

But they are now fed up and on to their strategy.

We don't want DMV, Department of Motor Vehicles, style medicine with long waiting lines, delayed care and skyrocketing cancer death rates as in Canada and the UK. We don't want a system that will bankrupt this country and ignore the elderly, and we sure don't want our tax money paying for abortions.

Simply put, we want commonsense health care reform, not nonsense health care reform as now proposed.

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A TAX ON HEALTH CARE IS A TAX ON PAYROLL

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

Mr. BUCHANAN. Mr. Speaker, at the start of this year, the focus has been on economy and jobs, number one.

I was chairman of the Florida Chamber 4 years ago. We represented 137,000 businesses, and 99 percent of those businesses were small business. They create 75 percent of the jobs. Yet, today, we are going to tax health care. It's not a tax on profit. It's a tax on payroll. If you've got a \$1 million payroll making no money, and if you're paying another \$80,000 a year you don't have, you're going to put people out of business.

The other thing they want to put together is a surtax of 5.4 percent on businesses. They want to get to the millionaires. Do you know who those folks are? They're small business people. You wouldn't know that if you've never been in business. That's the majority of them. So you're going to tax the 8 percent. You're going to add another 5.4 percent. You're going to kill millions of businesses, and you're going to kill millions and millions of more jobs. We need to get focused back on the economy and on jobs in America today, right now.

HEALTH CARE REFORM

(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. Mr. Speaker and Members, I serve on the Energy and Commerce Committee and on the Health Subcommittee. We were in session last night until 12:30, working on this bill. It was beginning to be a bipartisan bill. We accepted Republican amendments; we accepted Democratic amendments, but we have a long way to go. Let me tell you what the facts are in our country.

Forty-three to fifty million people in our country are without health care. They get their health care through the emergency rooms. Do you know who pays for that? Those of us who have insurance, who are fortunate enough to have employer-based insurance, wheth-

er you're a Federal employee, a State employee, a city employee or whether you work for some of the large industries. We have insurance, but 43 to 50 million people don't. Our country's employers and employees spend more per capita than anywhere in the world for some of the worst results for the average illnesses.

We are going to debate a bill in a few minutes by my colleague from California, JOE BACA, on the increase in diabetes in the Hispanic community. Diabetes can be dealt with early on. Our health care system decides to deal with people after they're so ill that it's more expensive. We need health care reform in our country for cost containment but also to make sure that every American doesn't have to get their health care through the emergency rooms.

UNEMPLOYMENT

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

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Americans all over this country are asking: Where are the jobs? We've been promised jobs over and over by the Obama administration and by the majority in this Congress, but unemployment numbers continue to rise.

When the President took office, 11.5 million people were unemployed. Six months later, that number now stands at 14.5 million Americans who are unemployed and who are looking for work. Where are the jobs?

In February, when the majority rammed through a \$1 trillion stimulus bill with zero input from my Republican colleagues, Americans were promised that unemployment would remain at 8 percent. Five months later, unemployment is at 9.6 percent and is climbing. In my home State of Florida, that number is 10.6 percent, the highest it has been in three decades. Where are the jobs?

The stimulus bill is not working, and despite what Vice President BIDEN says, we can't borrow and spend our way out of this recession. Instead of spending trillions of dollars on failed programs and on misled policies, we need to focus on lowering taxes on small businesses and on families. Again, where are the jobs?

AMERICAN INNOVATION, NOT REGULATION

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

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Speaker, the world is looking to us for innovation. That's the goose that lays the golden egg in our country—our free enterprise system, entrepreneurship. They are looking and are saying, American innovation can pull this economy back in a good direction, not regulation. Other

governments are moving away from regulation and high taxation. We're moving towards it. It's innovation, not regulation.

Look at the new cap-and-trade legislation for energy and the environment. It's a regulatory scheme. It's a taxation scheme, not an innovation scheme. Where is nuclear power? Where are the new energy technologies that can lead to a robust, manufacturing-driven, job-creating U.S. economy?

Look at the new health care scheme. It's a regulatory scheme, a taxation scheme and, frankly, a litigation scheme. It's protecting the status quo in litigation. The greatest medical centers in America are saying this government insurance scheme is the wrong approach. We need less litigation. We need to unleash the entrepreneurship and the innovation of the United States again so that we can lead.

Where are the jobs? They're in innovation and in entrepreneurship. They're in our free enterprise system. The government chokes it with regulation, taxation and litigation.

A SO-CALLED "STIMULUS"

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

Mr. REHBERG. Mr. Speaker, 5 months after this House passed the so-called "stimulus" that shattered spending records, the economy struggles, and unemployment is approaching 10 percent. It's important to remember that Republicans had a different plan for economic recovery. While we didn't have enough votes to pass it, our solution relied on American ingenuity and small business, not on stimulating bigger government by creating government jobs. Our plan would have produced immediate results by putting tax dollars right back in the pockets of American taxpayers and of job creators.

Recently, it was reported that someone in the White House sees the need for another stimulus. Instead of doing the same thing over again and expecting a different result, perhaps it's time to give Republican alternatives a serious look. It's not too late to pass a real stimulus plan.

THIS CREDIT CARD CONGRESS

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

Mr. CHAFFETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise with deep concern about the families of the United States of America. The economics of this credit card Congress are not working. Where are the jobs?

We cannot tax and spend our way out of our challenges. I firmly believe that President Obama, Speaker PELOSI and the Democrats in Congress are taxing, spending and borrowing too much money. This credit card Congress has now put us nearly \$12 trillion in debt.