

Congress needs to act to provide the environment for private-sector job creation. Instead, this Congress continues to seek solutions that tax too much, spend too much, and borrow too much, creating massive debts for our children and our grandchildren. Let's focus on getting Americans back to work. More government borrowing and spending is only heaping more and more debt on our children and grandchildren and disincentivizing the job creators from creating the jobs.

Let's work with solutions that put Americans to work, not take them from them.

CAP CARBON POLLUTION

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

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, I visited a couple of fascinating companies. Applied Materials in Santa Clara, California, makes the world's largest photovoltaic cell because they figured out a way to do it and reduce manufacturing costs. I then drove up the road to Bloom Energy, which has developed a fuel cell that actually can convert natural gas to electricity right on site at your home or your office.

These two companies are typical of the companies that can lead to the creation of millions of new clean-energy jobs for a new clean-energy economy in the United States, but they are waiting on the other Chamber to pass a bill that will put a limit on carbon pollution. Once we put a limit on carbon pollution, companies like Applied Materials and Bloom Energy will in fact bloom and blossom because they will be on a level playing field. Let's get a cap on carbon pollution. Let's build a new clean energy economy for this country.

DEMOCRATIC POLICIES ARE HURTING OUR ECONOMY

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

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, 2 weeks ago, Congress and the President added \$1.9 trillion to the national debt limit. That translates to more than \$6,000 for every man, woman, and child in this country, more than \$24,000 for an average family of four. Now, your family is required to repay that debt through future taxes just as surely as if it appeared on your credit card statement. Now, \$24,000 is the price of a new car. Only you don't get a new car, just the payments for a new car. What you get instead is another 14 months of deficit spending.

Two-thirds of economic growth is consumer driven, and yet we have just cost every family in America an average of \$24,000 from its future purchasing power. These policies are not helping our economy; they are hurting

it. The American people are coming to understand this. Let's hope it's in time to change this Congress, change this administration, and save this country.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM

(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, I rise today to praise President Obama for taking on the very difficult and challenging issue of entitlement reform and dealing with the tens of trillions of dollars of unfunded liabilities that are structured within the current system.

The traditional ways of dealing with unfunded liabilities and entitlements include cutting spending and increasing revenues, and I applaud President Obama for proposing a budget freeze on the nondefense portions of the budget. I urge my colleagues to consider supporting that as well as supporting a freeze extending across the defense component of the budget.

I would like to propose, however, a third area in addition to spending cuts and revenues that we can use to address this entitlement crisis, and that is comprehensive immigration reform. By adding 10 or 20 million new taxpayers, we can have a major impact on the unfunded liabilities facing our country. By encouraging engineers and physicists who graduate from American universities to stay here rather than move to other countries to practice their trades, we cannot only make America more competitive and create jobs, but we can also address the looming entitlement crisis by creating more taxpayers here at home.

I encourage my colleagues to support comprehensive immigration reform.

JOBS BILL

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

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, the American people are frustrated with the ideas coming out of Washington by the Democratic majority to fix our broken economy: higher taxes, more spending, record debt, more regulations, and government-run health care. That is not a plan to create jobs and jump-start our ailing economy.

I am proud to be a sponsor of a 5-point jobs plan introduced by my colleague from Florida (Mr. BUCHANAN) that provides meaningful tax relief for individuals and businesses, assistance for those struggling to find employment, real reforms to curb frivolous lawsuits, and a plan to reduce Federal spending and lower our national debt.

Tax relief, debt reduction, and legal reform to help create jobs—that is a fiscally responsible plan to get our economy moving again. I urge the American people to visit

lance.house.gov/jobs to learn more about this important job creation proposal.

LONDONDERRY HIGH SCHOOL “LOCKS FOR LOVE”

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

Ms. SHEA-PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the selfless efforts of 182 students and faculty members at Londonderry High School in New Hampshire. These students and faculty members at Londonderry High School recently organized an event at school to donate their hair for wigs for cancer patients.

Losing one's hair to chemotherapy is an incredibly heart-wrenching experience, and these students and faculty members wanted to ease the pain. Londonderry High School has seen the pain of cancer. A former student who cut her own hair has now suffered a relapse with leukemia. Two young women who donated their hair recently lost their mother to brain cancer.

The school's ability to experience and to help others who are suffering is really a tribute to the school, to the volunteers, and to the students and faculty, and I congratulate them for their generous spirit.

WHERE, OH WHERE, HAVE THE JOBS GONE?

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, where, oh where, have the jobs gone?

Where, oh where, can they be?

With the people so mad and the economy so bad

Where, oh where, can the jobs be?

Well, the administration is planning on killing the Constellation space program at NASA. This will cost about 7,000 scientists and engineers their jobs at NASA in Houston. About 30,000 people nationwide in related work will be looking for jobs.

NASA has led the United States into being the world's greatest exploration country, and now the shuttle program is also ending. So in the future, if Americans wish to travel in space, they will need to hitch a ride with the Russians because we won't have the vehicles to travel in space. And of course China intends on being the number one space exploration country in the future as well. It looks like we are giving away our leadership and our dominance in space.

So where, oh where, have the jobs gone?

Where, oh where, can they be?

They are going overseas to the Russians and Chinese

That's where they shall be.

And that's just the way it is.

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A REFLECTION OF AMERICAN CONTRIBUTIONS OF ASIAN AMERICANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS

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

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, February 14 marked the start of the Lunar New Year, a holiday celebrated by Asian and Asian Americans around the world. I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the rich history and contributions that Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have made to our country.

For the last 13 years, I've had the pleasure of representing the largest Vietnamese population in the world out of Vietnam, which is right in Orange County, California. Every year, the Union of Vietnamese Student Associations of Southern California organizes the Orange County Tet Festival, which celebrates the Lunar New Year with an array of traditional foods, ceremonies and customs.

This year, we celebrate the Year of the Tiger, known for their courage and optimism and fearless leadership. Those are the qualities of the tiger, and all of my constituents have demonstrated them in overcoming the enormous challenges that are facing our economy.

Again, it is a great honor to represent the Vietnamese community in Orange County, and I look forward to wishing them a great new year.

Chuc ma na moi!

JOBS

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

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, in the midst of the worst recession in over a generation, this administration continues to advance its job-killing climate agendas. For instance, the recent EPA endangerment finding is particularly disturbing.

This reckless regulation lays the groundwork for a type of unlegislated, administrative cap-and-trade, which, without an effective tailoring rule limiting its application, could destroy nearly 3 million manufacturing jobs and could result in lost economic activity of \$7 trillion.

During the State of the, Union we heard President Obama proclaim that job creation should be this country's main focus. Then why does he insist on attacking and destroying energy, finance and the health care sectors, killing jobs in the process?

I urge the President to stay true to his word and to work with Republicans in order to advance commonsense ideas which will rein in government spending, which will cut our deficits and will restore the three top things this country wants the most—jobs, jobs, jobs.

REBUILD MAIN STREET AND RESCUE BACK STREET

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

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, civil rights' leaders and economists from the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, from the AFL-CIO, from the Center for Community Change, from the Economic Policy Institute, from the NAACP, and from the National Council of La Raza called for us to develop legislation to mitigate the job crisis facing millions of Americans. They outline what we believe is a very robust jobs program and bill:

First, the fast-track creation of jobs in the public sector that serve community-level needs.

Second, immediate investment in the infrastructure of schools and public transit.

Third, the prevention of the foreclosure crisis.

It is very important to recognize and understand what these leaders are saying with regard to the entire country in this economic recession. The diversity of American communities clearly dictates that one size does not fit all, according to Ben Jealous of the NAACP.

We have to rebuild Main Street and rescue Back Street. We just can't go back to the economy of 3 to 4 years ago when African Americans suffered perennial unemployment rates.

KANSANS NEED JOBS, NOT MORE BROKEN PROMISES

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

Ms. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, last year when President Obama signed into law the so-called "stimulus package," we were told that it would cost \$787 billion and that it would create 33,000 Kansas jobs. Unfortunately, the facts paint a different picture. Since the stimulus became law, the cost has increased to \$862 billion, and over 47,000 Kansans have lost jobs.

The same rings true: Making promises builds hope. Keeping promises builds trust. That's why I will keep my promise to Kansas by supporting a no-cost jobs plan to put Kansans back to work, to keep taxes low for small businesses, to increase international markets for American products, to practice fiscal restraint, and to restore confidence in the Federal Government.

Kansans need jobs, not more broken promises.

JOBS, WALL STREET AND HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I represent the most unique city on the planet, the City of Las Vegas. It's a great place with great people, but we are hurting, and my constituents are angry.

I've got the second highest unemployment rate in the country, the highest mortgage foreclosure rate in the country, and 460,000 Nevadans have no health insurance. The stimulus bill saved our State—money for education and Medicaid, unemployment compensation, job creation, infrastructure improvements—but we need to do more. We need to pass a jobs bill to get more people back to work. We need to pass health care reform to provide medical care for those who can't afford it on their own.

Finally, for the financial industry, whose reckless behavior put this Nation and the rest of the world in a deep recession, Congress must pass meaningful Wall Street reform and consumer protection. I know we talk all the time about Wall Street's being a casino. Coming from Las Vegas and representing Las Vegas, let me assure you no casino on the planet behaves as irresponsibly and as recklessly as Wall Street does. Wall Street ought to be ashamed and should take a lesson from the casino industry.

IT'S ABOUT JOBS

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

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Where are the jobs? That's what the folks in East Alabama and around the country want to know.

A year ago, when the President came in, we thought he was going to do something about it. Unfortunately, his idea of remedying the problem was passing the stimulus bill, which I like to think of as the Obama slush fund/political slush fund because that's what it really is. If it, in fact, had been a stimulus bill, it would have been spent in the first year, at a minimum, instead of over 5 years. Instead, he didn't.

Last month, I was encouraged when the President said he was going to focus like a laser on jobs this year. To that end, he has called for a health care summit this week. The President has got to get off his drive to push universal, government-run health insurance on the American people, and has to start talking about and working on the things that we really care about, one of which is getting our people back to work.

What the President needs to do is to drop his push for government-run health care and to start working with his Treasury Department to get them and our banks lending again. Start working with our small business people to find out what kind of relief they need to start hiring again. It's about jobs, Mr. President.