

much we stand to gain with the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act.

This bill will save taxpayer funds and increase transparency by making Federal agencies accountable for the money they spend. I'm telling my constituents right now, we are cutting wasteful spending, and we have a powerful new tool to do it.

MOST AMERICANS WANT TO DRILL IN DEEP WATER

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the American people are opposed to the administration's ban on deepwater drilling. Almost three-quarters of American people, 73 percent, say the ban is not necessary. But in spite of the will of most Americans, in spite of two court rulings that say that the moratorium is arbitrary, capricious, and punitive, the administration is determined to kill jobs in the deepwater industry.

You just can't hit the pause button on the gulf coast economy. The President's moratorium on drilling is destroying lives, and good people are being put out of work on purpose by this administration. These aren't statistics. These are real people, hard-working people. How do they pay their mortgage and buy their groceries and put gasoline in their car?

On Friday, one of the world's biggest drilling companies had to move another deepwater rig to the Middle East and out of the Gulf of Mexico because of this moratorium. All of the good-paying jobs are going with it.

Mr. Speaker, the moratorium on drilling is the second disaster in the Gulf of Mexico, and it's brought to us by this administration.

And that's just the way it is.

UNEMPLOYMENT

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

Mr. SIREs. Mr. Speaker, right now 15 million out-of-work Americans are relying on Congress to work together and immediately extend unemployment benefits to help them make ends meet while they're looking for a full-time job. Right now the unemployment in my State of New Jersey is 9.7 percent, with nearly half a million out of work. Now is not the time to stall in providing assistance to those who need it most.

Earlier this month, the House passed a bill to restore emergency unemployment benefits for unemployed Americans and their families through the end of November. The Senate must now follow our lead and act swiftly in passing an extension of benefits to send to the President's desk. Doing so would not only provide a much-needed lifeline for jobless Americans and their families, but it makes economic sense.

The CBO has suggested that extending unemployment benefits is one of the most cost-effective and fast-acting ways to stimulate the economy. It is our duty to act now and provide relief for millions of unemployed Americans and their families.

BROKEN GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, let's get real. The real deal is government is broken.

I'm always thankful to go back to the district and hear from our constituents, but you know what I'm hearing? The government's broken, and the American people are sick and tired of it. So am I. They're tired of partisan games and business as usual. So am I.

Why can't we work together to solve this country's problems? Why can't we get it right? Why are we not listening to the American public? Why? That's the big question the American people are asking. Why can't we, as Members and Representatives of this great country and each and every district that we represent, stand here together on this floor in this House and work together to solve the problems that this Nation is facing? It's about freedom. It's about jobs. It's about our country. It's about our people. It's about our children and our grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, let's listen to the American people. This government is broken.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

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

Mr. WILSON of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, by July 17, more than 112,000 people in the State of Ohio will lose unemployment benefits due to the Senate's inaction. For out-of-work families, these benefits help pay the rent, they buy food, and they pay for health care when there isn't a paycheck coming in.

During these tough economic times, extending unemployment benefits is one of the most efficient and fast-acting ways to stimulate our economy. That is why on July 1, I voted in favor of the 6-month unemployment benefits extension, which would continue benefits until November 30.

With the Ohio unemployment rate growing to 11 percent in June, this emergency relief is absolutely necessary for Ohio, and I will continue to fight for the passage of a long-term unemployment package. I urge my colleagues in the Senate to pass the 6-month extension immediately. The time to act is now.

YOUCUT

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, seven proposals have been brought to this floor for a vote directly from participants in the interactive forum YouCut. These proposals are commonsense cost savers of the people's money. House Republicans have listened to the will of the people and have voted to save billions by reforming Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, by selling excess Federal lands, and by preventing taxpayer subsidized union activities. Yesterday, the House had another opportunity to save money by getting rid of promotional stimulus signs.

A year and a half after the spending stimulus passed, unemployment has risen to 10 percent, as the so-called stimulus has failed to create jobs. But liberals cleverly came up with propaganda to push Americans on this failed policy at a cost of up to \$10,000 a sign. Stimulus signs are nationwide. If we eliminated this waste, \$20 million could be saved. When it comes to wasteful Washington spending, all signs point to the stimulus.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DOES NOT DISCOURAGE THE JOB SEARCH

(Mrs. MALONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, unemployment benefits are a necessary lifeline for jobless workers trying to make ends meet and also provide a boost to the economy. These benefits are crucial when there are five job seekers for every available job. Unemployment benefits keep workers attached to the workforce, preventing some workers from shifting to other more costly programs, such as Social Security disability insurance.

By the end of 2010, the Joint Economic Committee estimates that 290,000 unemployed disabled workers will exhaust their benefits. Shifting these workers from the labor market and onto the Social Security disability insurance rolls—the cost of inaction—is a staggering \$24.2 billion lifetime cost, contrasted with \$721.3 million this year by extending the benefits.

Extending unemployment benefits is both morally right and the fiscally responsible thing to do, providing a boost to the economy and a savings to the government.

IT'S TIME TO CUT UP THE CREDIT CARD

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

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Mr. Speaker, the Democratic leadership got their credit

card bill yesterday, and it wasn't a pretty picture. The Treasury Department announced that the Federal deficit for 2010 hit the trillion-dollar mark at the end of June. That's a staggering amount, and that's not all. There are still 3 months to go in this year. The only time the Federal deficit has ever reached this level was last year.

You know, the American people know, when you hit your spending limit, you stop spending, but President Obama and the Democratic leadership in Congress don't seem to get it. They've taken the Nation on an unprecedented spending spree that's hurting economic growth, slowing job creation, and putting an incredible burden on our future generations.

We have a trillion-dollar deficit, but Congress doesn't even have a budget or a plan. Running deficits of \$1 trillion or more is completely unsustainable. We've got to cut up these credit cards and stop this reckless spending. It's not just something we should do; it's what we have to do. The future of our Nation depends on it.

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HONORING RANDA FLINN

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

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Randa Flinn, a teacher at Northeast High School in Oakland Park, Florida. Mrs. Flinn was selected as one of only 10 Society for Science & the Public fellows in the entire country. She earned this honor for her hard work inspiring excellence in scientific thinking and research among her students.

The SSP fellowship includes an award of \$8,500 for Mrs. Flinn to use directly in her classroom and full support to attend a Fellows Institute here in Washington, where I will have the personal pleasure of thanking her for her contributions to our schools and our community.

My mother was a public school teacher, and I personally know how hard they work to help our children learn and grow. And that's why Mrs. Flinn and her actions in shaping our future leaders and scientists of our country and her efforts are an inspiration to all of us.

Thank you to Randa Flinn and to all the teachers in south Florida.

FY 2010 EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL

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

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, enough is enough. The Democrats' failure to lead is now putting a strain on the troops by refusing to pass a clean emergency supplemental war

bill. Yesterday, the Pentagon announced that it's putting together an emergency plan in case Congress fails to do its job and does not pass the upcoming supplemental. If the Democrats continue to play political games with this bill, the Pentagon will not be able to make payroll for active duty troops at war. This is a disgrace.

Funding our troops is a national priority. Our brave men and women in uniform do not deserve to suffer because the majority party cannot agree on the precise amount of pork they want to put into this wartime supplemental bill.

We need to pass a clean supplemental, and we need to do it today. I'm tired of excuses, tired of the bickering. Let's put aside election day politics and do the right thing for the troops.

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE

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

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, the people of New Mexico's First Congressional District are deeply saddened by the tragic shooting that took place at the Emcore manufacturing plant in Albuquerque on Monday morning.

In a brutal act of workplace domestic violence, six community members were victimized, including Michele Turner and Sharon Cunningham, who were killed, and four others who were wounded.

This kind of tragedy is every community's nightmare, but this tragedy must also recommit all of us to confronting and preventing the serious problem of domestic violence to insure that a tragedy like this never happens again.

We are grateful for the heroic actions of the many Emcore employees, as well as Albuquerque's police and first responders who arrived on scene within minutes of the first call, and some of whom rushed into the active shooter situation without waiting for back up.

We hold the victims in our hearts. We pray for all touched by this, and we will find the strength as a community to come together and overcome.

IT'S TIME FOR NEW IDEAS

(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, in the worst economy in a quarter of a century, American families are hurting. Businesses are struggling in the city and on the farm. And that's obvious to almost everyone in this country, except the Obama administration.

Remarkably, yesterday the White House issued a report saying that the stimulus bill passed a year and a half ago had "saved or created 2.5 to 3.6 million jobs."

As my three teenagers might say to me in like circumstances: Really, 2.5 to

3.6 million jobs? Unemployment was 7.5 percent when the stimulus was passed. It's 9.5 percent today.

It's important the American people know that the report issued by the administration yesterday isn't even based on actual numbers. It comes from what economists within the administration say is a highly inflated projection of how much economic growth is created for every government dollar that's spent.

The facts come from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. They speak for themselves. Since the stimulus was enacted, more than 3 million jobs have been lost in this country, a net job loss of 2.4 million jobs.

Enough with the talk. The stimulus bill has failed. It's time for new ideas, across-the-board tax relief, and fiscal discipline now.

FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM

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

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of today's flood insurance reform legislation, but also to express my deep frustration with FEMA's decision to increase flood insurance rates for many residents of Stockton, California.

Prior to issuing new flood maps last year for central Stockton, FEMA encouraged residents to purchase flood insurance early so they could take advantage of the lower-cost preferred rates. In May, FEMA decided to extend those preferred rates for 2 years, a welcome decision.

But for reasons that remain difficult to understand, FEMA delayed the effective date of extension until January of 2011, effectively creating a donut hole in the availability of preferred rate coverage. As a result, residents who must renew their policies before the end of the year are suffering rates many times higher than what they expected, placing a serious burden on family budgets.

I urge FEMA, in the strongest possible terms, to allow Stockton residents to renew their policies without delay.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5114, FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM PRIORITIES ACT OF 2010

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1517 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1517

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5114) to extend the authorization for the national flood insurance program, to identify priorities essential to reform and ongoing stable functioning of the program, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be