

stimulate the economy and to produce jobs, the best benefit of all, which is a job.

Despite all of the promises of a green job revolution and the millions of jobs that would be saved or created because of the economic stimulus package, the number of jobs since President Obama took office has gone off a cliff.

Republicans have called for an immediate end to the tax on unemployment benefits, which would surely help those who have been hurt by this recession. We have also called for tax relief for small businesses who can use that money to create jobs. These measures can improve our economy immediately.

American small businesses are the most innovative in the world and will pull us out of this recession if we allow them, but Democrats seem determined to prevent any recovery from occurring. In the past month, they moved to bludgeon our economy with a national energy tax and tax on small business to finance massive new health care entitlements.

Enough is enough. Create jobs.

#### JOBS, THE ECONOMY, AND THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, over 6 months ago, my Democrat colleagues and the Obama administration told the American people that if we passed the \$1.2 trillion stimulus package, it would create jobs, halt the growing unemployment rate, and turn our economy around; yet here we are today with a 9.5 percent unemployment rate—the highest in 26 years—and a record \$1.1 trillion deficit that is growing and expected to be \$2 trillion by year's end.

And yet this administration and Democrats want to push through another \$1.2 trillion health care package, a health care package that, according to the President's own economic adviser, will result in 4.7 million people losing their jobs.

Just a few weeks ago when talking about the stimulus package, Vice President BIDEN said for the Obama administration, Well, we just guessed wrong.

Mr. Speaker, I don't think that the American people can really afford for this Congress or this administration to guess wrong again. We need to make sure that we find the jobs in this country, not tax and spend.

#### DEAD WRONG ON HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, listen. Listen with me and see if we can hear the sounds of jobs. Shhh, shhh, shhh, shhh. You gotta listen real close. Quiet. Well, I'm not hearing anything.

The administration told us in this House months ago that if the American people stood in favor of the stimulus package that unemployment would peak at 8 percent, and yet here in Illinois, the State that I represent, we've now eclipsed 10 percent.

We were told that the cost curve would be broken if only we would follow the administration's health care plan and it would be the salvation of small business, and yet the Congressional Budget Office came into the Ways and Means Committee last week, Mr. Speaker, and said that was dead wrong.

The question that has to be asked and has to be answered is one that we've heard no answer today from the other side: Where are the jobs?

There are no jobs. This is an administration that has pumped sunshine for months and has failed to follow through, and we ought not follow these brake lights right over the cliff.

We know what we need to do, and that is stand for small business and vote against this plan.

#### BRING HEALTH CARE COSTS DOWN

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

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, rising health care costs are a serious problem, but the Democrat bill being advanced in the House proposes \$1.2 trillion in additional spending on health care coupled with massive tax increases that would hurt small business and middle class families.

The Democrat new 8 percent payroll tax will force employers to cut millions more jobs in the middle of the worst recession in decades while their surtax would push my State of California's top income tax rate to over 56 percent, higher than even that of France's. And those tax hikes won't even cover the full costs of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, we need real reform that brings down health care costs instead of pouring more money into a broken system.

#### HEALTH CARE PLAN SHOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH FOR EVERYBODY

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, on Friday I offered an amendment in the Appropriations Committee that failed because every Democrat voted against it. The amendment simply stated that Members of Congress and the administration should live by the laws they impose on the American people.

Specifically, if you vote for a government-run health insurance plan, you should get a government-run health insurance plan. If it's good enough to impose health care rationing on the American people, it's certainly good

enough for you. Because it's hypocritical to vote for a government-run rationed health care plan that will be forced on everyone else while retaining a private insurance plan for yourself.

If Members don't believe they should have to live under the rationed health care plan that they're pushing, they should explain why. Kansans are upset by the possibility that they're forced on a rationed public health care plan by this Congress. They believe if it's not good enough for the people who vote for it, it's not good enough for them.

Mr. Speaker, it's time for us to reform health care by addressing defensive medicine costs, by offering market-based principles for health care, and by keeping patients and doctors in control, not Washington bureaucrats.

#### HEALTH CARE AND ITS FAULTY PREMISES

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

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs? Well, they certainly aren't in the Democrats' job-killing health care plan. At a time when America is suffering the worst recession in a generation, it's utterly irresponsible to propose a government takeover of our health care system and destroy millions of private sector jobs in the process.

Since the Democrats passed their stimulus package, more than 2 million American jobs have been lost, and the chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisors, Dr. Christina Romer, has suggested that the tax hikes on businesses that will be required to pay for the Democratic health care plan will result in the loss of an additional 4.7 million jobs.

In addition, Mr. Speaker, the Democratic proposal will force drastic cuts in Medicare Advantage, causing millions of seniors to lose their coverage for prescription medicine, the cost of private health care will skyrocket, and the Lewin Group has estimated that nearly 114 million Americans will be forced out of their current private health care coverage and into government-run health care plans.

Mr. Speaker, the Democrats' job-killing health care proposal is the wrong prescription. It will cost millions of jobs. Americans need a second opinion.

#### AMERICANS WANT TO SEE WHAT WE'RE DOING FOR THEM, NOT AGAINST THEM

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

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, the people of the Fifth Congressional District of the State of Ohio of the United States all want a job. Last year at this time, the Fifth Congressional District, according to the National Manufacturers Association, had the ninth largest

number of manufacturing jobs in the country. When the new numbers just came out, we're down to 15.

When you look at this map of the State of Ohio, looking at Williams, Fulton, Defiance, Paulding, Crawford, and Huron—those are some of my counties—when I've got counties over 15 percent, folks back home want to know what this Congress is doing.

What this Congress passed before we went on the Fourth of July recess was the national energy tax, the largest tax that we're going to see that puts businesses out, that puts people out of work, and that's what we're doing.

People want to know what we're going to do for them, not what we're doing to them. And I'm telling you that folks back home, when I go home every weekend, want to know what are we doing. When you look at the State of Indiana right here, right next to us, they're in as big trouble as we are.

When the Heritage Foundation came out with their report, of the top 20 congressional districts in the country that had problems under cap-and-tax, Ohio and Indiana ranked right in the top, 16 out of 20.

We've got to do something. We've got to act right now.

#### SIMILAR RESULTS AS STIMULUS PLAN

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

Mr. McCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs? They are not in Michigan, my home State, where we have a 15.2 percent unemployment rate. And what could we expect, especially when this was one of the driving forces behind the trillion dollar stimulus package. One could expect similar results, and, sadly, that's true.

We then saw a national cap-and-tax energy tax did not create jobs, did not help, and now we're on the verge of a radical socialization of America's health care network. And what do we hear from the other side? Statistics but no references to the bill.

And do you know why? Because while our health care system needs reform, it is not broken. The one thing that's broken is this Congress. And if this Congress keeps spending people's money and engaging in radical change to our cherished way of life, every single family budget in America will be broken by their hand.

#### GOVERNMENTAL TAKEOVER OF HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, there is a great debate here in Congress about how we go about reforming health care in the United States. I've tried to work in a bipartisan capacity with the majority, but the Democratic leadership's health care reform plan is a govern-

mental takeover of health care that will lead to fewer jobs, higher taxes, and, ultimately, less health care coverage for New Jerseyans.

Most disappointing to me is the fact that the Democratic health plan would increase, not reduce, our Nation's burgeoning long-term health costs, a step in the wrong direction. And according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, instead of saving the Federal Government from fiscal catastrophe, the Democratic health care proposal would already worsen the situation that is out of control, an \$11 trillion debt that is rising rapidly.

Democrats should put aside their \$1.5 trillion health care plan and take a hard look at the affordable and effective Medical Rights and Reform Act put forth by the Republican Tuesday Group. Together, we can find real solutions to make health care affordable.

#### HEALTH CARE REFORM AT WHAT COST

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

Mr. ALEXANDER. Mr. Speaker, several of my colleagues have come to this mike today and said, Where are the jobs? Well, if we pass this government-run health plan with compulsory insurance, it's going to create some jobs. It's going to take a government police force that you won't believe. We're going to have Barney Fifes running all over this Nation forcing people to do things they don't want to do.

And how do we pay for it? Well, that's simple. We just go to the small businesses that can't afford to buy insurance for their employees as it is and we increase by 8 percent their payroll taxes. We are going to break the backs of small businesses that are the backbone of this Nation.

Let's put a stop to this nonsense.

#### NO JOBS

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

Mrs. BACHMANN. Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs?

As a Senator, President Obama supported the \$700 billion bailout Nation strategy that today we're learning will cost the American people potentially \$24 trillion. But where are the jobs?

President Obama pushed the trillion dollar stimulus that cost our economy 2 million in job losses. No jobs.

President Obama took over GM and Chrysler, and he gave pink slips to 3,400 car dealerships that cost 150,000 jobs. No jobs.

President Obama's national energy tax will double our electricity bills in Minnesota and will cost 2.5 million job losses every year.

Now President Obama's economic adviser tells us that the government takeover of our private health care in-

surance will cost us 5 million jobs. No jobs.

This may be called the China-India stimulus plan, but the President isn't doing so well for the American people.

Mr. Speaker, let's have real change so the American people can have real jobs.

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#### WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

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

Mr. AKIN. Americans love records. How fast can you go? How high can you go? How deep can you go? We love to set records. Why, the Democrats just set a fantastic record of the biggest tax increase in the history of our country. And was it clever? It was really clever. All you have to do is flip a light switch to pay a tax. And spending. Oh, we've done a great job of spending it. As a result of taxing and spending, more records. Why, in the last 6 months, we have lost more jobs than any 6-month period since World War II. There's a record for you.

Here's another record. We have, in the last 6 months, used up more jobs and lost jobs than we created over the Bush years over the previous 9 years. That's the only time that's happened since the Great Depression.

And here's another record, too: That is, the jobs that we've lost have been longer than any time since we've been measuring unemployment in 1948.

I wish we didn't set quite so many records. We don't need the Democrats' help for this kind of record.

Where are the jobs?

#### HEALTH CARE BILL COSTS AMERICAN JOBS

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs? Americans have lost millions of jobs in the last 6 months. The unemployment rate today is approaching 10 percent nationwide. And amid all of this, Democrats are proposing a government takeover of health care that would increase taxes, eliminate choices, cut Medicare, force Americans out of their current plans and place billion-dollar job-killing fines and mandates on small businesses, the job creators.

Studies estimate that nearly 5 million jobs will be lost as a result of taxes on small business under this Democrat plan.

There is a better solution, Mr. Speaker. Rather than penalizing struggling small businesses, Congress must make it easier for them to afford health benefits. We must increase choices, make health costs deductible, expand health savings accounts, end waste, fraud and abuse and control unnecessary lawsuits that drive up costs for everyone.