

carry him to safety, Corporal Harris tripped an explosive device, absorbing the blast. Though he died in the explosion, his effort saved the life of the wounded marine.

Corporal Harris is a shining example of the Marine Corps' service and sacrifice. As a Marine Corps veteran, my deepest sympathies go out to his family and to all who knew him.

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JOBS

(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, day after day my Republican colleagues stand in the well of this Chamber blaming Democrats for failing to create jobs. As a Democrat who voted time and time again in this House of Representatives to create jobs for working families, I am shocked.

Right now, and today, Senate Republicans are blocking the passage of five critical bills that would create at least 1.5 million jobs for the American people, and House Republicans, after not having cast votes for these bills, have the audacity to accuse Democrats of not doing enough to create jobs? Shame on them.

I urge Republican Senators to vote for the America COMPETES Act, the Small Business Jobs and Credit Act, the Jobs for Main Street Act, and the Small Business and Infrastructure Act to provide desperately needed jobs. If they're serious about creating jobs, then they will urge their Senate Republicans to take immediate action and pass these bills.

Senate Republicans, it's payday for the American workers. It's time to write a check to the American people and finish the job that the House started.

CONGRATULATING FORMER SHREVEPORT POLICE CHIEF HENRY WHITEHORN

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

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate former Shreveport Police Chief Henry Whitehorn on being sworn in as the United States marshal for the Western District of Louisiana. Prior to becoming the first African American police chief in Shreveport's history, Marshal Whitehorn served 29 years in the Louisiana State Police, eventually becoming appointed to the posts of deputy secretary for Public Safety Services and Louisiana State Police Superintendent by Governor Kathleen Blanco. Marshal Whitehorn also served 4 years as a sergeant in the United States Air Force.

I thank Marshal Whitehorn for his many years of public service and wish

him the best as he continues to serve the people of Louisiana in this new position.

WALL STREET REFORM

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

Ms. KILROY. Mr. Speaker, today our President signs the Frank-Dodd Act, the Wall Street reform bill. I was very proud to be able to serve on the Financial Services Committee and conference to help craft a bill and to stand with the people of Main Street, to stand with the regular people of our community against the special interests that have had too much power in Washington. We were able to put in place a bill that has a real watchdog with teeth, to protect our consumers and our country, to protect American savings and pensions and investments, and be on the lookout for those unscrupulous financial practices that can hurt our economy. It has a consumer protection bureau. It has an early warning system and a plan so that any future failing institution will not be bailed out at taxpayer expense. Taxpayers will no longer be on the hook or be forced to deal with something that's called too big to fail. It puts an end to TARP. It brings transparency to the market, and because of this bill Wall Street will no longer be able to act like a casino that will do such damage to our economy again.

STATE JOBS NUMBERS

(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, the new State job numbers confirm that 47 States are suffering since the so-called stimulus bill passed while D.C. bureaucrats are benefiting from increasing jobs. The Politico reported on such a discrepancy in an article titled, "Reality gap: U.S. struggles, D.C. booms."

The article says, "America is struggling with a sputtering economy and high unemployment, but times are booming for Washington's governing class."

"The massive expansion of government under President Barack Obama has basically guaranteed a robust job market for policy professionals, regulators and contractors for years to come. The housing market, boosted by the large number of high-income earners in the area, many working in politics and government, is easily outpacing the markets in most of the country."

The American people want Congress to focus on small business job growth instead of spending more of the people's money to create more government jobs. Americans understand TEA, Taxed Enough Already.

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

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, as we approach the 75th anniversary of the Social Security program, two things are very clear. First, the program which keeps fully half of our seniors from living in poverty must be preserved and sustained for the long run. Second, preservation of Social Security must not, cannot mean increasing the risk that we ask our seniors to take.

Already, just a year or two after financial disaster obliterated \$17 trillion of American household wealth, we hear the proposals of privatization, of turning Social Security money over to the vagaries of the market. Mr. Speaker, could you imagine if that monthly Social Security check that 50 million Americans get was hammered the way retirement accounts have been hammered?

Every American who can should have private accounts that they fund with their savings. They shouldn't just rely on Social Security. But when things go wrong, they need to be able to rely on that Social Security with no risk that it disappears.

MARIJUANA ON PUBLIC LANDS

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

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, the Federal Government must do more to dismantle Mexican drug trafficking organizations operating marijuana plantations on our Nation's Federal lands. This is a severe and growing problem in the northern California congressional district I represent. These traffickers pose a threat to the visitors of the national parks and forests, and local law enforcement, and the Federal Government is fundamentally responsible for addressing it. I have introduced a resolution that I hope will garner sufficient support to focus more attention and begin a process of greater cooperation and coordination among the agencies responsible for protecting our Federal lands and the citizens who want to enjoy them.

Mr. Speaker, it's essential that we stay focused on addressing this important issue.

HONORING THE LIFE OF NICKY DANIEL BACON

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

Mr. SNYDER. With the death of Nick Bacon from cancer, Arkansas and

America have lost a hero, a Vietnam veteran and Army retiree, and a Medal of Honor winner. Yet for those of us who knew Nick, mostly we have lost a friend.

Advocacy for veterans was his life's work: touching the lives of military families by helping them with a problem; touching the life of Arkansas by participating in so many public events honoring our military.

The last time I talked with Nick he was working on some end-of-life financial issues, but in his matter of fact blunt way he said, But other than that I'm good to go. But other than that I'm good to go.

Nick Bacon is now gone, and we will miss him. Our condolences and gratitude go to his wife, Tamera, his six children, his grandchildren, and his brothers and sisters.

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ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT AND CREATE JOBS

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

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, the American people are sick and tired of broken government. They are sick and tired of business as usual, which means no business at all. No business at all means no jobs.

And why are there no jobs? Business is being taxed to the max. Government borrows like there is no tomorrow. Government spends to the end, the end of American ingenuity, the end of American business.

Here is what we need to do. Don't raise the capital gains tax. Don't increase taxes on families and small businesses. Hey, I know, let's repeal the estate tax. What about make the R&D tax a permanent tax credit? Allow small businesses to deduct the cost of expensive machinery.

I mean, there are ideas after ideas after ideas about what we can do to make this country grow. How about this, Mr. Speaker? Have a little faith in the American people.

REPEAL DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to reaffirm my commitment to an immediate repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

I applaud the Department of Defense for initiating a plan, but I remain deeply disappointed that instead of moving forward immediately, we are on hold. We are spending millions on a 32-page survey asking servicemembers how they feel about the repeal when polls show that this is unnecessary.

What's worse, as a country founded on liberty and equality, we are denying

basic human rights to some of our brave men and women who are defending those very principles. And, unlike more than 25 of our allies, including every original NATO signatory other than the U.S. and Turkey, we have not ended discrimination.

Experts say what is needed is not a study but, rather, a quick and authoritative top-down repeal. Our military leaders must act now before our pace destroys our mission.

TAX HIKES

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, when the clock strikes midnight on December 21, 2010, a \$3.8 trillion Democrat tax increase will ring in the new year.

The Democrats' ticking tax bomb means all tax-paying Americans will face higher taxes starting on January 1. For married couples, get ready to give up date nights in order to pay the tax penalty for I saying "I do." For families with children, get ready to give up the family summer vacation so that you can fork over to Uncle Sam an extra \$500 per kid.

For already struggling small business owners, get ready to share more of your hard-earned profits with Uncle Sam, hard-earned profits that could be used to hire new workers. The American people want, need, and deserve better than the Democrats' massive tax hikes to pay for their Big Government agenda.

Let's stop the big tax increase and protect America's future.

WHEN REPUBLICANS WERE IN CONTROL, THEY DIDN'T PAY FOR ANYTHING

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

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, Sunday on "Meet the Press," the chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, Mr. SESSIONS of Texas, said that if the Republicans took over the House next Congress, that we could count on the exact same agenda that we had under the Bush administration.

Now, you know, there is some good news and bad news to that. The good news is we wouldn't have to fight about extending desperately needed unemployment insurance benefits to American citizens, because when the Republicans were in control they didn't pay for anything—not for two wars, not for a massive tax cut for the rich, and certainly not for a massive prescription drug program.

Of course, the bad news is that we would be once again turning the country over to big banks and big insurance companies and Big Oil because, as Minority Leader BOEHNER said, he is for a moratorium on regulation in this country.

No. I know the Republicans would like the American people to get collective amnesia this fall, but they remember, just like the elephants. They remember the Bush agenda, and they don't want that exact same agenda repeated in the 112th Congress.

AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT LESS GOVERNMENT AND MORE RE- SPONSIBILITY

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

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, out on the plaza a few minutes ago, the new Tea Party Caucus met with a bunch of Tea Party members from across the country.

I have heard a lot of my colleagues and people across the country and in the media criticize the Tea Party as being racist and a whole host of other things. But when we were out there and met with these people, we found African Americans. We found Hispanics. We found people from all ethnic groups out there saying very clearly they want less government spending, less government regulation, lower taxes, and the things that everybody believes in this country, and better and closer constitutional government. That's what the Tea Party is all about, and we are here in the Tea Party Caucus not to tell them anything but to listen to them, because they are speaking from the heart for the American people.

It's time that people realize on both sides of the aisle that the Tea Party movement is not something that's just not really speaking for the American people. These are people from all across the country that want Congress and the American Government to know that they want less government and more responsibility.

FINANCIAL RISKS

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

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, 3 years ago Professor Elizabeth Warren warned about the financial risks associated with subprime and no doc mortgages and the shell games that were being masked as risk-free investments.

She said that consumers can't buy a toaster that has a 1-in-5 chance of bursting into flames, but they can enter into a mortgage that has the same 1-in-5 chance of putting them out on the street. In the end, she told us what would happen, and it did.

But Professor Warren didn't just limit herself to warnings. She laid out the foundation of what would soon become the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. With the President's signing of the Wall Street reform today, the time has finally come to appoint a director to this new bureau. We need a proven fighter at the helm with a