

Unemployment in my district is over 15 percent, and I have to fight with my own administration as to whether or not these people can go to work? This is absolutely wrong. It is unforgivable that this is what it's come to in our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity. I commend the rest of my delegation. It is a true honor to be amongst these gentlemen tonight as we sit here and try and come to our State's defense against what is clearly an unjustified attack.

Mr. GOWDY. We saw firsthand when the automotive manufacturing company, BMW, decided to come to the upstate of South Carolina. I tell my colleagues, it transformed the upstate of South Carolina. Every now and again, you have an opportunity to have a company like a BMW or a Boeing or a Michelin or a Milliken or a GE that cannot just transform a community but, even more importantly, transform individual family lives by giving them the greatest of all family values—a job.

Mr. MULVANEY is exactly right. We come from a State that has a rich and, in some instances, provocative history, but one thing that we all agree on, and it is every Member of this delegation, we represent people who want to work, and when you consider the consequences of this complaint, what are the remedies? Are they really going to ask Boeing to dismantle the plant that is under construction in North Charleston? Are they really going to tell Boeing, you cannot manufacture this line in this State? Or are they going to do what we really suspect that this is all about, which is negotiating strength so they can force Boeing to do more work in Washington State? "We'll let you slide in South Carolina, but you've got to make it up to us in Washington State."

That is not the business of this administration, and I applaud my colleagues, those that are here and those that were not able to join us tonight, because we are in one accord when it comes to standing up for the people and the workers and the State of South Carolina.

I would yield to my colleague, Mr. DUNCAN.

Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I just have to ask myself, listening to my colleagues here, thinking about this issue, since when did America stop becoming and being the land of the free? The land of the free that we sing about all the time? Do we just want to say that we're a free Nation, or do we want to be a free Nation?

Our freedom is under attack, guys. Our freedom is under attack across this Nation, through suits like the NLRB suing the States, NLRB suing a private business for making a business decision. But in America? I can't believe we're witnessing this. It's not just NLRB, it's the EPA. When they deny an air quality permit for a drilling platform in the Alaskan Sea, where the closest impacted town is over 70 miles

away, with only 250 indigenous people there.

I've been out to a deepwater drilling platform. I've been to a production platform. The only air impact that I've seen was the flare gas, where they flare off and burn off the gas that comes through the natural drilling activities. Usually it's natural gas. Some proponents of that side of the debate think that natural gas is and say—and I believe that, too—it's probably cleaner burning. But we've got the EPA denying an air quality permit, not a drilling permit this time, so we're not able to meet America's energy needs by domestic production.

We've got NLRB suing the State of South Carolina, the State of Utah, the State of Arizona, and the State of South Dakota. Then we've got them suing a fine American company named Boeing. We've got the EPA going after drilling, denying to issue air quality permits. We've got them changing the air quality standards that will affect economic development in my district and around the State of South Carolina.

This is a power grab. This is a power grab by this administration to keep us from being free people, to keep us from being able to make business decisions and creating jobs, putting America back to work.

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America needs to wake up and see that your freedoms are being eroded day by day.

It's hard to believe that January 5 we were elected into Congress and had high optimism for changing the way Washington does business, and then we see this continuation of these policies, which I labeled on the campaign "POR policies." I called it Pelosi, Obama and Reid policies that were bankrupting this country, and they're continuing today. They're continuing today because they are affecting private businesses that are out creating jobs in States like South Carolina.

So I applaud my colleagues and, like you said, those that aren't here, those that may be taking the floor on the other side of the Chamber in the United States Senate, those that had obligations, other places tonight that feel the way we do, that South Carolina is a great State to do business.

Boeing made the decision to come there. They made the decision about their bottom line, about profitability, shareholder value, about creating something great, creating American jobs, manufacturing in this country that the gentleman from Georgia talked about. Well, they're doing it. And they're going to do it in South Carolina because I believe they're going to win this lawsuit. I believe they are going to win because it's the right thing, it's the American way, it's unconstitutional, un-American for the NLRB to be suing Boeing.

I believe with my heart that they are going to win. They're going to put

those thousands of workers to work in South Carolina, they're going to invest their money, and they're going to be there 100 years from now.

Mr. GOWDY. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of a family health issue.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today and the balance of the week on account of a death in the family.

Mr. ELLISON (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of tornado damage in district.

Mr. HINOJOSA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business.

Ms. MCCOLLUM (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business in district.

Mr. MARKEY (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of travel delays.

Mrs. NAPOLITANO (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of travel delays.

Mr. PASTOR of Arizona (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and May 24.

Ms. SUTTON (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of travel delays.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 349. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4865 Tallmadge Road in Rootstown, Ohio, as the "Marine Sgt. Jeremy E. Murray Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

S. 655. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 95 Dogwood Street in Cary, Mississippi, as the "Spencer Byrd Powers, Jr. Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 793. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 12781 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in Inverness, California, as the "Specialist Jake Robert Velloza Post Office".

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GOWDY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the

House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 24, 2011, at 10 a.m.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Speaker-Authorized Official Travel during the fourth quarter of 2010 and the first quarter of 2011 pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2011

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Jim Costa	2/23	2/26	Austria		1,124.04		3,498.00				4,622.04
Committee total					1,124.04		3,498.00				4,622.04

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. FRANK D. LUCAS, Chairman, May 2, 2011.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1 AND MAR. 31, 2011

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Mario Diaz-Balart	1/27	1/30	Switzerland		2,097.35						2,097.35
Commercial Airfare							799.60				799.60
Hon. Jeff Flake	2/3	2/3	Lithuania		141.00						141.00
	2/4	2/6	Germany		438.00						438.00
									14.00		14.00
Hon. Nita Lowey	2/3	2/3	Lithuania ⁴								
	2/4	2/6	Germany		649.17						649.17
Adrienne Ramsay	3/21	3/24	Jordan		888.27						888.27
Commercial Airfare							7,416.70				7,416.70
Misc. Transportation Costs							50.00				50.00
Hon. Barbara Lee	3/23	3/27	Belgium		640.00						640.00
Commercial Airfare							5,385.30				5,385.30
Hon. Kay Granger	3/17	3/20	Colombia		1,146.00						1,146.00
	3/20	3/21	Panama		254.00						254.00
	3/21	3/23	Guatemala		409.00						409.00
	3/23	3/24	Mexico		600.00						600.00
Misc. Embassy Expenses								1,900.59			1,900.59
Part Commercial Airfare							342.72				342.72
Misc. Transportation Costs							571.61				571.61
Hon. Jack Kingston	3/20	3/21	Panama		254.00						254.00
	3/21	3/23	Guatemala		409.00						409.00
	3/23	3/24	Mexico		600.00						600.00
Misc. Embassy Expenses								1,524.76			1,524.76
Part Commercial Airfare							675.00				675.00
Misc. Transportation Costs							442.61				442.61
Hon. Jim Moran	3/17	3/20	Colombia		1,146.00						1,146.00
	3/20	3/21	Panama		254.00						254.00
	3/21	3/23	Guatemala		409.00						409.00
	3/23	3/24	Mexico		600.00						600.00
Misc. Embassy Expenses								1,900.59			1,900.59
Misc. Transportation Costs							571.61				571.61
Hon. Rodney Frelinghuysen	3/17	3/20	Colombia		1,146.00						1,146.00
	3/20	3/21	Panama		254.00						254.00
	3/21	3/23	Guatemala		409.00						409.00
	3/23	3/24	Mexico		600.00						600.00
Misc. Embassy Expenses								1,900.59			1,900.59
Misc. Transportation Costs							571.61				571.61
Hon. Ken Calvert	3/17	3/20	Colombia		1,146.00						1,146.00
	3/20	3/21	Panama		254.00						254.00
	3/21	3/23	Guatemala		409.00						409.00
	3/23	3/24	Mexico		600.00						600.00
Misc. Embassy Expenses								1,900.59			1,900.59
Part Commercial Airfare							874.52				874.52
Misc. Transportation Costs							571.61				571.61
Hon. Tom Cole	3/17	3/20	Colombia		1,146.00						1,146.00
	3/20	3/21	Panama		254.00						254.00
	3/21	3/23	Guatemala		409.00						409.00
	3/23	3/24	Mexico		600.00						600.00
Misc. Embassy Expenses								1,900.59			1,900.59
Misc. Transportation Costs							571.61				571.61
Hon. Mario Diaz-Balart	3/17	3/20	Colombia		1,146.00						1,146.00
	3/20	3/21	Panama		254.00						254.00
	3/21	3/23	Guatemala		409.00						409.00
	3/23	3/24	Mexico		600.00						600.00
Misc. Embassy Expenses								1,900.59			1,900.59
Misc. Transportation Costs							571.61				571.61
Anne Marie Chotvacs	3/17	3/20	Colombia		1,146.00						1,146.00
	3/20	3/21	Panama		254.00						254.00
	3/21	3/23	Guatemala		409.00						409.00
	3/23	3/24	Mexico		600.00						600.00
Misc. Embassy Expenses								1,900.59			1,900.59
Misc. Transportation Costs							571.61				571.61
Susan Adams	3/17	3/20	Colombia		1,146.00						1,146.00
	3/20	3/21	Panama		254.00						254.00