

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.