

have seen. But it will not be achieved by unilateral decisions made by an international body that does not represent the interests of our friend and our ally Israel.

DETROIT JOBS TRUST FUND

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

Mr. CLARKE of Michigan. The Detroit Jobs Trust Fund will create jobs for Detroiters. And we definitely need it. Metro Detroit has lost more jobs over the last 10 years than any other metropolitan area in the country.

But as the fighting spirit of the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions demonstrates, we've got to fight to help this country compete and win any battle for jobs around the world. So my message is this: if you want to create more manufacturing jobs here in the U.S., then invest in Detroit.

SHUTTLE PLACEMENT NEXT TO STRIP CLUB

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, NASA plans to send the shuttle Enterprise to New York City, a place that has no connection with NASA. In their sales pitch for the shuttle, the Intrepid Museum painted an extravagant picture of the orbiter prominently displayed in a beautiful facility on the Hudson River.

Now, in a misleading bait-and-switch move, they want to move this piece of space history next to a bagel joint, a car wash and a strip club to supposedly beautify the area. The shuttle should not be used as part of an urban renewal project.

The only place this shuttle should be heading to is Houston's "Space City, U.S.A.," the historical place for all space exploration. The first word on the Moon was "Houston", not "New York City." And placing the shuttle in New York City is like putting the Statue of Liberty in Omaha, Nebraska. NASA and the Smithsonian should reconsider putting the shuttle in New York.

And that's just the way it is.

AVIATION SAFETY RULE

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

Mr. HIGGINS. I come before the House today, Mr. Speaker, to call for the immediate implementation of the pending aviation safety rule on preventing pilot fatigue.

In February of 2009, Continental Connection Flight 3407 crashed in my community of western New York. The investigation of the crash brought to light serious deficiencies in Federal

aviation safety standards, including our rules to prevent pilot fatigue. In response, Congress unanimously passed legislation to reform these rules. Yet despite broad congressional support, implementation of the pilot fatigue rule is more than 2 months overdue. Yesterday, 102 of my colleagues and I sent a letter to the administration urging the quick implementation of these reforms.

Mr. Speaker, the old policies still in place do not adequately prevent fatigue or sufficiently protect the traveling public. We must implement the overdue pilot fatigue rule. While we delay, the traveling public continues to take to the skies bearing unnecessary risks.

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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

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

Mr. STEARNS. Good afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

Although the disabled have made significant progress in achieving the American Dream today, they still face unfairness in the workplace under a provision that allows employers to pay workers with disabilities less than the Federal minimum wage.

Protections for disabled workers were excluded in the Fair Labor Standards Act in the mistaken belief that they would not be as productive as other workers. That is why I offered the Fair Wages for Workers with Disabilities Act, along with my good colleague, Congressman BISHOP of New York. This legislation would phase out the provision in the Fair Labor Standards Act that allows subminimum wage for disabled workers.

It is deplorable and wrong in America that these not-for-profit centers would hire people with disabilities, including the visually impaired, and pay them less than \$1 an hour. Workers with disabilities contribute to our economy and to our society, and they deserve equal pay for equal work.

PASS THE AMERICAN JOBS ACT

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

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it's time for this House to act on the American Jobs Act. It not only makes good sense, it makes dollars and cents for businesses. Businesses that hire persons who have been looking for work for more than 6 months will get a \$4,000 tax credit. If that person happens to be a veteran, it becomes \$5,600. If that veteran happens to have a disability that is service connected, it becomes \$9,600.

It's time to act on the American Jobs Act. It makes good sense. It also makes good dollars and cents for business.

URGING SENATE ACTION ON A BUDGET

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

Mr. KELLY. "I cannot believe you guys put yourselves behind the eight ball." Well, that's what my football coaches used to say whenever our team botched a play or missed an opportunity to win a game.

As we mark 888 days since the Senate has passed a budget, I'd like to say to our friends over in the Senate: I can't believe you folks have put the American people behind the eight ball.

Without a long-term budget, you can't run a business, you can't run family finances, and you sure as heck can't run a government. Passing a budget is one of the most basic legislative responsibilities Congress has, and the Senate leadership has not only punted on this, they've taken a knee.

Leadership isn't about sitting on the sidelines, it's about having the courage to run the play. My colleagues in the House and I are calling on Senator REID to run the play. Pass a budget. Pass the pro-growth bills we've already gotten through the House and help get America out from behind the eight ball.

The American people have waited 888 days to see a budget come out of the Senate. And while the Senate is taking its good old time, the American people are taking it on the chin. With constant threats of shutdowns and slowdowns over continuing resolutions, we've had enough.

Mr. REID, please do your job. Pass a budget.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BASS of New Hampshire). The Chair will remind Members to direct their remarks to the Chair.

AMERICAN JOBS ACT

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

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, it is very disappointing to me that the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) a few moments ago took North Carolina Governor Perdue's words completely out of context. Every day, Governor Perdue of North Carolina is urging this Congress to work in a bipartisan manner to create jobs by passing the American Jobs Act.

We need, Mr. Speaker, to help create jobs. We need to help job creators by offering new tax cuts that incent the hiring of workers and cut payroll taxes. The tax cuts in President Obama's American Jobs Act will save a business with 50 employees roughly \$50,000 per year and give employees an additional \$1,500 per year each in take-home pay. This is real money. It equates to real job growth in the near term.

But the American Jobs Act is more than just tax cuts. Investments in education and infrastructure will increase long-term growth.

I urge this body to take up the whole American Jobs Act—not cherry-pick its parts—without delay so that the small businesses of America can continue to grow and hire, leading us into prosperity.

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

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

Mr. YODER. Mr. Speaker, it's time to put America back to work again, and that's why I rise today to lend my voice in support of the three pending free trade agreements that the President has submitted to Congress.

At a time when 13.9 million Americans are looking for employment, these commonsense, bipartisan bills are the types of pro-job legislation upon which this Congress should be focused.

It's estimated that these agreements could create hundreds of thousands of jobs in the United States and increase American exports by tens of billions of dollars a year. This means real jobs in the Third District of Kansas and throughout my home State, where exports are a major component of our economy, accounting for almost \$10 billion in economic activity and supporting 30,000 jobs.

Mr. Speaker, Americans are tired of partisanship and they're looking for solutions to our economic challenges. Today, let's come together, pass these trade agreements, and let's get Kansas and all of America working again.

AMERICAN JOBS ACT

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

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, the American Jobs Act has been presented to the American people, but in this House it doesn't sound like it's going to get much of a hearing. Republican leadership has called it dead and has called it a partisan piece of legislation.

Well, I've got some evidence that shows that it's not really that partisan. As a matter of fact, we sent out a survey to over 4,000 Louisvillians asking them for their opinion on all provisions of the American Jobs Act. The percentage of support was astounding. Almost 80 percent want to spend \$50 billion to improve our infrastructure; 76 percent want to cut payroll taxes for every worker, 77 percent to cut the payroll tax for businesses, 73 percent allowing businesses to write off 100 percent of new investments, a Republican proposal; 79 percent want to provide a tax credit for hiring American veterans.

No, the only thing that's partisan about the American Jobs Act is the Republicans' attitude about it. And it is time to pass this act to create a new

future for the American people and a better American economy.

AMERICAN JOBS ACT

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

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, how many different jobs could be created if America just had more snakes? venom specialists? animal control? mongoose peddler? I only ask because, in the face of stagnating job growth, Republican leadership in the House Oversight Subcommittee actually recommended relaxing restrictions on exotic snake sales to create jobs. Apparently, in the face of ongoing unemployment, the one job Republicans feel confident they can create is snake oil salesman.

In contrast, President Obama's jobs proposal takes a page out of a former Republican playbook, most notably that of Dwight D. Eisenhower, supporting policies that put Americans back to work. It includes infrastructure investments to build and repair schools, roadways, bridges, creating construction jobs. The President's proposal cuts business taxes to incentivize hiring in the private sector, and it cuts payroll taxes for every current worker to spur economic demand. These bipartisan policies have been successful in the past.

The American people need real jobs, Mr. Speaker, not snake charmers, and I ask that my colleagues support real proposals like the American Jobs Act.

LABOR-HHS EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS CONCERNS

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

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my deep concern over the Labor-HHS Education appropriations draft posted last week by the majority. Not only did this action circumvent the procedures of the House and disregard the input of committee members, but the bill is misguided and dangerous for our Nation's families and economy.

The draft eliminates the cost-effective Title X family planning program, blocks funds for evidence-based sex education programs to instead spend them on programs proven ineffective and discriminatory, and, again, threatens to shut down the government over Planned Parenthood.

This plan harms our health care workforce by slashing the job-creating National Health Service Corps program by 55 percent and making steep reductions to the Community Health Center program. And it wipes out the successful Senior Corps and AmeriCorps programs that not only provide jobs, but also critical low-cost services to our families and seniors.

The list goes on, but the theme is the same we've seen all year: The majority is more interested in putting ideology over common sense and partisanship over people's needs.

PASS THE AMERICAN JOBS ACT

(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, the other side has been in the majority for 39 weeks and they still haven't passed a single piece of legislation to create jobs or help small businesses. And now they reject out-of-hand, commonsense ideas in the American Jobs Act that would help small business owners who really are the economic engine responsible for creating 70 percent of the jobs in this country.

Last week, I visited with small business owners like Susan Bishop, the owner of Jaha Hair Studio. She has been in business 16 years, has eight employees, and she has found it impossible to get a \$30,000 credit extension to meet payroll from a bank that she has done business with for 16 years. She wants to expand her business, to hire others, to train others, and she can't do it, but she could with the American Jobs Act.

Constituents Abeba and Lene Tsegaye, owners of Kefa Cafe, told me that they would actually hire someone if they could get the tax credits available in the American Jobs Act.

So why aren't we doing it, doing it for the owners of Kefa Cafe and other small businesses throughout my congressional district? These are real job creators. It's time for this to be our top priority.

Pass the American Jobs Act. Get America back to work. It's time for the majority to act.

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PENDING FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS

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

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak for the three bilateral trade agreements which the President submitted to the Congress yesterday. I applaud the administration on the negotiated revisions to these agreements, which will improve market access in Korea, tax transparency in Panama, and labor rights in Colombia. Through their hard work, our trade negotiators, led by Ambassador Kirk, have made real and significant improvements to these agreements. Their passage is long overdue.

While political negotiations over previously uncontroversial Trade Adjustment Assistance programs have dragged on here in Washington, American businesses have been losing market share in these three countries. For