

Winston Churchill once said:

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.

Mr. Speaker, John Ariale has given me, he has given this institution, he has given all of the individuals who have had a chance to work with him his heart and his soul. He has given his expertise, his wisdom, and his patience. There is little we can do to repay him for all that other than express to him our extreme gratitude and to wish him well on his next opportunities, his next challenge.

And so I would say to John Ariale, as he leaves as chief of my staff, thank you for a job well done.

God bless and Godspeed.

BUDGET COMMITTEE NEEDS TO GET THEIR JOB DONE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, now that the Republican shutdown is over, Congress should be addressing the most pressing issues facing our Nation—faster economic growth, putting our people back to work at living-wage jobs, balancing the budget, and investing in our future. But so far, there is no Republican budget deal completed to set the frame for all of this, to give confidence to businesses that they can invest, and to assure the American people that there is some certainty that Congress has done its job.

The first step is completion of a responsible budget resolution for 2014 which starts in just a few weeks; and, in fact, the Federal fiscal year started October 1. From that resolution would follow, if we had regular order in this House, 12 appropriation bills constrained within the limits of that important budget. But rather than completing the budget bill, I observed the chairman of the House Budget Committee making political speeches out in Iowa rather than getting the job done here. My message today is get the job done of the Budget Committee.

We know that the economy will grow when more people are working; and when that happens, the Federal debt will go down.

The first chart I have here actually shows that during the Clinton years when employment went up, we were able to balance the budget. It was followed during the Bush year with the terrible recession where unemployment went up and, guess what, the budget deficit increased and our accumulated debt grew at extraordinary proportions.

Now, think about what happens to the U.S. debt when unemployment goes up; and during the Bush years, we had over 8.8 million jobs that were eliminated because of the Great Recession. When people don't have a job, they aren't paying taxes. They aren't buying a new car or spending money at department stores or other consumer spending that drives employment

growth and job creation. Increased wages drive investment. Moreover, people who don't have a job are likely relying on government for help—unemployment benefits that are extended, or other parts of the Federal safety net, the social safety net such as health insurance, and health care. That causes a drawdown in Federal spending.

So the message to my Republican colleagues is get the job done. That's the only way you are going to be able to reduce the debt. We cannot balance our budget with unemployment hovering at over 7 percent nationally.

Although the Obama administration has successfully led 42 months of consecutive job creation compared to the Bush years when we went so much into the hole, we still have not dug ourselves out and replaced those 8.8 million jobs that were eliminated. That is a lot of jobs. Over 2 million manufacturing jobs alone were eliminated. If we think about that, we have done a good job month by month, in crawling out of the recession. But the pace of this is not what I would call robust, but it definitely has been steady.

Piled on top of this gigantic effort to try to create jobs is a nagging trade deficit. In my part of America, people know well what job outsourcing has occurred to foreign countries. We have had continuing hemorrhaging of U.S. jobs because of trade agreements like NAFTA, China PNTR, Korea, all in the negative, all in the red, not in the black. We have not had a positive trade balance in this country since 1975, and the numbers show it. The deficits just keep getting worse.

Can you find anything made in America any more? There is \$9 trillion in accumulated trade deficit since 1975. That actually equals half of our long-term debt because our monthly trade deficit now hovers around \$39 billion more imported goods coming in there than we are able to export. This means more foreign goods, fewer U.S. jobs. Over time, these foreign subsidized products from closed markets replace American products and the jobs that go with them. The word "outsourcing" has become all too familiar.

Mr. Speaker, if my Republican colleagues want to tackle the Federal debt, then they need to bring a completed budget deal to the floor. It is months, almost a year, too late. We need to tackle the Federal debt by growing jobs. Bring economic growth and jobs bills to the floor. We need to no longer bring trade deals to this floor that result, through fast track, in the kind of job killing that we have had over the last quarter century. Shouldn't we focus on what the American people have been saying to us year after year after year: it is the economy; it is job creation. This institution ought to be focused laser beam on what the American people are telling us. Why is that so hard to do?

I urge my colleagues on the Budget Committee, get back to work. Stop the politicking around the country; get

those committees reaching compromises between the House and the Senate. Let's get the big frame; and then let's, through regular order, bring up the 12 appropriation bills within those budget restraints so we can eliminate the debt by making this economy grow fully again.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CRENSHAW). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 57 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

Reverend Dr. John Adams, First Baptist Church, Mantachie, Mississippi, offered the following prayer:

Our Father, we bow before Your majestic throne today. We acknowledge that You are in Heaven and we are on Your good Earth.

Our prayers are given for each one in this Chamber, that Your love and wisdom be in each life. Today, we pray for our Speaker and each legislator, that Your hands will guide their hands.

Father, I know today that the best thing that I can do for these men and women is to pray for them. Give them courage to make the right decisions. Let the laws coming forth from these hallowed Halls be pleasing to You and be a benefit to our fellow man.

Allow these leaders to have a breath of fresh air today and to have the Spirit of God's Son in helping others. We ask Your blessings on our United States of America.

In the name of God's Son, we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. BROUN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BROUN of Georgia led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING REVEREND DR. JOHN ADAMS

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. NUNNELEE) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. NUNNELEE. Mr. Speaker, I would like to welcome to the House of Representatives this morning Dr. John Adams, Jr., who offered the prayer earlier.

Dr. Adams is a native of Mississippi, and he is currently the senior pastor of First Baptist Church in Mantachie, Mississippi. He is joined by his wife, Darla Kaye Fuller Adams.

Dr. Adams has served as senior pastor in churches in Mississippi, Texas, Colorado, and Arkansas. Dr. Adams has spoken throughout the South and around the country, sharing a 13-part series about the Judeo-Christian heritage of America. He also presently serves as the executive director of the Moral Action of Mississippi and of the national organization, the Moral Action of the Baptist Missionary Association.

We are honored to have him here today, and we deeply appreciate his service to our Lord and to the people of Mississippi.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COLLINS of Georgia). The Chair will now entertain 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

THE PATIENT OPTION ACT

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

Mr. BROUN of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, now more than ever, Americans are feeling the pain from ObamaCare. This law is hurting Americans with higher premiums and cancellation notices. If it is left in place, our country will suffer under the new wave of spending that it will create.

This destroyer must be stopped.

Just last week, the House passed a symbolic bill that merely nibbled at the edges of the problems caused by

ObamaCare, but you cannot fix a law that will cripple our economy, increase our Nation's debt, and limit health care options for millions of Americans. I was one of only four Republicans to oppose this bill, because we can't fix the President's broken promises in ObamaCare. Instead, we must repeal ObamaCare for good.

I have introduced legislation, the Patient OPTION Act, that would do just that. Congress must stop wasting time to pass bills that keep ObamaCare in place. We must repeal and replace this disaster immediately. The Patient OPTION Act is the solution.

WORLD TOILET DAY

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, the concept of a World Toilet Day can make children giggle, some adults blush and others change the subject, but the title is designed to take a most serious subject head-on.

The world can no longer afford to be squeamish, to make jokes or to change the subject about the fundamental issue of access to adequate sanitation. That is because 2.5 billion people live without it, which leads to 700,000 premature deaths each year, and it is getting worse. Instead of solving this global crisis, the number living without access has increased by 700 million people.

Today, we want to renew our commitment to helping these unfortunate people around the world have access to sanitation, which we all take for granted.

I appreciate the Gates Foundation and other NGOs, like WaterAid, for stepping up to help solve the dilemma, and I call on my colleagues to support H.R. 2901, which Congressman POE and I have introduced, which is the Water for the World Act, so that the United States can play a greater, more effective role to save lives around the globe.

"MAKE OUR VOICES HEARD"

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, Rodney from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, pays \$540 a month for a family health insurance plan that covers his wife, his 16-year-old son, and himself. This plan works well for them and fits within their family budget; but Rodney received the same unwelcomed news that has startled millions of other Americans: the health insurance he likes will be canceled because the "suits" in Washington think his preferred plan is lousy. The most similar government-sanctioned ObamaCare plan will cost Rodney's family \$1,139 each month—more than their mortgage payment.

Understandably, Rodney is sickened by this news.

I have worked very hard my entire adult life to take care of my family and provide for

all of their needs. How am I supposed to continue to support them . . . with the government forcing me into a situation I cannot afford?

Rodney closed his letter by asking me:

If you do nothing else, please do everything in your power to make our voices heard.

House Republicans are doing that every day for Rodney and for Americans like him.

IF YOU FIX IT, THEY WILL COME

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

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, despite all of the hysterical comments like we just heard on the floor here today, it is important for people to know that, in States in which Governors embrace the Affordable Care Act and set up a high-functioning Web site, the fact of the matter is that enrollment is exceeding expectations.

In Connecticut on Friday, which is where I am from, we released figures. Over 13,000 enrolled in the first 6 weeks, and the pace of enrollment is accelerating. In the last 2 weeks, they have enrolled more than they had enrolled in the prior month. On Saturday, I was at an enrollment fair—there were eight of them all across the State—and there was a full waiting room of people who were waiting their turns—like at a deli counter to get their numbers—to sit down to get help in terms of signing up with a plan. Twenty minutes is all it took to sign up for a plan.

I spoke to Merrylyn Weaver from New London, Connecticut, who said:

I am finally going to have health insurance after 3 years of being without it.

It took her 20 minutes to sign up for an Anthem Blue Cross Silver plan.

The fact of the matter is that the message is, if you fix it, they will come. That is what this Congress should be focused on is fixing it so that the people in the waiting room like I saw in Norwich, Connecticut, are going to get help all across the country. It is time to help people get insurance, not to scare them and destroy a plan that provides them hope.

RECOGNIZING BAYLOR REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER FOR THE 2013 MALCOLM BALDRIDGE NATIONAL QUALITY AWARD

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano on their latest accolade—the 2013 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, which is the Nation's highest Presidential honor for performance excellence through innovative practices and visionary leadership.