

The small business lending package we passed earlier this month provides small business penalty relief and \$3.5 billion in tax incentives for innovation and growth, and it gives community banks the lending leverage they need to help small businesses keep their doors open and create jobs.

This legislation is essential for businesses in my district and across our country. I hope our colleagues in the Senate see the importance of its immediate passage.

AMERICA SPEAKING OUT

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, I'm here to speak about a program called America Speaking Out. You can put that into Google, "America Speaking Out," and go to YouTube, in which Kevin McCarthy explains it in a little bit more detail.

But the idea behind it is to ask the American people what would they like on their agenda, what do we need to be doing in Washington. Because one of the big complaints I get back home is, you know, You folks are up there and you seem to be in a bubble. You ignore what we want to do; you attach things to bills that don't belong there, and then you force through legislation and it's out of sync with the American people.

So the idea of America Speaking Out is to give the grassroots voters back home a little bit of an opportunity, and more of an opportunity than they get now, to be heard. And you can weigh in on the Web page and say, I want you to work on education as your top priority; I want you to bring the budget in, cut spending, top priority; I want you to finish up in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Whatever it is, we seek the input of the American people so that the Republican Party can work on an agenda.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGADIER GENERAL HARRY C. ADERHOLT

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

Mr. ADERHOLT. Madam Speaker, I would like to pay tribute today to Brigadier General Harry C. "Heinie" Aderholt, a true America hero and one of the founders of the United States Air Force Special Operations. On May 20 of this year, I and many others across the State and across the Nation were saddened to hear about the passing of General Aderholt.

Heinie, as he was affectionately known by all those who knew him and loved him, began his military service with the United States Army Air Corps in 1942 and retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1976. General Heinie Aderholt will be remembered for his valor, his character, and his strength. It was an

honor to have known him as a relative, friend, and great American patriot, and his leadership will be missed by all who knew him. His influence for good for all Americans will live on.

A memorial service will be held at Hurlburt Air Park at Fort Walton Beach, Florida, on July 2, 2010, at 9 a.m. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Anne; his daughter, Janet; and son, George, and all of their family.

Thank you, Heinie, for all you did for America.

HONORING DAVID TAYLOR MILLER

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

Mr. MURPHY of New York. I rise today with the very sad duty of reporting the tragic passing of U.S. Army Private First Class David Taylor Miller. Miller was killed in action by a suicide bomber who detonated an explosive device at a checkpoint Miller was guarding in Kunar Province of Afghanistan on Monday, June 21, 2010.

Taylor was just 19 years old, having graduated from Saratoga Springs High School in 2009. Despite his young age, his contributions to this world exceeded those of many people many times his age. The loss of so young a life is truly heart wrenching.

This tragic news comes as our community is still reeling from the loss of another young hero just last week.

Whether on the football field or on the battlefield, Taylor was a leader. He showed the strength and bravery that makes this Nation great. My heart goes out to his parents.

This true American hero made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of his Nation, and we owe him our eternal gratitude.

While it is moments like these that bring the true cost of our freedoms to the forefront of the public discussion, it is imperative that each and every one of us never forget what's at stake. We must always remember the hardships, suffering, bravery, and sacrifices for the families of those who serve our Armed Forces.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Miller family during this tough time.

WE NEED TO GET THE DEFICIT UNDER CONTROL

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

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Before coming to the floor, I was with two couples from back home. Lisa and Fred Koetting and George and Jeanette Coiner and their grandchildren were up here visiting. Mr. Coiner said his goal in life is to make sure he helps leave a country that is better for his grandchildren than the one that his parents bequeathed to him.

They are, like all of us, so worried about the deep debt this country is amassing each day, \$10 trillion of new debt over the next decade if these spending plans go forward. On top of a failed stimulus bill, on top of the 2,000-page health care bill no one read, this week Congress is going to take up an almost 2,000-page bill that will institutionalize bailout and, I think, harm our economy.

We don't have a budget for the first time in 40 years, and this week they're going to make up budget numbers. We're not going to have a vote on it, not have a debate. We haven't funded our troops in Afghanistan and Iraq. They need money, but it's hung up because people here want to spend it on other things.

We've got to get this deficit under control. We have to do it or we're putting an anchor around our children's necks.

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URGENT ECONOMIC LEGISLATION

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

Mr. DEUTCH. Madam Speaker, for years, reckless Republican economic policies and lax oversight of the financial industry led to an historic economic collapse for which everyday Americans are still paying the price, but now we are beginning to turn the corner.

Today, we are creating jobs, not losing jobs. The unemployment rate is beginning to fall, and confidence is rising.

Just as we are beginning to grow this economy, Republicans are prepared to stop the recovery in its tracks by blocking desperately needed job creation legislation. If we don't act now, the bedrock of our communities—our teachers and police and firefighters—will be laid off. Yet Republicans have blocked needed emergency aid to State and local governments.

If we don't act now, unemployment assistance will be cut off for so many of our citizens—for the mothers and fathers who only want to find work to support their families. If we don't act now, up to 300,000 teachers will be fired.

Instead of punishing the unemployed teachers and police, Republicans must stop blocking this urgent economic legislation. The time to act is now.

PAKISTAN

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

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, late last month, extremist Islamist militants attacked two Ahmadiyya mosques in the central Pakistani city of Lahore—with guns, grenades and suicide bombs—killing 94 people and injuring well over 100. The attackers

claimed to be members of the Punjab Taliban. The victims are members of a minority Muslim sect, who, as a result of their beliefs, have been branded heretics who should be killed.

I urge my colleagues to join with me to condemn this hateful act and to express our sincerest condolences to the families of those killed and to those still living in fear in Pakistan because of their sincerely held beliefs. These cowardly assaults on people of prayer are attacks against people of all faiths, and these assaults cannot be tolerated.

It is time to pass House Resolution 764, which expresses the importance of interreligious dialogue and the protection of religious freedom and related human rights for persons of all faiths and nationalities in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.

HOLDING BIG OIL ACCOUNTABLE

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

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Madam Speaker, the Republican Party's mantra of "drill, baby, drill" dropped from sight almost as fast as the Deepwater Horizon oil rig. Yet the fact is, while this was the worst ecological catastrophe in American history and an accident, it was also an inevitability. It was inevitable because, for 8 years, the Cheney-Bush administration allowed Big Oil to operate with almost complete disregard for the protection of our environment.

So I am proud of the fact that President Obama and the Democratic Party are now holding BP accountable for all of the costs of the cleanup and for the devastating impact on the local economy in the gulf. I am also proud of the fact that they are holding Big Oil accountable to explore and produce domestic energy on already leased lands at competitive prices in a clean and safe manner.

The gulf coast catastrophe underscores the need for comprehensive energy and climate reform to rein in Big Oil and to reduce our reliance on dirty fossil fuels and foreign sources of oil. It is what the Democratic Party wants. More importantly, it is what the American people need and want. Let's pass an energy reform bill now.

HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM

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

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, just months ago, the President signed the historic health care reform law, and thanks to the Affordable Health Care Act, Americans are already seeing benefits from the reform.

First, our seniors on Medicare part D have begun receiving \$250 rebate checks when they fall into the doughnut hole so that they are receiving help

when they most need it. Second, the new law requires that health care insurers offer dependent coverage to allow children, up to age 26, to remain on their parents' policies, and that plan has been implemented by most policies.

Just today, the Department of Health and Human Services announced it would begin accepting applications for the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program to help early retirees get affordable coverage. Later this summer, Americans with preexisting conditions will be able to get insurance at affordable rates.

Now, we know that there are some who want to repeal all of these provisions and who want to take these benefits away from American families, but we remain dedicated to health care reform, which has expanded coverage to all Americans, and we are going to make sure that the law remains in effect.

TAMPA POLICE OFFICERS FATALLY SHOT

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

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of my community and home in Tampa, Florida, to mourn the deaths of two Tampa police officers who were fatally shot in the line of duty early this morning.

Officers David Curtis and Jeffrey Kocab simply were doing their jobs when they pulled over a car in what appeared to be a routine traffic stop at 2:15 a.m. this morning, but someone in the car was wanted on an arrest warrant. Demonstrating just how truly dangerous these jobs are for those who protect us, this stop was not routine. The officers were shot at close range, and later died at Tampa General Hospital.

Officer Curtis leaves behind a wife, Kelly, and four young sons. Officer Kocab leaves behind a wife, Sara, who is 9 months pregnant and is expected to deliver next week. Both of these young men were only 31 years old.

So I join the Tampa Police Department, Chief Jane Castor, Mayor Pam Iorio, and the entire city of Tampa in mourning the senseless loss of these two young community heroes.

EXTENDING EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

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

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, we must extend the emergency unemployment benefits. Why? Because the program is structured to assist those who are looking for work.

If you are not looking for work, you don't get the extension of benefits. Why? Because 1.7 million people will

lose their emergency benefits in 4 days if we do not act now.

Over 100,000 will lose their benefits in the State of Texas in 4 days if we do not act now. Why? Because, for every dollar that we spend on unemployment benefits—emergency benefits, I might add—we turn over \$1.63 in economic activity.

Finally, we must do it because, but for the grace of God, there go I and because Dr. King was right. Life is an inescapable network of mutuality, tied to a single garment of destiny. What impacts one directly impacts all indirectly. It has an impact on all of us. We benefit when we spend the money.

FINANCIAL REFORM

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

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, when you buy a car, you expect to put a key in the ignition and go. When you eat at your favorite restaurant, you expect a memorable meal.

When the California Public Employees' Retirement System invested in mortgage funds with AAA ratings, it expected a safe, steady return. Instead, it lost \$1 billion when subprime mortgages, which were hidden in the funds, unraveled—wiping out the pensions of millions of public employees and leaving taxpayers high and dry.

The Wall Street reform bill ensures this won't happen again. It ends taxpayer bailouts. It lets investors know what they are buying, and it makes sure banks are never too big to fail. That is why I am backing this bill, and am helping those 1.6 million California retirees and countless others across America.

A vote against this bill is only a vote for the big banks that got us in the mess in the first place.

TRADE

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

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to encourage our leadership to expand our trade opportunities and to grow our economy by calling up and passing our pending free trade agreements.

Just this week, President Obama reaffirmed his commitment to passing the Korea Free Trade Agreement. I applaud the President for this effort.

Korea, Colombia and Panama hold great economic potential for our country, especially for agricultural regions, such as the region I represent in the San Joaquin Valley.

Still, while these trade agreements languish, our farmers continue to face high tariffs in these countries—some as high as 80 percent. Worse yet, many of our international competitors in the European Union and in Canada are expanding market opportunities by signing their own trade agreements and by