

Somehow this Congress thought, let's tax medical devices, tools that people with disabilities depend on every day. Was this the right thing to do? I don't think so. Some thought taxing pacemakers, hearing aids, prosthetics, and wheelchairs was okay, it's acceptable. If that isn't an example of broken government, I don't know what is. It's not okay. It's not acceptable. Taxing our disabled population is flat out wrong.

9/11 HEALTH AND COMPENSATION ACT

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

Mr. CROWLEY. This week when the House considers the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act, my colleagues will have a simple choice: to vote to protect foreign corporations who are avoiding paying U.S. taxes or vote to protect those who stood in protection of us on 9/11.

It has been almost 9 years since our Nation was attacked. Three thousand lives were lost, including that of my cousin, Battalion Chief John Moran. Thousands more were injured, particularly those who spent days and months cleaning up Ground Zero.

Our Nation stood together in the aftermath, defiant against those who attacked us, committed to never again let a terrorist attack occur on American soil. And we stood with the thousands who came to Ground Zero, first to look for survivors and then to clean up.

Tomorrow, the House will get a chance to fulfill our thanks to those who served us. Thousands were told by the Federal Government, "the air is safe, return home," go back to work. Thousands were told that a flimsy medical mask would keep them secure and to keep searching, keep cleaning up Ground Zero. But the air was not safe and now thousands are sick.

We have a commitment to those who served us. We have a duty to pass the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act. Vote "yes" tomorrow. Make our Nation proud.

ANOTHER SETBACK FOR VIETNAMESE HUMAN RIGHTS

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

Mr. CAO. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year local authorities in Con Dau, Vietnam, announced the demolition of properties to make way for a tourist resort. No plans for adequate compensation or relocation were offered. At the same time, the government posted a sign forbidding burials in the local church cemetery, which, for more than 100 years, had served as the town's burial site and which the government had recognized as an historical site.

On May 4, 2010, Da Nang police intervened in the funeral of Mary Dang Thi

Tan, preventing her burial at the cemetery and brutally beating 59 of the mourners. When 43-year-old Mr. Nam Nguyen refused to make false statements to authorities about the mourners, he was beaten by police and died at his home shortly thereafter.

Along with many others, this incident shows that the Government of Vietnam has no respect for human rights. To make matters worse, they defended and protected those who committed these outrageous acts.

If our Nation is to be recognized as a beacon of democracy and an advocate of human rights, we must demand the same from those we work with, especially from Vietnam, whose human rights record is atrocious.

What happened to Mr. Nguyen is an outrage and should be met with condemnation from our government and from this esteemed body.

CONGRATULATING WORLD CUP TEAM MEMBER HERCULEZ GOMEZ

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

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my constituent and member of the United States men's soccer World Cup team, Herculez Gomez, on his performance in the World Cup.

Herculez Gomez, a former soccer star at Las Vegas High School, was a stand-out forward for the United States at the World Cup. With Team U.S.A. facing a 2-0 deficit in a match with Slovenia, Coach Bob Bradley turned to Gomez to come off the bench to provide a spark to his squad. Thanks to Gomez's energy and play-making abilities, Team U.S.A. rallied for a 2-2 tie.

Although we didn't prevail in the final competition, I want to congratulate Herculez Gomez and his teammates for their performance in the tournament. Their teamwork and passion inspired millions of fans throughout the United States and was just a preview of what U.S.A. soccer can do in the future.

I wish the best of luck to Herculez Gomez and welcome him home to District Three, where he is a local hero and role model to many aspiring young soccer players.

WE NEED A CONSTITUTIONAL BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT NOW

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

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, this weekend I had an opportunity in my community, Sarasota, Florida, to talk to a couple hundred people, working families and small businesses. They've had to cut their expenses 20, 30 percent, but yet Congress is incapable of cutting its own expenses.

First 206 years, the history of our country, we accumulated a trillion dol-

lars. The last 9 months we accumulated a trillion dollars. Last year was a trillion and a half dollar deficit. You would think after last year we would cut the expenses, no. But this year, another trillion and a half dollar deficit. Next year they're projecting another trillion and a half dollar deficit.

You can talk about Greece. We're the next Greece. We have to have a constitutional balanced budget amendment. It's a bill I introduced my first year here. It just says simply you can't spend more than you take in. We need a constitutional balanced budget amendment now.

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SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues today in recognizing the 75th anniversary of Social Security. Social Security has provided basic economic security for generations of Americans.

A woman from Tewksbury, Massachusetts, a city that I represent, recently wrote me to say, "I am retired and dependent on Social Security to survive. Please protect the benefits I've worked so hard for for many years."

Over the years, Democrats have fought to improve and strengthen Social Security. As a result, the Social Security Trust Fund has reserves of \$2.6 trillion, which will continue to earn interest and pay benefits until 2037.

But imagine if Social Security benefits had been invested in the stock market during the recent Wall Street crisis. Seniors would have lost billions of dollars in Social Security income, along with any retirement savings they had when the economy collapsed.

Despite what my colleagues on the other side of the aisle would argue, subjecting Social Security to the whims of Wall Street is not the answer. We must be committed to strengthening Social Security so that our contract with American workers endures for generations.

HOLD ON TO YOUR WALLETS

(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. America, hold on to your wallets. NANCY PELOSI and the Democrats are coming after you with higher taxes—in the middle of a recession.

Come January, tax rates are going to skyrocket on hardworking, middle class families and small businesses. A new poll says 55 percent of voters in battleground States would be less likely to vote for Democrat congressional candidates if Congress doesn't stop or delay next year's scheduled tax increases before election day.

Most small business owners file personal income taxes and will feel the tax hike, which will make it more difficult for them when they try to hire more people or give their employees a raise. This is about stopping a job-killing tax hike on small businesses during tough economic times.

Let's stop it for our future and our freedom.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded that remarks in debate are to be addressed to the Chair.

BUILDING AN ECONOMY

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

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, Democrats are committed to building an economy where anyone can make it in America. The oil spill compels us to do this by encouraging growth in green energy. We can do this by creating new manufacturing jobs, by improving access to credit for small businesses and investing in our infrastructure, our schools, and our communities. We can encourage job creation here at home by closing tax loopholes for companies that ship jobs overseas and ending giveaways to special interests.

Despite Republican obstruction of our efforts on behalf of the American people, Democrats have delivered 6 consecutive months of private sector job growth to the American people. We are moving in the right direction, and in America we refuse to go backward.

Until every American out of work can find a good paying job, we in Congress must make it our job to pass legislation that will spur economic growth and create good opportunities for all Americans.

OBAMA ADMINISTRATION SETS WRONG RECORDS

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, President Obama and the Democratic Congress have set six records. Unfortunately, they are not the ones the American people hoped for:

One, Americans are staying unemployed longer than ever before;

Two, for the first time since the current budget rules were adopted 35 years ago, the House will not pass a budget;

Three, the Federal debt has never been larger;

Four, the cost of health care has never been higher;

Five, we are more dependent on foreign oil than ever before;

Six, the Federal Government has taken control of an unprecedented number of private companies, accord-

ing to the Congressional Research Service.

These records stifle economic growth and hurt all Americans. They are taking our country in the wrong direction.

READ LABELS ON WHAT YOU BUY

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, when you start wondering where all the jobs in America have gone, just read the labels on what you buy. You will know the answer. What's happened to the proud logo, "Made in America"?

Our jobs have gotten shipped out by the millions and millions by the multinationals. They offshored them to places where people who labor in sweatshops can't afford to buy what they make. America will create jobs here again when we start making products here again. We have been amassing a trillion dollars of trade deficit year after year. That means more imports coming in here than our imports going out.

So read labels carefully. Maytag washing machines used to be made in Newton, Iowa. Now they are made in Monterrey, Mexico. You know what? The people down there can't afford to buy what they make. Then those machines are shipped back here. And did you notice the price for us didn't go down? Hundreds and hundreds and hundreds and hundreds and thousands and millions of our jobs were outsourced to places where some of our students can't even spell the names.

Did you know 10 percent of the exports out of China go to one company? Wal-Mart, you guessed it—clothing, tools, gloves, even frozen fish.

When you start wondering where all the jobs have gone, just read the labels on what you buy. You will find the right answer. It's time to make goods in America again.

BP OIL SPILL

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

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, last week in my home State of Louisiana, nearly 15,000 citizens gathered to rally against the Obama administration's destructive moratorium on offshore drilling. The Rally for Economic Survival was meant to send a message to Washington that this moratorium is causing serious damage to the gulf coast economy.

While speaking to the thousands of concerned gulf coast citizens, Governor Bobby Jindal put forth another plea to the Obama administration pointing out that the moratorium is causing just as much damage as the spill itself. Here is a quote from Governor Jindal: "We shouldn't have to fight our own Federal Government. Just as we are fighting one disaster, we're fighting another disaster caused by Washington, D.C."

Mr. Speaker, let me be clear, this spill is tragic and it was caused by BP. Those responsible must be held accountable and we need to find the root cause of the spill. However, history will show that President Obama did even more damage to the economy than BP through his destructive drilling moratorium.

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Ms. CHU. Mr. Speaker, in the 1930s, over half of our seniors lived in poverty. They survived on whatever friends and relatives could spare. So Congress created a shield against common threats like old age and disability.

For 75 years, Social Security has protected millions of Americans. For 75 years, it's been our government's bedrock promise. For 75 years, it's helped people like Janice Moore, whose husband passed away 13 years ago, leaving Janice and their three children to fend for themselves.

Republicans want to hand this over to Wall Street. It's the same privatization scheme they tried 5 years back. If they had succeeded, we would have lost trillions in the stock market. But Democrats and the American people said "no."

Today, we again reject these schemes and say "yes" to Social Security's promise—protecting American lives for another 75 years and many generations to come.

BORDER SECURITY FUNDING CUTS

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

Ms. GIFFORDS. Mr. Speaker, I am absolutely appalled the United States Senate eliminated over \$700 million for protecting our U.S.-Mexico border. This appropriations bill in the Senate included money to deploy the National Guard to Arizona and increase the number of Border Patrol agents and surveillance systems on the border.

By refusing to approve these funds, the United States said "no" to supporting the troops who will be arriving on the border next week. The Senate said "no" to increasing Border Patrol agents who would stop the flow of illegal drugs and illegal immigrants into our country. And the Senate said "no" to protecting ranchers and border residents in my district.

Since Thursday, I have been fighting to reinstate the funding stripped out by the Senate, and I am pleased that the House will consider an emergency supplemental border security measure today. I am proud to be an original sponsor of that bill, and I urge Members on both sides of the aisle to pass it without delay.

The failure by our Senate to provide the border resources that Arizonans