

We cannot pass this budget, just like we could not pass it last year. It increases tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans at the expense of the middle class. On average, \$2,000 more in taxes will be charged to the middle class. This budget also does nothing to replace the arbitrary and irrational cuts of the sequester. As a result, 750,000 jobs will be lost this year alone.

The Republican budget would end Medicare as we know it and force Alabama seniors to pay more for health care. It will reopen the doughnut hole, and 48,264 Alabama seniors will have to pay more for prescription drugs. This budget also cuts \$6.2 billion in health care.

Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve more. We can't allow our Republican leadership to continue to try to give tax breaks to the wealthy at the expense of the middle class.

CROSS-BORDER TRADE ENHANCEMENT ACT

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

Mr. O'ROURKE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to support the Cross-Border Trade Enhancement Act, a bipartisan bill introduced this week that will create jobs and facilitate trade at no cost to the Federal Government.

Trade between the U.S. and Mexico has grown by 600 percent since 1990 and continues to increase each year; 100,000 jobs in El Paso, Texas, and 6 million nationwide depend on this trade. Unfortunately, capacity at our ports of entry has not kept pace. Despite increased staffing and use of technology, waits at our ports are unpredictable and unacceptably long.

This bill will help us solve this problem. By authorizing public-private partnerships, this legislation would provide Customs and Border Patrol effective new tools to improve infrastructure, expand capacity, and increase staffing at our ports of entry without new costs for U.S. taxpayers.

At a time of heightened partisanship, this legislation is proof that when Democrats and Republicans work together, we can advance commonsense ideas that can create jobs.

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THERE THEY GO AGAIN

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

Mr. COHEN. The Ryan budget. In the words of the great Republican President, whom the Republicans like to remember: There they go again.

It's the same budget. It's catering to the wealthy, and it's cutting the middle class. It's reducing the top tax rate to 25 percent, which will give the wealthiest \$200,000 a piece in tax

breaks, and it continues the sequestration—a stupid, meat-ax approach to our budget that cuts \$1.6 billion from the National Institutes of Health.

Does anybody out there, Mr. Speaker, have cancer? heart disease? Is anybody thinking about some relative who might have Alzheimer's? AIDS? polio? diabetes?

Cures and treatments come from the National Institutes of Health, and you're not going to get them if they cut \$1.6 billion to \$1.8 billion out of it. The cures and treatment will benefit the next generation more than this generation, and that's what we should be doing is investing there. This foolish, meat-ax approach is to be continued with the Ryan budget, and it will cost us lives and stop us from being a leader in research and innovation. We need to have a smart budget and invest in the National Institutes of Health and preserve our human infrastructure.

THE RYAN BUDGET

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

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to comment about the budget introduced this week by the Republican Budget chairman, PAUL RYAN.

The first thing we notice about this budget is that it is nothing more than a tiresome rehash of the right-wing wish list. I call it a "tiresome rehash" because we already know that Representative RYAN doesn't like ensuring that all Americans have access to affordable health care. We remember he doesn't like allowing coverage for pre-existing conditions. We understand that he doesn't like closing the Medicare part D loophole, doughnut hole, for seniors. We are acquainted with his dislike for granting preventative health care services to women. We already know that he wants to turn Medicare into a lousy voucher system that costs seniors thousands of dollars extra every year for their health care whether they have it or not, and we already know that the American public rejects these positions as it did in the last election.

Mr. Speaker, I ask: Can we not, at long last, move on?

RULE VIII NOTIFICATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following notifications under rule VIII:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 13, 2013.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have received a subpoena, issued by the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, purporting to require certain responses to a questionnaire in connection with a civil case.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined under Rule VIII that the subpoena seeks information that is not "material and relevant" and that it is not "consistent with the privileges and rights of the House." Accordingly, I intend to move to quash the subpoena.

God and Texas,

TED POE,
Member of Congress.

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Member of Congress.

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Member of Congress.

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J. RANDY FORBES,
Member of Congress.

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Washington, DC, March 11, 2013.

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TREY GOWDY,
Member of Congress.

BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CRAMER). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2013, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr.

WOODALL) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, I thank you, and I thank the majority leader for allowing me to utilize the time today.

Mr. Speaker, a lot of folks, as votes have finished for the day, have headed for their flights back home. A lot of folks are back in their offices trying to finish up work for the week. I appreciate your being here because what we've heard, when we haven't been debating the SKILLS Act—that fantastic bill that consolidates so many important job training programs from the multiple, duplicative programs that we have today down into a few, effective, targeted programs—when we haven't been talking about that important work today, folks have been taking shots at the budget process.

I'm a member of the Budget Committee, Mr. Speaker. And, in fact, I'm the chairman of the Budget Subcommittee on the Rules Committee, Legislative and Budget Process, and I believe what we do here with the budget is so important. I know my colleagues who will be debating this next week share that same view.

I brought with me, Mr. Speaker, a copy of "Path to Prosperity: A Responsible, Balanced Budget."

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This is the budget that we produced in the Budget Committee. We went from about 10 a.m. on Wednesday through almost midnight. We took every amendment that folks had to offer. We took a vote on every topic that folks wanted to consider, and we produced a responsible budget that deals with the fact that spending is the problem.

I heard my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, over and over again today on the other side of the aisle talk in terms of heartlessness, of callousness, talking in terms of the production of this budget in a way that does not reflect American values. I tell you, that's just patently false, which is why I had to come down and speak to it this afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

What I have here is a chart that shows taxes. This begins in 2006; it runs out to 2041. It shows taxes as a percent of the size of the economy. You know, population grows, inflation devalues our currency. Quantitative easing devalues our currency. That's a different topic for a different day.

But we measure that in terms of size of the economy what our burden of taxation is, and, historically, that burden of taxation has been about 18.1 percent. We had a dip in the recession back in 2009, 2010 that took that level of taxation down below historical norms.

And so when we talk about that here on the floor of the House, we, together—Republicans, Democrats, moderates, liberals, conservatives—everyone agrees we need revenue at historical levels to fund the historical obligations of the government.