

This ought not to be, but that's just the way it is.

CLEAN ENERGY JOBS BILL

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

Ms. BERKLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Nevada's struggling out-of-work families who understand that this Nation's top priority must be putting people back to work.

One way that we can do this is by bringing clean energy manufacturing jobs to our State. My clean energy jobs bill does just that, by transforming our State's abundant wind, sun, and geothermal energy into good-paying jobs that can't be shipped overseas. It does this by getting our priorities lined up with our values.

The bill extends a 30 percent tax credit for clean energy manufacturing companies that is paid for by eliminating the billions of taxpayer giveaways to big oil companies.

Last year, Big Oil made \$137 billion in profits. They don't need our money. Unfortunately, Washington Republicans just don't see it that way. In fact, the Republicans vote time and again to protect taxpayer-funded handouts to greedy oil companies. Those are the wrong priorities for our Nation, and they are certainly the wrong priorities for the State of Nevada.

With rising gas prices, it is time to hold big oil companies accountable and make Nevada the hub of our clean energy jobs future.

I urge swift passage of this bill.

THE RISING PRICE OF GAS: THIS ADMINISTRATION MUST CHANGE COURSE

(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, there are a lot of issues being debated here in our Nation's capital, but Hoosiers are talking about just one thing, and that is rising prices at the pump. The average price of gasoline in Indiana right now is \$3.82 a gallon. That is 10 cents higher than the national average. And it is worth noting that when President Obama came to office, the average price of gasoline nationwide was \$1.79.

This administration pushed cap-and-trade and a national energy tax that the President said would cause utility rates to skyrocket, they pushed it through regulations even though it didn't make it in the Congress, they suspended deepwater drilling in the Gulf of Mexico for a time, they placed the entire Pacific and Atlantic coasts off-limits to drilling, refused to explore Alaska, decreased production across the Western part of our Nation, and most recently rejected the Keystone XL pipeline.

With no joy in saying this, Mr. Speaker, I say rising gasoline prices

are a natural result of the policies of the Obama administration, and this administration must change course. It's time that we enact an all-of-the-above energy strategy that includes more access to America's energy reserves, more alternative energy sources, and encouragement of conservation. That's how we will tackle this crisis.

I rise on behalf of hardworking Hoosiers and everyday Americans who are struggling with the prices at the pump on this first day in March to say to this administration: Accept the Keystone pipeline, approve more domestic exploration, abandon your headlong rush toward regulation and a national energy tax, and let's give Americans real relief at the pump as this spring begins.

RECOGNITION OF BOSNIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

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

Mr. CARNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Bosnian people as they celebrate the 20th anniversary of Bosnia and Herzegovina's independence.

As a founding member and cochairman of the Congressional Bosnian Caucus and having the distinct honor of representing a growing, vibrant community of Bosnian Americans in St. Louis, Missouri, one of the largest Bosnian American communities in the U.S., I'm pleased to recognize Bosnian Independence Day with my constituents and the people of Bosnia.

Yesterday, our caucus cochair, Representative CHRIS SMITH, and I had a meeting with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to discuss progress and continued challenges in Bosnia. I'm encouraged that the elected leaders have begun to do what is in the best interest of their country: to form a government, to begin to pass laws that will help put Bosnia on a path to membership in NATO and the European Union.

In the face of tremendous challenge, Bosnia has made great progress over the past 20 years, but there is much more to be done.

Yesterday, I urged Secretary Clinton to continue active U.S. involvement in the country and to strengthen U.S. support for the Bosnian people as they embark on a wide range of needed reforms.

I'm proud to represent thousands of Bosnians in the St. Louis region. It's with great pride that I continue to stand with them today and offer a hearty congratulations on the 20th anniversary of independence.

COMMEMORATING ALABAMA CIVIL RIGHTS MARCHES

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to rise to the floor

to add my appreciation in celebration of H. Res. 562, directing the Office of the Historian to compile oral histories from Members of the House of Representatives involved in the historic and annual Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, marches, and certainly those who started in 1965.

Let me first of all thank the sponsor of the bill, TERRI SEWELL, and acknowledge that I've had the privilege of marching across the Edmund Pettus Bridge for almost two decades with the Faith & Politics organization and JOHN LEWIS.

Just a couple of weeks ago, I was in Marion, Alabama, receiving an award from the Perry County organization with Commissioner Turner on commemorating Jimmie Lee Jackson Day, who was the first person shot who went to a rally that Dr. Martin Luther King held simply to express his right to vote. He was shot trying to protect his mom and his grandmother, dragged out of the place and stomped to death.

Now some 45 years later, we're able to commemorate, but we must recount the stories of those who were there and those who still march today. As we proceed to improve on voting today and end the oppression of voter IDs, it is appropriate to celebrate this resolution and to march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge this coming Bloody Sunday.

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SHAME ON YOU, RUSH LIMBAUGH

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

Ms. SPEIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to say to Rush Limbaugh, "Shame on you."

Shame on you for being the hatemonger that you are. Shame on you for being misogynistic. Shame on you for calling the women of this country sluts and prostitutes, because that's what he did.

Ninety-eight percent of the women in this country, at some time in their lives, use birth control. And yet he went on the air recently and called Sandra Fluke a slut and a prostitute because she was trying to access birth control pills as a third-year law student at Georgetown.

So I say to the women in this country, Do something about this. I say to the women of this country, Ask Century 21, Quicken Loans, Legal Zoom, and Sleep Number to stop supporting the hatemongering of Rush Limbaugh, and if they do not do that, then I ask them to boycott those companies.

TRIBUTE TO HARRY BELAFONTE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. CONYERS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend, my brother, the one and only Harry Belafonte, whose birthday is today, his fame as a singer popularizing the Caribbean musical style with an international audience, and is best known for singing the Banana Boat Song, with its signature lyric, "Day-O." He's a movie star and was in pictures filmed with Dorothy Dandridge and then Carmen Jones, which was Otto Preminger's hit musical.

Throughout his career, though, he has been a civil rights advocate and a leader in humanitarian causes; and, for me, his close counsel and advice and support to the late Dr. Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., is something that I think will go down in civil rights history.

He's been a leader in humanitarian causes for many years. He helped organize the Grammy award winning song, "We Are the World," a multi-artist effort to raise funds for Africa when they needed it most. He performed in the Live Aid concert that same year.

In 1987, Mr. Belafonte received appointment to UNICEF as a goodwill ambassador; and following his appointment, he traveled to Dakar, Senegal, where he served as chairman of the International Symposium of Artists and Intellectuals for African Children. He also helped to raise funds with dozens of other artists in the largest concert ever held in sub-Saharan Africa. And then he went on a mission to Rwanda and launched a media campaign to raise awareness of the needs and the troubles and the nutritional challenges of Rwandan children.

In 2001, he went to South Africa to support the campaign to reduce HIV/AIDS. The next year, Africare awarded him the Bishop John Walker Distinguished Humanitarian Service Award for his efforts to assist in Africa.

In 2004, he went to Kenya to stress the importance of education for the children in that area.

In 2006, he was the recipient of the BET Humanitarian Award and was named one of the nine award recipients by AARP Magazine.

Happy birthday, Harry Belafonte. I love you, America loves you, and the entire world will always love and admire your artistic genius, your steadfast devotion to causes of justice, peace, and your enduring spirit to transform both our country and the world so it is a more compassionate, soulful, and just planet.

I'm going to yield, at this time, to the gentlelady from Texas, Ms. SHEILA JACKSON LEE, as much time as she may consume.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. I want to thank the gentleman from Detroit, with his own august history in the civil rights movement and, as they say, he is no short man when it comes to the work that he has done. More than one that we note him for and thank him for, the hiring of Rosa Parks and the friendship with Dr. Martin Luther

King, JOHN CONYERS has proceeded with his legislative history from the time of his embracing of the 1965 Voting Rights Act; and then ongoing, where we have joined on that committee dealing with issues of police brutality, dealing with issues of voter protection, dealing with the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act, dealing with the maintaining of the Constitution through one impeachment proceeding for me and two impeachment proceedings for JOHN CONYERS, we know from which he has spoken. And beyond a whole litany that I could give in terms of giving rights to people, his dear friend, Harry Belafonte, is about to approach a wonderful birthday. And since I count Mr. Belafonte both hero and friend, I wanted to join briefly for a moment.

Among some other issues that I'm going to discuss is to, again, thank a warrior for peace and justice, and one who—let me just say that he would not say "sacrifice"—one who wanted to ensure that the movement leaders, Dr. King, Hosea Williams, Andy Young, James Orange, the soldiers in Mississippi and Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia, North Carolina, and places beyond had the kind of financial and Hollywood structure that they would argue that they were not walking alone.

Harry Belafonte, a significant and monumental talent of music, a boy that hailed from the Caribbean, who came to the United States with style and smoothness of voice, still kicking, still strong, still standing for truth.

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We know of his recent vintage that he did not mince words on wars that he thought that we should not be in, but he certainly has not traveled anywhere away from the distance of the journey that Dr. Martin Luther King walked.

As Martin fell at the age of 39 in 1968, Harry Belafonte never gave up the flag and continued that battlefront to ensure that those who could not speak for themselves were heard through his wonderful and sweet, resounding voice, his ability for lyrics, and his acting talent of the many movies that he allowed us to enjoy.

So I'm delighted, Mr. CONYERS, to join you in wishing Harry Belafonte a very happy birthday and, again, let him know that he is too long from seeing us. We saw him just recently. But anytime he wants to come to the United States Congress and share with us in our fight for justice, in the desire to pass legislation that makes sense, whether or not it is dealing with the rights of women, whether it is to fight for the overdue passage of the Equal Rights Amendment or to ensure the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act or to make sure we fund the Office of Civil Rights or we ensure that the stamping and trampling on the rights of a 96-year-old grandmother to be able to vote in the 2012 election is now stomped out because of voter ID

laws, we want Harry Belafonte to know that we welcome his voice on any of these, and we would argue vigorously that he remains in our hearts and continues to be cherished by America, but also an American hero in the historic role that he plays in our history and in our musical history and the history of civil rights.

So I want to thank you for allowing me to be yielded to as I proceed to utilize a continued part of this Special Order in this hour that I wish to do.

I want to have the appropriate break so that, Mr. Chairman, I think you are well aware that you spent your lifetime fighting for rights for women. We have done a number of legislative initiatives that have passed through the House Judiciary Committee that I've been privileged during the short time that I've been there to be on; certainly, the constant renewal of the rights dealing with violence against women has been imperative, the recognition of the court cases, such as Roe v. Wade, and the issues dealing with employment discrimination.

So it calls for an immediate response to a showman that has a show, "The Rush Limbaugh Show." It calls for a response that is bipartisan, that is humane, that really does not, if you will, pander to the schisms that many in this Congress, but many in America, think we have.

Most people don't realize that when we go home to our district, we are embracing people from all walks of life. Whether it is encountering in our service, whether or not we are engaging with our Chamber, whether or not we are at our schools, we are embracing our constituents. We are there to provide for them.

So I come to the floor just as an American that finds it very difficult that, when there are two points of view, which, in the procedure of the House—if I might explain, when a committee holds a hearing, the majority has the opportunity to select a number of witnesses. In most instances, if it is a panel of four, then the majority selects three witnesses. Courtesy says that you yield to the minority. In the House, it happens to be Democrats. As in Mr. CONYERS' Judiciary Committee when he was chairman, they were allowed a witness. Now we're allowed a witness.

In the oversight hearing on the question of dealing with the compromise of the President to ensure no religious institution ever has to engage against their view, which I will fight to the death to ensure that happens, there was a witness proposed by the Democrats of that committee, a young woman law student. The last time I heard, she was a private citizen. She was a law student, accredited or in good standing, of one of the Nation's major law schools, and she was blocked from testifying.

Shortly thereafter, the Democratic Policy and Steering Committee, which I'm a member of, led by Leader PELOSI,

held a hearing and gave this private citizen an opportunity to be heard. She was called before the Democratic Policy and Steering Committee, which is an appropriate vehicle in order to have people heard on her views about the necessity of having access to women's health. That was the framework of her testimony.

There were no accusatory words, as I understand it. There was no blaming. It was a simple, pure testimony of the detriment to blocking women from having access to health care. In fact, we have designated or determined that contraceptives have influenced and impacted the decrease in cervical cancer as addressed by OB/GYNs in this Nation. So, her testimony was a factual testimony on the basis of her experience.

And I will tell you that that happens all the time, Mr. CONYERS, when we call witnesses to provide testimony on their own experience. As I understand it, it was a civil proceeding that is now documented for Members to review, and I think that is the process of this House that witnesses are allowed to be in support of a particular position and to be against.

Let me be very frank. Sometimes the hearings get very feisty, but we're always cognizant that we're appreciative of witnesses who are willing to come before us and to, in fact, share their thoughts.

We just had one here in the Judiciary Committee, and I was delighted to see an array of witnesses, and almost to the extent it looked like we had it resolved when one of the faith witnesses said they would have no concern about any person that worked for them that secured access to contraceptives through some other way as long as it did not cause that religious entity to have to be involved. What a simple acknowledgment of how America can resolve things. So it is a resolvable question.

But lo and behold, we look to the airwaves, of which we, the Federal Government, provide, and certainly we know the Fairness Doctrine does not exist, but I might say that on the February 29, 2012, show of Mr. Limbaugh, we understand that he repeatedly used sexually charged, patently offensive, obscene language to malign the character of a courageous young woman, a private citizen not running for anything, in law school, attempting to be a contributing citizen to this country, paying her taxes, graduating. I'm sure she has a family that loves her. She just was willing to accept the call of a committee to do her duty to give testimony in her own words, to provide a life story to an issue that we are grappling with.

So I know I am standing here in the face of the Fairness Doctrine that does not require any media to offer a contravening point. Sometime in the last couple of decades we eliminated the requirement that if you said such-and-such, you needed to bring so-and-so

onto the radio or TV to say that. We're still grappling with that because this allows, of course, the maligning, the vile statements, and one cannot answer.

Those of us who are in the kitchen, we know that if you're in the kitchen, you're in the fire. Those of us who are elected, we understand that our task is simply to respond by way of our works and our deeds and to allow the national discourse to come.

□ 1140

But I rise to the floor today because of the vileness of the statements that were made by Mr. Limbaugh—and pardon me for having an enormous cold here.

So, Rush, the statements that you made, I think, are not appropriate to a private citizen who came before a hearing that was called by Members of Congress, asking to secure the appropriate balance and where she was refused in the regular order of the House. Where you're allowed to have witnesses by the majority and witnesses by the minority—it is an accepted process that no one objects to—this young lady was blocked. So the leaders of our House—Leader PELOSI, the Democratic Policy and Steering Committee, of which I am a member and support wholeheartedly—called on this young lady.

If I might, I will just deviate for a moment.

This connects to my morning visit this morning of women who thrive, and I want to acknowledge my full passion for supporting the International Violence Against Women Act that we are fighting to pass. In this morning's breakfast, we heard that one in three women will experience violence in their lifetimes. They will be prostituted; they will be sold; they will be enslaved; they will be beaten; they will be killed.

We have to stop this around the world. In my own jurisdiction, I have seen in the last couple of days and weeks men shoot their children, their wives or whole families. This is in the United States. I remember sitting down with Madeleine Albright on the border of Bangladesh, looking at the freed, recently recaptured, prostitutes who had been beaten and sold by their families for the lack of survival, and these young girls were trying to regain their dignity in life. We cannot tolerate that, so I am committing myself wholeheartedly to the passage of the International Violence Against Women Act.

I would commend Rush Limbaugh to invite us on and talk about constructive ways of helping women. I give him every opportunity to have some guest whom we can call in. I don't think that is possible, but I will challenge all of the women of the House. Let's try to dial that number and see if we can provide some light on this topic of dealing with what women face beyond the caring and having the joy of bearing a child but then sometimes raising them

as a single parent and having to have food stamps and having to have children's health insurance or the Affordable Care Act to survive and to raise these wonderful children.

How many have testified, from soldier to President, about a single parent who has brought them this far and who have said, If it weren't for my mother—some will say if it weren't for my single-parent father—I wouldn't be here today. She was a single parent. I just can't imagine why Mr. Limbaugh would carry on with this characterization.

Let me finish on this, Mr. CONYERS. It is something that has disturbed me and that reflects on my word of instruction.

I know that we have a schedule for the war in Afghanistan. I cochair the Afghan Caucus, so let me pronounce now my desire for an immediate upsurging, meaning upsurging out—speeding out, expediting—the return of our heroes home. I thank the President for his dinner in honor of the soldiers from Iraq. I have been wearing for a number of months—and I'm not sure if I still have it on. There it is—a yellow ribbon to acknowledge these soldiers who have come home from Iraq, and I look forward to many parades coming forward. But it is time to bring our soldiers home from Iraq, to thank the NATO partnership, and it is time to express outrage. I offer the deepest sympathy.

I have no problem with apologies. I am a grown person who is not diminished by saying, I'm sorry. I'm sorry that a mistake in the channel of instructions and commands allowed Korans to be burned. We all know that they were collected, first of all, because they thought they were communicating dastardly instructions that would harm either those who were the officers over the detention prison or that they were sending messages. We understand that, but there is no reason not to offer an apology. We have sacred documents from the Torah to the Bible to the Koran because there are people in the United States of different faiths. So we have no problem with that.

Yet when we have a government, as much as we try to encourage and to applaud and to support it, that allows the reckless spreading of violence and that the Taliban celebrates by permeating the population with ugliness and rioting and when you shoot point blank my officers of the United States military, enough is enough. There is no reason for me to be able to accept individuals who are there to help build up a society, in my understanding, where they are unarmed, and then you cause violence with four other soldiers. Then there are allegations that food is being poisoned. There are allegations that we can't even walk the streets.

The sadness is that women in Afghanistan have come to me and have said, We can't even walk the streets. Babies—girl children—are killed. Parliamentarians have spoken to me and

have said, I can't go home to my home district.

How would that be for my distinguished colleague, when I yield to Congresswoman CAPPS or to any of the women, to know that we cannot go home to our districts because we are in fear of being killed by the men in that region?

So I would argue that we have been valiant, that we are heroes, that we have done what we have been called to do. The Commander in Chief has, in fact, brought the demise of Osama bin Laden and other high-dollar targets, and I would believe that it is appropriate that Congress gathers. I am now looking and contemplating a resolution in which we ask for a more expedited return of our soldiers and in which we ask that the President of Afghanistan, in the appropriate way, denounce and call for the end of this violence and that the Taliban be addressed by the Afghan National Security Forces, as we have trained them.

So I would say in my closing remarks that we have much to do. Many women suffer. In this country, we can at least acknowledge that we are civilized and that we respect women and the choices they have to make, that we have respect for the faith that has its own position and that we as a Nation will insist on that firewall; but we will also have access to women's health care. It makes no sense that a talk-show host, who is on the airwaves provided by the American people and by the tax dollars, would go after an innocent law student who simply was called as an American citizen to be heard in the Halls of Congress and who had no other angst but to be able to present her life story.

I conclude, Mr. CONYERS, by saying I see that, by the men and women in the United States military, all they have asked to do is to serve their Nation under the orders of the Commander in Chief in Afghanistan. I am now saying to them that I salute them and that it is time to bring our men and women home in dignity, in health, in safety, and with their lives—for their loved ones.

Mr. CONYERS. I want to thank the gentelady from Texas for her wide-ranging comments, for her very closely held beliefs, and for her very articulate way of joining me in the dialogue this morning.

Mr. Speaker, I now yield to the gentelady from California, LOIS CAPPS.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to correct the RECORD. I mistakenly voted "no" just a few moments ago on roll-call 94 when I intended to vote "yes."

I do support H. Res. 556 and strongly condemn the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of religious minorities.

I concur with the resolution in calling for the exoneration and immediate release of Youcef Nadarkhani and all other individuals held or charged on account of their religion.

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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HONORING ANDREW BREITBART

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. MCCOTTER) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to observe the loss of my friend, Andrew Breitbart, at the age of 43.

In endeavoring to eulogize anyone, there is truly no more eloquent testament than their family. To his wife, Susie, and their four beautiful children, our prayers, our thoughts, and our acts are with you.

Professionally, in Andrew's prodigious genius that was his life's work, he tirelessly fought the good fight and, in the end, gave his all with every fiber of his soul to serve his fellow human beings and his country.

Numbed with shock and loss at the word of his passing, and in reflecting upon the pleasure of his company, which I and so many others shared, I do find that I am at a loss for words and will, instead, rely upon those of the poet, Rupert Brooke:

Now, God be thanked Who has matched us
with His hour

And caught our youth, and wakened us from
sleeping,

With hand made sure, clear eye, and sharp-
ened power,

To turn, as swimmers into cleanness leaping,
Glad from a world grown old and cold and
weary,

Leave the sick hearts that honour could not
move,

And half-men, and their dirty songs and
dreary,

And all the little emptiness of love!
Oh! we, who have known shame, we have
found release there,

Where there is no ill, no grief, but sleep has
mending,

Naught broken save this body, lost but
breath;

Nothing to shake the laughing heart's long
peace there

But only agony, and that has ending;
And the worst friend and enemy is but
Death.

Good-bye and God bless, brother Andrew. You are loved and mourned and ever remembered. You never wasted a day of our finite time called life.

I yield back the balance of my time.

DO NOT RAISE TAXES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for the remainder of the hour as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I was talking to my good friend on the other side of the aisle, a Democrat, GREG MEEKS, and GREG said that if we would raise taxes, put taxes on the

table, that he would be willing to put cuts and entitlements and other things on the table in an equal measure; and I told him that there was no way that we could raise taxes enough to offset the things that really needed to be dealt with.

We have got to control spending. We have got to cut spending. We have got to look at the entitlements and the rules and regulations that we have to live by and make dramatic changes in government if we're going to balance the budget.

This year, we have reached over \$15 trillion in debt—\$15 trillion. That kind of goes right past most people because they can't imagine what a trillion dollars is. But \$15 trillion, just to put it in perspective, it took the Presidencies of George Washington all the way to Bill Clinton to amass the same amount of debt that President Obama has racked up in 32 months.

Now, think about that: from George Washington to Bill Clinton, the amount of money in debt that we've added has been reached in 32 months by President Obama.

We have to get control of spending. It's absolutely essential. Otherwise, we'll be in the same shape as many of those countries in Europe, like Greece.

The President's solution to the burgeoning problem is to increase taxes, as I said. So I went through the amount of taxes it would take and what we would have to do to reach the goals that the President talks about.

Now, if you raise the taxes on everybody that makes over \$250,000 to 100 percent—in other words, you take every dime that they make, 100 percent, above \$250,000—that would yield about \$1.4 trillion, and that would keep government running for 141 days. So if we took all the money that people make over \$250,000, you would still only run government for less than half a year.

If you gave the \$400 billion of profits that was reaped by the Fortune 500 companies and gave them the same 100 percent tax treatment, you could add another 40 days to the amount of time that we could run the government.

So taxing is not going to solve the problem.

Now, Herbert Hoover, when he was President, decided—a Republican—that the way to help stop the economic tragedy that was about to occur was to raise taxes on businesses and individuals, and what happened? We ended up with the greatest depression in the history of this country.

Now, President Obama said the one thing that you don't want to do during a time of recession is raise taxes, and yet that's what he's advocating and my Democrat colleagues are advocating right now: raise taxes during a time of economic recession.

When people talk about unemployment in this country, they say, well, now it's 8.2 percent. But if you look at the people who dropped off the unemployment rolls and those who are underemployed, the unemployment rate