

FOREIGN CRIMINALS WON'T GO HOME

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, there are thousands of foreign criminals in the United States prisons. Up to 19 percent of our jails house criminal aliens. These do not include immigration violations either. They have been convicted of everything from rape, robbery and murder. Then, after they serve their sentence, when we try to deport them, many of their native countries won't take them back.

The number of foreign criminals in this situation is staggering. There are over 140,000 of these outlaws that have been sent home but won't go back. So what do we do? By law they get a get-out-of-jail-free card to live in the United States because we cannot permanently keep these misfits in jail.

The worst offending countries include Cuba, China, India, Jamaica and Pakistan. Maybe we should stop foreign aid altogether or refuse to issue legal visas to these countries that refuse to take back their criminals. There must be unpleasant consequences for countries that refuse to take their convicted nationals back home.

And that's just the way it is.

THE PATIENCE OF AMERICA IS WEARING THIN, AND SO IS MINE

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

Mr. PENCE. Two weeks ago, after 90 hours of debate, House Republicans in this majority passed a long-term funding resolution that found more than \$100 billion in savings off the President's budget. It defunded their government takeover of health care. It even denied all Federal funding to Planned Parenthood of America.

But while House Republicans have done the people's business, at this moment, Mr. Speaker, the Senate has virtually done nothing except find a way to fund the government for another 2 weeks, and the White House just appointed a few negotiators yesterday—just 2 short days before government funding would have run out to begin with.

Look, the patience of the American people is wearing thin, and so is mine. Our Nation is facing a fiscal crisis of epic proportions—\$1.65 trillion in deficits this year, \$14 trillion national debt. The time to put our fiscal house in order is now. No more delays. No more kicking the cans.

Let's have the debate. Let's hash it out. Let's defund ObamaCare. Let's defund Planned Parenthood, and let's use this moment to have this fight to make a downpayment on restoring fiscal sanity to Washington, D.C.

PORT OF SAVANNAH

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

Mr. BARROW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of America's ports, especially the one in Savannah, Georgia.

After spending last week touring the rural areas of my district, it's hard to overstate the Savannah port's importance, even for areas outside of Savannah.

The Port of Savannah—the fastest growing port in the Nation and the second largest on the east coast—supports more than 295,000 jobs and contributes over \$15 billion in income to Georgia's economy. It's also a major economic hub for a 26-State region that stretches deep into the Midwestern part of the country.

Farmers, manufacturers, and miners ship product in and out of the port. And for thousands of small businesses around the country, the Savannah port is their sole access to the rest of the world.

Let's make sure our goods can reach international markets and get America back to work. I urge my colleagues to invest in our ports so that we can compete in today's economy and the economy of the future.

DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT

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

Mr. FARENTHOLD. Mr. Speaker, on February 23, the Justice Department announced it would no longer defend the Defense of Marriage Act. The Defense of Marriage Act was a bipartisan effort to preserve the sanctity of marriage that, among other things, defined marriage as a legal union between a man and a woman.

The Attorney General and President have independently determined that this is unconstitutional. Anyone who's taken a civics class or a government course will tell you that's not the President's or the Justice Department's job. It's the Supreme Court's job. This is an express violation of the separation of powers principle found in the Constitution, and it presents a dangerous precedent for future administrations to follow.

Regardless of where you stand on this issue, whether marriage is a biblically sanctioned union between a man and a woman or otherwise, there could be no doubt that this power grab by the President and the Justice Department is not what our Founding Fathers intended when they created the checks and balances system of our Constitution.

The Obama administration, if it disagrees with a law passed by Congress and signed by a previous President, it should use the legislative process to change that law—not usurp the power of another branch of government.

This is not a gay rights issue. This is a separation of powers issue.

HONORING THE NOGALES APACHES ON WINNING THE ARIZONA STATE HIGH SCHOOL DIVISION 4A-1 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

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

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Nogales Apaches on winning the Arizona State High School Division 4A-1 basketball championship.

The Apaches' victory over Scottsdale Saguro to win the title on Saturday came after their upset victory of the top-ranked Glendale Kellis team on Thursday. This win marked the first time in 28 years that a Nogales school has reached a championship game in any sport. So this is a particularly gratifying victory.

Coach Ricardo De La Riva deserves a great deal of credit for leading his team through the season, through the upset victories, and through the long process of building a successful and cohesive team.

This is a group that truly plays with heart. It represents the best of the community, as shown by the seven busloads of fans who traveled for several hours from Nogales to Glendale for the championship game.

As Coach De La Riva told the Arizona Daily Star after the game: "This is a true team. We don't have stars. We don't have egos. We just play." His team reminds us of what scholastic sport is all about.

I join with everyone else in congratulating the school, the team, and the community of Nogales in Santa Cruz. Congratulations.

WE NEED ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

(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, we have severe economic problems in this country. I think everybody understands that.

But there is an economic problem staring us in the face that people may not really be aware of yet, and that is the cost of energy. We're not drilling here, we're not drilling in the ANWR, off the coast of the Continental Shelf, not in the Gulf of Mexico. We're not doing anything to become energy independent.

And right now in the northern tier of Africa and in the Middle East, there's all kinds of conflict. And if the Straits of Hormuz, if the Persian Gulf or the Suez Canal are blocked in any way, we could lose 30 percent or more of our energy. The lights in this place, the gasoline that we buy would be maybe double what it is today. And the impact of this economy would be unbelievable,

and yet we're not doing a thing about it.

The President, in my opinion, Mr. Speaker, is being derelict in his responsibility in making sure that we're moving towards energy independence. They talk about windmills and solar and nuclear, and that's all great; but that's going to take a lot of time.

We have a tremendous amount of energy in this country. We can be energy independent within 10 years if we get on with it. We're too dependent on foreign energy. It's dangerous.

REPEALING THE 1099 PROVISION'S NEGATIVE ECONOMIC CON- SEQUENCES

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

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, my Republican colleagues came down here yesterday, and will do so again today, like a well-rehearsed choir singing the same song: Repeal the 1099 provision, repeal the 1099 provision. They sang it in perfect harmony.

However, they conveniently left out two verses. One, last year 239 Democrats and only two Republicans voted to repeal it. Second, they will pay for the repeal by reaching into the pockets of working Americans and yanking out \$25 billion. That's just wrong.

So, Mr. Speaker, I remind my colleagues that their song has two additional verses. Just because they won't sing about their tax increase doesn't mean the American people won't feel it. I, too, want to repeal the 1099 provision, but this is not the way to pay for it.

Mr. Speaker I yield back because I will not be a co-conspirator to snatching \$25 billion out of the bank accounts of hardworking Americans.

REPUBLICANS' "NO-JOB AGENDA"

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

Mr. ELLISON. Mr. Speaker, we've now entered about the 55th day when the Republican majority has been in control of the House, and they've yet to introduce a single bill to create a single job for anyone anywhere.

The Republican majority has, however, introduced cuts to our national budget that will take away vital programs and cut jobs—cut jobs like cops and nurses and teachers and things like that.

The Republican majority doesn't seem to be interested in jobs, and their no-job agenda will not escape the view of the American people.

The American people sent us all here to make sure that we have a more perfect Union, that we have prosperity in our land. We don't have it because unemployment is just too high, and the Republican majority is not doing a thing about it.

It's time to get on with the business of creating jobs and get rid of the Republican no-job agenda.

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NO JOBS BILLS

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

Ms. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, well, here we are. It's 8 weeks into the 112th Congress and still not a single Republican proposal to create jobs and strengthen our economy. No jobs proposals and no jobs.

Instead, we have a series of reports stating really clearly that the Republicans' slash-and-burn budgets would eliminate jobs, hundreds of thousands of them, and send our economy spiraling back into recession. Even Goldman Sachs says that the Republican continuing resolution would depress economic growth by 2 percent and raise unemployment by 1 percent. Mark Zandi, the economist, notes that this slash-and-burn idea of spending would cost our country 700,000 jobs.

So here we are again, 8 weeks into the new leadership, and all we get is negative growth and job loss.

So, Mr. Speaker, where are my colleagues? They need to get serious about creating jobs, strengthening our economy, and ensuring long-term growth for our children and grandchildren.

I would urge us to get together, House Democrats, Senate Democrats, and Republicans, in a good-faith effort to pass a funding bill for the remainder of the year that really guarantees our future and creates jobs for our economy. The American people cannot afford to see our economy sliding backwards.

DON'T CUT NIH FUNDING

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is located in Memphis, Tennessee. It is, according to U.S. News and World Report, the world's greatest children's and catastrophic illness research hospital.

The Republican budget that passed this House talks about a lot of issues, but it cuts \$2.5 billion from the President's requests for the National Institute of Health, \$2.5 billion less than the President recommends, and a \$1.6 billion cut from last year. For the children and the adults and everyone who has cancer and needs a cure, which they are finding with the help of the NIH and St. Jude and other research hospitals, that's a death sentence. People will die.

If there is a place the Republicans should not cut, Mr. Speaker, it's at NIH grants to find cures for cancer, for

Alzheimer's, for Parkinson's, for diabetes, for heart disease. I ask you for the living Americans to not cut grants to the National Institute of Health and let us have lives that go further than they otherwise would because of these crippling, catastrophic illnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS PAPERWORK MANDATE ELIMINATION ACT OF 2011

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 129, I call up the bill (H.R. 4) to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois). Pursuant to House Resolution 129, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the amendment recommended by the Committee on House Ways and Means, printed in H.R. 705 is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 4

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Comprehensive 1099 Taxpayer Protection and Repayment of Exchange Subsidy Overpayments Act of 2011".

SEC. 2. REPEAL OF EXPANSION OF INFORMATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS TO PAY- MENTS MADE TO CORPORATIONS AND TO PAYMENTS FOR PROPERTY AND OTHER GROSS PROCEEDS.

(a) APPLICATION TO CORPORATIONS.—Section 6041 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking subsections (i) and (j).

(b) PAYMENTS FOR PROPERTY AND OTHER GROSS PROCEEDS.—Subsection (a) of section 6041 of such Code is amended—

(1) by striking "amounts in consideration for property," and

(2) by striking "gross proceeds," both places it appears.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to payments made after December 31, 2011.

SEC. 3. REPEAL OF EXPANSION OF INFORMATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR RENTAL PROPERTY EXPENSE PAY- MENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 6041 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking subsection (h).

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this section shall apply to payments made after December 31, 2010.

SEC. 4. INCREASE IN AMOUNT OF OVERPAYMENT OF HEALTH CARE CREDIT WHICH IS SUBJECT TO RECAPTURE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Clause (i) of section 36B(f)(2)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:

"(i) IN GENERAL.—In the case of a taxpayer whose household income is less than 400 percent of the poverty line for the size of the family involved for the taxable year, the amount of the increase under subparagraph (A) shall in no event exceed the applicable dollar amount determined in accordance with the following table (one-half of such amount in the case of a taxpayer whose tax is determined under section 1(c) for the taxable year):