

The American people cannot wait on the politics of this institution. Let's bring a jobs bill to the floor today.

AGAINST THE PRESIDENT'S JOBS BILL

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

Ms. HAYWORTH. Madam Speaker, on September 14, 2011, this year, Mark Prosachik from Hopewell Junction, New York, sent the following letter to me, and I quote:

"Dear Congresswoman Hayworth, I have been unemployed for over 18 months and my unemployment insurance ran out, reducing my eligibility for extended benefits. You would think I would be fuming mad . . . and demanding the government make companies hire me. But, no. Instead I'm against President Obama's jobs bill. It is guaranteed to add to the country's bloated debt. It will require taxes to be raised. It will waste money training people when there are many with the skills who are unemployed."

Mr. Prosachik, I think you're absolutely right. Spending more of your hard-earned dollars or anybody's else's on projects like Solyndra or other efforts that unfortunately have not grown our economy will not work. I commend the Senate for rejecting a jobs bill that was a job-killing bill.

We in the House majority have passed bills throughout this year, joined often by our Democratic colleagues, that will grow jobs, that will revive our economy. I urge all of our colleagues in the Senate to pass that agenda immediately.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

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

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, as Hispanic Heritage Month comes to a close, let us all take a moment to celebrate the Hispanic community and their contributions throughout the United States.

The story of Hispanic Americans is truly the story of America and all its groups. Their dream is the American Dream.

In America, if you work hard and play by the rules, dream big, there is absolutely no limit to what you can achieve. Hispanics have succeeded in every walk of life, and the success of their community strengthens the very fabric of our Nation.

Let us all recommit ourselves to working on issues that are important to the Hispanic community, which, after all, are the same issues important to all Americans: creating good jobs, expanding access to higher education, and mending our broken immigration system. When we reflect upon America's history, we are a Nation of immigrants from the past and present.

Let us work together today as Democrats and Republicans so that every citizen in America can achieve the American Dream.

MORTGAGE FRAUD

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

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, in my district and across America, mortgage fraud is a serious crime that's hurt homeowners, businesses, and the economy.

The exact amount of losses attributed to mortgage fraud is unknown, but some estimates state that \$10 billion of loans were originated with fraudulent applications in 2010. Major contributors to mortgage fraud are carried out by nonresident aliens and illegal immigrants.

HUD's Office of Inspector General noted that one loan officer gave fraudulent documents to undocumented immigrants in order to obtain FHA-insured mortgages. HUD then realized \$3.2 million in losses.

To correct this problem, I've introduced H.R. 695. The purpose of my bill is to cut down on such waste. It does so by requiring E-Verify checks with mortgage applications where the mortgage is guaranteed by an agency of the Federal Government. This will help stop the fraud in our mortgage system.

Please join with me in ending this mortgage fraud and help me support H.R. 695.

TIME TO END THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN

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

Ms. HAHN. Madam Speaker, over the weekend I visited Arlington West on the beach in Santa Monica, a beautiful memorial to the men and women in uniform who have lost their lives in the 10 years of war.

As I walked through hundreds of crosses in the sand marking the lives of thousands of young people who've given everything they had to give, on the weekend that marked the 10th anniversary of the start of the war in Afghanistan, I held these heroes and their families in my thoughts and my prayers.

I want this war to end, and I want to speed up the timetable so our President brings our troops home. We are simply losing too many lives and spending too many resources abroad. We cannot afford to spend \$190 million a day on this war when we have crumbling schools and infrastructure here at home that needs fixing.

Just think what we could build with \$190 million a day in this country. Think of the jobs we could create with projects rebuilding America.

And when our heroes come home, we should do everything we can to help them reenter their families and their workforce.

Let's put people to work building an American future worthy of the sacrifices of our brave young people in uniform.

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CALLING FOR A BALANCED AMENDMENT

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

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, if our Nation's debt crisis has taught us anything, it's that we need a permanent spending solution to keep America the permanent land of the free. There's only one way to bind Congress to such a commitment, and that is through a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution.

House Republicans have already changed the debate from how much to spend to how much to cut, yet our extraordinary crisis still demands extraordinary action.

Washington Democrats went on a record spending binge and left America in an economic hangover. New taxes, as the President proposes, would only punish the Nation and reward the spenders with more money to waste.

We need to stop spending money we don't have and begin living within our means like every American family and business is expected to do. We need a permanent constitutional amendment. For the sake of tomorrow's generations, let's get it done today.

CURRENCY REFORM FOR FAIR TRADE ACT

(Mr. PRICE of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, China's policy of undervaluing its currency is undercutting American manufacturing and American jobs by giving China an artificial and unfair advantage. In this time of economic uncertainty and high employment, we need to take direct, commonsense action to protect the American worker from unfair Chinese trade practices.

The Senate has passed a bill to investigate currency cheating by China and other countries and to impose tariffs if they are found guilty. Yesterday, Democrats attempted to offer a similar bill, which has 61 Republican cosponsors, but 235 Republicans voted against it. Moreover, House Republican leaders have indicated the Senate bill will never see the light of day if they have their way. Speaker BOEHNER says the fair trade bill with China is "dangerous."

The American people don't think there is anything dangerous about protecting American workers from schemes that burden our exports, subsidize their imports, and kill jobs. Republican leadership should bring the China currency and fair trade bill to

the floor so the House can give it the bipartisan vote it deserves.

HOCKEY FIGHTS CANCER DAY ON THE HILL

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise in celebration of National Hockey League's Hockey Fights Cancer Day on the Hill.

Anyone who has played the great sport of hockey or who has watched a game has probably seen a fight or two on the ice. It's no secret that hockey players are a tough group. But off the ice, there are bigger fights being waged each and every day by people even tougher than your average hockey player, even players like former Blackhawk Reid Simpson.

Those living with and fighting against cancer are tougher than the toughest odds and incredibly brave in spite of daunting treatment and an uncertain future. With nearly 12 million patients in America today, most of us know someone fighting cancer, be it a family member, friend, or neighbor.

The NHL's Hockey Fights Cancer initiative is an extraordinary opportunity for members of the hockey family to stand up for our loved ones and to support the organizations that provide cutting-edge research, therapy, and vital support services that make their lives better.

This is one fight I'm proud to be a part of, and I encourage other hockey fans out there to join me as Hockey Fights Cancer.

CURRENCY REFORM FOR FAIR TRADE ACT

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

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of American families whose jobs and livelihoods are being undermined by China and other countries which purposely undervalue their currency.

For the past several years, the best economic research has shown that China manipulates the value of its currency by at least 25 to 30 percent against the dollar.

This blatantly unfair trading practice has contributed to our trade deficit with China, growing it from \$68 billion to \$273 billion in just 11 years. Worst of all, the American people have become the ultimate victims. Last month, the Economic Policy Institute found that 2.8 million U.S. jobs have been eliminated or displaced since 2001 due to the growing U.S.-China trade deficit.

Last year, the Currency Reform for Fair Trade Act passed this Chamber with strong bipartisan support. Yesterday, unfortunately, the new House majority voted nearly identical legisla-

tion down. The Currency Reform for Fair Trade Act has been supported by Members on both sides of the aisle and would give this and any administration the authority to take countervailing measures against currency manipulators, like China, in support of hard-working Americans.

We need to change that, Madam Speaker.

AMERICAN JOBS ACT

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

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, the best way to reduce the debt that this country has is to put people back to work. When they are back to work, they are paying their taxes and they are not getting unemployment. We need to get everybody in this country working, and the President proposed a bill called the American Jobs Act that does just that. It focuses on innovation, American innovation and ingenuity. It focuses on education and our community colleges and our K-12, and it focuses on rebuilding this country's infrastructure: our roads, our bridges, and our energy system.

But you know what happened over in the Senate yesterday; every single Republican voted against this. That bill has Republican ideas and Democratic ideas, but every single Republican voted against it.

We need to put the people in this country back to work. We don't need to be playing politics about the White House 13 months out from the election. That American Jobs Act needs to be passed, and it needs to be passed right now.

VOTER SUPPRESSION

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

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, this year a number of States are taking steps to make it more difficult for citizens to register to vote, to limit early voting, and to require photo IDs at the polls. The proponents of these new laws argue that they are designed to combat voter fraud. Clearly, we don't want people voting illegally, but these new laws are a solution to a problem that does not exist, and these steps will create serious problems.

A recent report by the Brennan Center at NYU shows that these new laws would affect more than 5 million eligible voters and would disproportionately disenfranchise young, low-income, and minority citizens.

In the past, literacy tests and poll taxes were used selectively to allow certain citizens to vote and disenfranchise others. They were and are illegal, and they should remain so. So we must oppose 21st century poll taxes which seek to suppress the vote of eligible voters and deny them their constitu-

tional rights and weaken our democracy.

PROTECT LIFE ACT

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

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Madam Speaker, there is a strange thing that is going to be happening on this floor in just a little while. We should be focusing like a laser on jobs and strengthening the middle class. But instead, the majority is bringing forth a measure, the Protect Life Act. It's a measure coming before this body which, quite honestly, Members have had a chance to express themselves on numerous times. This does not create jobs. And what's ironic about it is this Protect Life Act is actually putting the lives of women at risk.

I really don't think that the American people feel that right now, today, that this is the highest priority for our country. Our highest priority is finding jobs for people in our country, not taking away lifesaving care from women.

PROTECT LIFE ACT

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

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to voice my opposition to H.R. 358. When I speak with women in my district, they are concerned about finding a job, keeping their home from foreclosure, or putting food on the table. What they do not ask for is their constitutional rights to be threatened or their health to be endangered. Yet this bill does just that.

Rather than focus on continuing to rebuild our Nation's economy, the Republican majority is focusing their time on, once again, seeking to limit women's access to reproductive care.

I am particularly troubled that this bill, the Protect Life Act, actually does just the opposite. This bill would override core patient protections and allow hospitals to legally refuse lifesaving treatment to women, thus allowing them to die in a hospital despite their treatable condition. This extreme legislation is dangerous to women's health and does nothing to address the jobs crisis facing American families.

I urge my colleagues, if they truly want to protect life, to vote against this bill.

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SOCIAL SECURITY, MEDICARE, AND MEDICAID: KEEPING FAITH WITH AMERICA'S SENIORS, THE DISABLED, AND THE NEEDY

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