over and we add up all the debt and we add up all the deficits and we add up all the taxes and we add up all the spending.

Mr. Speaker, it's time for the Democrats to get rid of their legislative policy of "don't ask, don't tell." Let's be truthful with the American people and tell them what we are doing to them.

HEALTH CARE LAW IS HURTING SMALL BUSINESSES

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

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, like millions of small business owners across the country, Zach Hoffman had been duped into believing his office furniture store would qualify for the small business tax credit under ObamaCare.

Imagine his surprise when after analyzing the numbers, he discovered he would receive zero assistance with the nearly \$80,000 in health care premiums he pays for his 24 employees. By Hoffman's calculation, he would need to cut his staff to 10 employees and drastically lower wages to be eligible for the tax credit that the Obama administration previously touted as a lifeline for businesses with less than 25 employees. After seeing his premiums rise 15 percent this year, Hoffman rightly feels his government has ripped him off and eloquently described the situation as a bait and switch.

Mr. Speaker, how many promises will ObamaCare have to break with the American people before we repeal this disastrous legislation? Remember when it passed, 52 percent of Americans were against it. Today 63 percent want it repealed.

WHERE'S THE BUDGET?

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

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, we have been asking all afternoon, where's the budget? We have even sent out bloodhounds trying to find this budget.

Mr. Speaker, in 2006, Congressman STENY HOYER, who is now the House Majority Leader, was quoted as saying enacting a budget was "the most basic responsibility of governing." And Congressman JOHN SPRATT, who is now the chairman of the House Budget Committee said, "If you can't budget, you can't govern."

Now, we are a month past the deadline and Speaker PELOSI and the Democratic leadership are showing no signs

of complying with the law and coming forward with a budget for fiscal year 2011. Without a budget, there is no procedural enforcement mechanism to constrain spending. With the administration increasing nondefense discretionary spending by 84 percent since taking office, I fear that without a budget our national debt will continue to spiral out of control.

Mr. Speaker, this will be first time since the Budget Act was enacted that the House will not have passed a budget. We want to know, Mr. Speaker, where is the budget?

CONGRESS NEEDS TO CONTROL FEDERAL SPENDING

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

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, let me just reiterate what my good friend from Virginia said. The Budget chairman here in the U.S. House of Representatives said, "If you can't budget, you can't govern." Let's take him at his word. I think everybody on this side of the aisle believes that that is very true.

It's becoming increasingly clear, however, that House Democrats cannot come up with a budget. American families come up with a budget, but continually Democrats sidestep it and show no progress towards trying to even attempt to create a budget.

This Congress has set upon an agenda where it's the first time since 1974 where there will be no budget passed in the House of Representatives. Without a budget, there are no controls in place to rein in this spending. It's a sign that Congress lacks the leadership to set a framework to limit spending or control entitlement growth.

Not passing a budget resolution sends a message to the American taxpayers that Congress is not serious about addressing the fiscal crisis we have here and they are unable to meet the challenges of uncontrolled spending. While the Democrat leadership talks a good game, we have yet to see any action.

PROTECT LOUISIANA MARSHES FROM CATASTROPHE

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

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, it's been a month now, over a month, since oil has been spewing into the Gulf of Mexico from the Deepwater Horizon well explosion.

And now 2 weeks after our Governor submitted a request to the Federal Government for a plan that we put on the table to protect our marsh from oil coming in, we still have not heard one word from the President, 2 weeks after the request was made. This isn't something that BP can approve; this is something that only requires Federal approval and the Federal Government

is standing in the way of our leaders on the ground protecting our marsh.

Where is the President? Does he not understand the magnitude of what is probably the worst environmental disaster in the country? And then we get mixed messages from his various Cabinet secretaries who come down and they say, looks like they are satisfied with the coordination going on.

They need to come down to New Orleans. The President needs to come down to New Orleans and actually help us and do his job.

We are tired of them talking like John Wayne and acting like Pee-wee Herman. It's time to step up.

TAX DAY AND NO CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET

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

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, you know, it was on January 10, 1984, when Clara Peller first said those now famous words, "Where's the beef?"

Well, the American public across this country is asking this Democrat Congress, where's the budget? Yes, they are spending, spending that's out of control, almost \$2 trillion by this new Democrat majority. Yes, there are taxes, almost \$700 billion in new taxes. Yes, there are new deficits, deficits, but larger than we have ever seen in the history of this country. But where's the budget?

Yes, we have heard the chairman, the Democrat chairman of the Budget Committee now famously saying a Congress that cannot pass the budget is a Congress that cannot govern. How true? But we also heard Speaker PELOSI say that the inability to pass a budget hurts American children.

Well, Mr. Speaker, where is your budget?

MAJORITY'S FAILURE TO PASS BUDGET RESOLUTION THIS YEAR REPRESENTS MISSED OPPORTUNITY

(Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, the majority's failure to pass a budget resolution this year represents a missed opportunity to provide fiscal discipline that is needed to create new job growth in our economy.

Since President Obama was sworn into office, congressional Democrats have increased spending by nearly \$1.8 trillion, including the failed stimulus bill and the government takeover of health care. To account for the spending binge, the President and the majority have enacted more than \$670 billion in tax increases and pushed our Nation's debt to an unprecedented \$14.2 trillion. That's \$14.2 trillion.

Yet the spending continues. This week the House is scheduled to consider another massive spending bill

that will do little to create jobs but will, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, raise the deficit by \$133 billion.

As spending continues to spiral out of control in Washington, the failure of congressional Democrats to present a fiscally responsible budget demonstrates a complete lack of leadership on the part of the majority.

FOX NEWS SHOULD REPORT CORRECT FACTS ON PENSION LEGISLATION

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

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I am going to veer off this message. We are supposed to be talking about where's the budget, and I guess I wonder where the budget is.

But I have to tell you, I think as a Republican, I am supposed to love Fox News and hate MSNBC. Now, I am going to tell you I do hate MSNBC, but something just happened on Fox News that compelled me to come to the floor. They have run this diagram, and it really is, I think, blaspheming my good friend, PAT TIBERI from Ohio, and indicating that there are nine Republicans who are supporting a bill that will bail out unions.

Well, that's nonsense, and I don't know who the pinheaded weenie is at Fox News that decided to put that story together, but the true facts of this piece of legislation are as follows. This bill will save the taxpayers by saying to those corporations that have union pension plans, if you find yourselves in a bind, rather than thrusting that upon the taxpayer, it spreads out over 5 years the ability to bring those pension plans up to speed.

That's good government. It's a good bill. It's a good Tiberi bill. And I don't know what they are doing at Fox News, but they should stop smoking it and get back to reporting the facts.

PENSION BILL IS NOT GOVERNMENT BAILOUT

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

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise too, as the gentleman from Ohio did, to be grossly off message.

The bill in question is H.R. 3936. What it does is good government. It allows employers the space they need to make sure they meet the pension obligations that they have to their workers.

It is not a government bailout. Taxpayer funds are not involved unless, of course, these institutions, these unions and their pension plans, fail. It is a wonderful idea by my colleague, PAT TIBERI. It is endorsed by many, many business groups, and I would hope that over the course of the coming hours the truth will out.

Again, you can't always believe what you see on TV, except that it was a very handsome likeness of Congressman LATOURETTE that appeared on Fox News.

DEADLINE HAS PASSED FOR ANNUAL BUDGET RESOLUTION

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

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, over a month has gone by since the April 15 deadline for Congress to pass its annual budget resolution. House Democrats, though, haven't even bothered to offer up a proposal. But without a budget resolution, it is still clear Democrats will go on spending unbelievable sums of money, as if a \$940 billion health care bill, a \$787 billion failed stimulus bill, and teeing up more permanent bailout authority weren't enough. House Democrats are going to spend another \$200 billion this week on another massive spending bill.

The majority of this is not offset by other spending cuts in the budget. This latest spending spree will increase our annual deficit by \$134 billion.

To the extent that there is any budgeting here in Washington at all, we are budgeting for bankruptcy. The Congressional Budget Office predicts that our debt will rise to an alarming 90 percent of GDP by the end of this decade.

This is unsustainable and puts us in the same territory as the country of Greece. Having already spent trillions of dollars, we are not even trying to budget for the next year.

This is unacceptable. Americans don't handle their checkbooks this way and neither should Congress.

THE DEFICIT

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

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I stand before the House today to talk about when I was making the decision whether or not to run for office, my wife and I talked about it. We had young children and were concerned about what a campaign and being in Washington back and forth would do to our children.

We talked about the \$400 billion budget deficit in 2007 and 2008 and not what it would do to our children if I ran for office, but what we could do for our children, and our children's children, and their friends, and their future.

And, now, the \$400 billion budget deficit is the point, the decimal point on the current budget deficit, \$1.4 trillion. The budget that has been presented says it is going to go up double in 5 years and triple in 10.

So I am here to work for my children and their future, and we need to ask ourselves every time a spending bill comes forward, is this worth borrowing

from our children and our grandchildren's future to spend this money?

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CUMMINGS). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 5145, by the yeas and nays;
House Resolution 1258, by the yeas and nays;

House Resolution 1382, de novo;
House Resolution 584, de novo.

Proceedings on H.R. 3885 will resume later.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

ASSURING QUALITY CARE FOR VETERANS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5145, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 5145, as amended.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 413, nays 2, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 294]

YEAS—413

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