

to the American people and an abandonment of the principles of the economic justice that created Social Security.

The White House wants a big deal, a \$4 trillion debt deal. But that deal must not come from cuts to Social Security—or Medicare, for that matter. Millions of senior citizens, who in their lifetime built this country, who fought for this country, who depend on their Social Security check as an economic lifeline want to see if their concerns are a big deal to us.

IN DEFENSE OF SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

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

Mr. YODER. Today I rise in defense of small business owners across the country who are attempting to survive under a mountain of taxes, rules, and regulations coming out of Washington, D.C.

Seven out of ten new jobs in this country are created by small business owners. To get our economy back on track, we know it's these innovators and entrepreneurs who have to start growing and creating jobs.

Entrepreneurship is at a 17-year low. In the last few years, there has been a 23 percent drop in new business creation, falling to the lowest level since 1994.

Instead of debating ways to raise taxes and further burden these job creators, we should spend our time trying to eliminate the job-killing policies coming out of this administration.

Mr. Speaker, it's time that we support the free enterprise system. It's time that we get our fiscal house in order. And it's time that we get America back to work again.

HONORING MALCOLM "KIM" CHACE

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a great Rhode Island citizen and a dear friend, the late Malcolm "Kim" Chace. My fellow Rhode Islanders and I have lost a great leader in Kim's passing. He will long be remembered for his warmth, humor, and devotion to the community.

Kim was a brilliant business leader. You couldn't be in the same room with him and not realize how intelligent he was.

Equally apparent was his tremendous generosity of spirit. He demonstrated that generosity over again and again in contributions to numerous community and educational organizations, including Women and Infants Hospital, Trinity Repertory Company, Brown University, Bryant University, the Gordon School, the Rhode Island School of Design, to name just a few.

Kim was always happy to donate his time and resources to the service of Rhode Island. He always offered a quiet kindness to me and to all those around him. Kim was a true gentleman.

Kim's most important treasure was his wonderful family. My thoughts and prayers are with Liz and the entire Chace family.

Kim's presence will be deeply missed.

SUPPORT THE CUT, CAP, AND BALANCE ACT

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, America is facing a fiscal crisis of unprecedented proportions—a \$14 trillion national debt, another \$1.6 trillion deficit, and now a debt ceiling crisis looms.

As negotiations go forward, Members of Congress have a choice to make. We can take a stand or we can take a pass. I say it's time to take a stand. And the Cut, Cap, and Balance Act of 2011 is that stand.

As the White House and liberals here on Capitol Hill continue to argue over the details of some kind of an obscure, complicated deal over raising the debt ceiling, in the coming days House Republicans will bring legislation to the floor that will give the American people a choice. And it will be a choice built on fiscal responsibility and reform.

The legislation that will come to the floor will cut spending now, it will cap spending in the law, and it will make any increase in the debt ceiling contingent on sending a balanced budget amendment to the States.

I urge my colleagues to support the Cut, Cap, and Balance Act of 2011, and I urge my fellow Americans to let your voice be heard in the coming days. We can cut spending now, we can cap spending in the law, and we can send a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution to the States for ratification. But the American people must engage.

A minority in Congress plus the American people equals a majority. Help us as we achieve this needed reform and restore fiscal sanity to our national government.

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THE MURDOCH NEWS CORPORATION SCANDAL

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Amidst the spreading scandal of the Murdoch News Corporation, it is clear that it wasn't as they first claimed, just a rogue reporter or two. There's a pattern of abuse, some illegal, that was widely practiced and known, perhaps encouraged, certainly tolerated.

It is important for the FBI, the SEC, hopefully Congress itself, to inves-

tigate the News Corps-FOX-Wall Street Journal conglomerate and not just about the concerns of potential spying on 9/11 victims, which would be reprehensible if true, but possible violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, which makes it illegal for American citizens to bribe foreign officials.

Some claim we ought to go easy on the Murdoch News Corporation so we don't appear partisan. But just giving money to the Republican Party, hiring Republican Presidential candidates, slanting the news and commentary should not give them a pass for questionable, perhaps illegal, conduct. We must ensure that Americans are not abused by the News Corps management practices or employees.

DEBT LIMIT

(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, the President wants Congress to raise the debt ceiling without a corresponding plan to cut spending and balance the budget and insists raising taxes is the only way forward. The reality is that doing so amounts to a Barack Obama bailout for his out-of-control spending that got us here in the first place: a bailout for his \$1 trillion ObamaCare, a bailout for the failed stimulus, a bailout for "Government Motors," a bailout for Fannie and Freddie.

According to a new poll in Politico, voters expressed significantly more support for spending cuts, and only 11 percent of voters see tax hikes as the main way of closing the deficit. America has got it right: it's time to cut spending, balance the budget, and pay down the debt for our children and our grandchildren without raising taxes.

Just say "no" to a Barack Obama bailout. Even his bailouts need a bailout.

UNDERMINING THE ATF

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mark Twain is credited with quipping: "Denial ain't just a river in Egypt." If he were around today, he might add: It also passes for gun policy in the U.S. Congress.

The ATF is under fast and furious fire right now, and rightly so. Allowing hundreds of guns to "walk" in the hopes of catching big fish traffickers was terribly ill advised. But so too is Congress's excuse for gun policy. And sorry, folks, but the two are not entirely unrelated. If Congress wants to crack down on straw purchasing and stop the trafficking of firearms to Mexico, it is operating from the mother of all playbooks of how you would not accomplish it:

Chapter 1, ensure that the ATF remains devoid of leadership; Chapter 2,

pass only perfunctory straw purchasing laws; Chapter 3, attempt to block a simple commonsense proposal that border State dealers report multiple sales of AK-47s; Chapter 4, author legislation to immunize corrupt gun dealers and call it the ATF Modernization Act.

It's true: "Denial River" in Congress runs vast, wide, and deep.

PLAYING POLITICS WITH OUR ECONOMY

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in this, the 27th week of this session of Congress, and continue to ask the leadership in our House to move legislation that will create jobs. Over the course of the last few weeks and months, this body has been so obsessed with the debt ceiling that it seems to have forgotten the plain and simple truth that the American people acknowledged last November and repeat over and over again: the best way to grow our economy and drive down the deficit is to put people back to work.

There are plenty of people looking for work. With unemployment around 9 percent, this body must make jobs and the economy our top priority. In fact, a Quinnipiac poll released yesterday found that by a 30-point margin, Americans say it is more important to reduce unemployment than to reduce the budget deficit.

But the biggest threat to jobs today: failure to increase the debt ceiling and playing politics with our economy. Holding the economy hostage in order to protect Big Oil, tax cuts for the wealthy, and tax loopholes for companies that ship jobs overseas is not only un-American, it's immoral. Leadership requires difficult decisions and compromise. I hope we'll see more of these traits in the coming days, not less.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 2354.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. YODER). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2012

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 337 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2354.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2354) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes, with Mr. POE of Texas in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Thursday, July 14, 2011, the bill had been read through page 62, line 2.

AMENDMENT NO. 79 OFFERED BY MR. SHERMAN

Mr. SHERMAN. I have an amendment at the desk.

The CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 62, after line 2, insert the following new section:

SEC. 609. None of the funds made available by this Act may be used to fund any portion of the International activities at the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy of the Department of Energy in China.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to the order of the House of Thursday, July 14, 2011, the gentleman from California (Mr. SHERMAN) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Chair, let me begin with a completely irrelevant digression on a completely different matter. Today it was announced that the United States will recognize the Libyan rebels as the legitimate Government of Libya. If that is true, we should make an immediate demand on that government that it use the \$33 billion, or some portion thereof, of Qadhafi money that is frozen in the United States to reimburse the American taxpayer for all of the military actions and humanitarian actions we have taken for the benefit of the people of Libya—there is no reason that these actions should be done at the expense of the United States taxpayer—and that the real cost of our military actions in Libya should be calculated on the basis of full cost accounting, not the marginal cost accounting that has been used in press releases from the Pentagon.

Now for my amendment. This amendment deals with the international programs carried out by the Department of Energy. It is in some ways a rival to, or an alternative to, the amendment presented by Mr. HARRIS last night. Mr. HARRIS' amendment would eliminate all of these programs with the exception of one and thus reduce roughly \$6 million in costs.

My amendment eliminates those programs that go to China while leaving the remaining programs. So if you don't want to see American taxpayer money used to benefit Chinese manufacturers, you have two alternatives. Maybe you'll vote for them both. But

some will just vote for my amendment that focuses on the \$2 million we spend in China.

The Harris amendment would have you also—perhaps in an effort to eliminate the money going for the benefit of Chinese manufacturers—cut our cooperative programs that are chiefly with Latin America and Canada.

I believe that it is in our interest to continue to provide energy-efficiency assistance to our partners here in this hemisphere. First, these are our allies. These are, in most cases, poor countries that we're trying to help. Their energy costs are very high, particularly in recent years. And one of the best ways to help them is to help them reduce their energy bill.

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But it also helps the American consumer, because if you can reduce worldwide aggregate demand for energy, particularly oil, you reduce the worldwide price. So it is in our interest to carry on the very small programs that have been effective in helping Mexico and Costa Rica and Dominica and other Caribbean States to achieve higher levels of energy efficiency.

However, I do not think it is in our interest to spend the \$2 million that we provide to provide fancy American consultants to go over to China at no cost to them to give them ideas on how to reduce their energy usage.

If the Chinese wanted this advice, unlike poor countries in Latin America, they can well afford to pay for it. If you can afford a consultant, and you choose not to hire one, you probably don't want one, and you are probably not going to listen to the consultants.

So if China needs American technology to reduce their energy usage, they can and should pay for it. They could just send us back an infinitesimal portion of the U.S. bonds being held in Beijing.

This amendment that I offer today eliminates the possibility that this bill will be used to provide foreign aid and corporate aid to the Chinese Government and Chinese businesses. I may have sounded a little confused as to where it's private sector and public sector in China, of course, that's because in China those two things are confused.

So I hope that you will support my amendment, view it as an alternative to the Harris amendment. I hope that you will vote against the Harris amendment, because it does make sense for us to spend a very small amount of money in cooperative programs, chiefly here in this hemisphere, to help reduce energy usage by countries that we are providing foreign aid to for the most part because they are poor countries and our allies.

I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. VISCLOSKY. I move to strike the last word.

The CHAIR. The gentleman from Indiana is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Chairman, I rise in very reluctant reservation to the gentleman's amendment.