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THE BITTER FEUD BETWEEN THE WHITE HOUSE AND AMERICAN BUSINESSES

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

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, last week a bitter feud erupted in Washington, and it wasn't your typical partisan spat between liberals and conservatives, or even Democrats and Republicans. The fight was between the White House and American businesses.

Since when, Mr. Speaker, has it been acceptable for American employers and the White House to be on opposing teams? How can we expect American businesses of all sizes to get the economy back on track when they have become so frustrated by the ideological and anti-competitive agenda coming out of Washington?

To fend off criticism from business groups, including the NFIB, the White House has embarked on a summer PR campaign in an attempt to show that they are not, in fact, anti-business. But even the best PR operations aren't outfitted with time machines.

Over the past 18 months, stimulus, cap-and-trade, health care and FinReg have contributed to a perfect storm of uncertainty and debt, forcing American businesses to hunker down and hoard capital, rather than hire more workers.

Mr. Speaker, American businessmen and women aren't just a part of our economy or some constituency to be dealt with. They are our economy.

TRICKLE DOWN ECONOMICS IS BACK

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Well, trickle down economics is back. It worked so well before.

We just heard the minority leader: Tax cuts will solve everything. Tax cuts targeted toward the wealthiest among us, the super rich, will have a trickle down effect that will put people back to work and lower the deficit.

That's kind of magic, isn't it?

The Republicans forget that one-half of the so-called stimulus, nearly one-half, was tax cuts. Didn't put anybody back to work. Most people don't know they got them. Eight bucks a week out of your lower withholding.

And guess what?

We borrowed all that money. It will be paid back for 30 years. Now they want to borrow more.

There's two sides to solving the deficit problem in this country. Cut unnecessary spending and, yes, the wealthiest among us are going to have to pay a little bit of their fair share by repealing the Bush tax cuts on those folks.

They want to deny that. They want to say, oh, we can have the cake and eat it too. We'll lower revenues and we'll balance the budget.

Now, if you eliminated the entire Federal Government, except for about 60 percent of the Pentagon, no justice, no prisons, no border patrol, nothing, you still wouldn't get to balance. You have to deal with revenue.

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DON'T LET THE TAX CUTS EXPIRE

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

Mr. PENCE. This is a difficult time in the life of our Nation. The American people are focused on jobs. But given the recent political rhetoric from the White House and what we just heard about letting tax cuts expire, one thing is clear: Democrats in Washington still don't get it. It's amazing.

In the midst of the worst economy in 25 years, Democrats are actually talking about embracing the largest tax increase in American history. You know, I don't know anybody back in Indiana who thinks they pay too little in taxes. The American people deserve to know that should Democrats get their way, every income tax bracket will increase on January 1, 2011. Every single one.

You know, you don't raise taxes on every American taxpayer during the worst recession in 25 years. Here's our commitment: As we did on their government takeover of health care, their national energy tax, and their failed stimulus policy, Republicans are going to stand in the gap against their job-killing agenda. We will protect taxpayers from the largest tax increase in American history with everything we've got. The American people know Washington doesn't tax too little; Washington spends too much. And Republicans are on the side of the American people.

PASS THE DREAM ACT

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

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, there are hundreds of thousands of children in our country, cheerleaders on a high school cheerleading squad, members of the high school football team, students who work hard and play by the rules, get ready for college, and yet they are unable to ever enter the workforce legally or go to college. Why? Because their parents violated the law and brought them here when they were 1 or 2 or 3 years old.

The DREAM Act will address and help these hundreds of thousands of de facto Americans who in most cases don't even have a memory of another country, and frequently don't even speak any other language other than English fluently.

Regardless of where one is on the larger issue of immigration reform, surely we should not visit the sins of the parents upon the children. In no other area of law do we do this, nor should we with regard to immigration.

The bipartisan DREAM Act would recognize the hundreds of thousands of de facto Americans as actual Americans. It catches up with where people already are and helps our Nation be able to benefit from the hard work and study of these wonderful Americans. I call upon my colleagues to pass the DREAM Act.

VOTE ON CONTRIBUTING TO THE IMF

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

Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS. Mr. Speaker, Margaret Thatcher once said, "The problem with socialism is that eventually you run out of other people's money." It's true. And we see it in Europe today. Greece and others in the European Union have spent their way into bankruptcy, and unfortunately we are following in the same path. They're requesting \$300 billion from the IMF.

What most people in America don't realize is America is the largest contributor to the IMF, so we are really underwriting a European bailout. I have introduced a resolution in Congress calling for an up-or-down vote by Congress on this proposal. And I posted my idea on America Speaking Out.

Right now any citizen can go to America Speaking Out to discuss and vote on this idea. I encourage them to vote "yes" and to spread the word to others. Let's keep the momentum going.

SOCIAL SECURITY'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. One in every four American households relies on Social Security, including 33.5 million retirees, 7.8 million disabled workers, and 4.2 million children. Its benefits are modest. The average retiree benefit is about \$14,000 a year, less than \$12,000 for women retirees, but essential. One in four retirees depends on Social Security for almost all of their income.

On August 14, Social Security turns 75 years old. It has never missed a check, and is cherished by Americans of all ages. We are able to celebrate its anniversary because in 2005 Democrats beat back President Bush's and congressional Republicans' privatization efforts.

Today there are new Republicans calling for privatization. Once again, Democrats will step forward to protect and strengthen Social Security so we can celebrate this national treasure for generations to come.

THE NUMBERS THAT ARE DRIVING OUR ECONOMY RIGHT NOW

(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, the American people are hurting. We all know that. There are some specific numbers to which we can point that underscore that pain: First, 9.5, the current percentage of unemployment; 14, the number of consecutive months that the unemployment rate has been in excess of 9.4 percent; 125,000, the number of jobs that were lost last month; \$13 trillion, the level of our national debt; \$1 trillion, the annual deficit as we head towards the end of the fiscal year; 0, the number of times before this year that the House has ever failed to debate and pass a budget; 0, the number of proposals by the Democratic majority to cut wasteful spending and provide accountability for their out of control spending practices; 0, the number of pro-growth proposals that the Democratic majority has offered.

The American people want nothing more, Mr. Speaker, than to create jobs and get our economy back on track. Unfortunately, the refusal to pass a budget, the refusal to rein in wasteful spending, the refusal to allow proven pro-growth economic policies to be put into place is impinging our opportunity to do that.

Republicans stand ready to put into place the kinds of policies that will ensure that the pain the American people are feeling will be diminished.

SOCIAL SECURITY'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. WALZ. Mr. Speaker, as we approach the 75th anniversary of the founding of Social Security, it's a time to reflect on the generations and the hundreds of millions of Americans who through good times and bad counted on Social Security to be there to have dignity in retirement, to provide quality of life.

There is millions of stories out there very similar to the one in my family. As a young man watching my father die of a lengthy illness, and a 9-year old brother at home, and a stay-at-home mother, watching Social Security survivor benefits be there to allow my little brother to go on and go to college and my mother to retrain as a nurse and go back into the workforce. Many people will say, and they're absolutely right, pull yourself up by your bootstraps. They are right about that. We just didn't have any boots. They were loaned to us by Social Security. And for that we have paid that back 10 times over.

A family is stronger, a community is stronger, our country is stronger. In

August we should celebrate the 75th anniversary and many more to come.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

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

Mr. CARTER. Mr. Speaker, I love these debates about Social Security and this conversation about Social Security. But if you don't have a job, who's going to pay the Social Security? So it's really about jobs.

I had an interview today with some radio folks back in my district, and they asked a question, Have we created any jobs but government jobs? And how come we are creating government jobs that get paid more than the private-sector jobs? When did we get confused about that? They wanted me to answer the question, Where are the jobs for the folks in Texas? Where are the jobs for the folks in the other States? Why are all the jobs just in Washington, DC, growing the government?

This administration has destroyed thousands of private-sector jobs by taking over and Federalizing the student loan program and making loans harder to get and taking longer to be processed. Now President Obama and this administration have unilaterally killed tens of thousands of jobs in the gulf, in direct violation of a Federal court order.

Now, is this a way we create jobs for America? The question they want to know, Where are the jobs, so, with a job, we can pay our share of Social Security?

SOCIAL SECURITY'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the upcoming 75th anniversary of Social Security and express my support for the financial security of millions of retired Americans.

Representing Maryland's Fourth Congressional District, I serve many who oversee and administer the Social Security Administration. One of my constituents I had the honor of meeting out at Collington retirement community in Mitchellville, Maryland.

Robert M. Ball was one of the chief architects of Social Security, the program we know today. Mr. Ball was Social Security's chief administrator from 1962 to 1973. He was described once as "the undisputed spiritual leader, and its chief advocate and defender." He served three presidents, Republicans and Democrats, to make sure it remained strong for all of us. He passed away in January 2008, but he left a legacy barely known outside Washington, but a program that's the backbone of America's social safety net.

At a time when Republicans are threatening the privatization of Social Security, Mr. Ball would say not now. Can you imagine what would have happened just a year ago when our Nation suffered its worst financial crisis since the Great Depression? Our seniors would have lost everything, and our young people would be starting from scratch. The American people deserve better. Democrats are going to give them better. And we need to get our economy back on track, put people back to work, contribute to Social Security, and strengthen our most successful program of the 21st century.

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PAT BOONE: AMERICAN ICON

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, in addition to being a legendary actor, writer, and singer, American actor Pat Boone serves as spokesman for 60 Plus, an advocacy group led by Jim Martin for senior citizens. Pat is an advocate for liberty and a defender of the Constitution. His contributions for our military servicemembers are inspiring. Pat developed the documentary "For My Country" to promote the significance of the National Guard.

Pat Boone is ahead of his times. Back in 2004, at a commencement speech at Pepperdine University, Boone stressed the need for citizen involvement and called for a new Boston Tea Party movement. Today, as the Tea Party is a household term, we should note Boston was not the only city with the tea rebellion during the Revolutionary War. Before the famous Boston Tea Party, patriots in Charleston, South Carolina, impounded tea in 1773 to protest taxes and in 1776 sold the tea to finance the Revolution.

Concerned citizens still feel T-E-A, Taxed Enough Already. It's time to give Americans tax relief and create jobs.

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

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE EXTENSION

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

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support the millions of Americans caught in the crosshairs of Republican political calculations. Today, a partisan minority blocks relief to those laid off during this recession.

This obstruction doesn't just keep food off American tables; it keeps Americans out of work. People like Annette Tornberg. Last month, she lost her benefits. Now she can't afford the gas she needs to drive to job interviews. Like the vast majority of those