

I support reform, Mr. Speaker, that lets Americans keep their doctors, lowers costs and keeps medical decisions between the patient and their doctor.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

(Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, at the beginning of this year, the administration and Speaker PELOSI had this House pass a 1,500-page stimulus bill which no one in either body was able to read before they passed it that spent \$800 billion which we did not have, all because they promised that it would create new jobs. In fact, they said it would actually either create or save 2 to 3 million new jobs.

Their economic policy adviser at the White House said it would mean an immediate start of creating new jobs and eliminating losing jobs. Even Majority Leader STENY HOYER was on the floor saying this would be an immediate jolt to the economy, the immediate creation of jobs.

Well, it is 5 or 6 months later, and where are we? I just heard from Chairman Bernanke. He says he can't assess where we are right now. But if you look at the numbers, if you look at the chart that I have here, the Democrat projection with stimulus had we done something was here. What actually happened, we have seen as far as jobs, more job losses, more job losses, more job losses, February, March, April, May and June, more job losses. We have lost several million jobs since the stimulus was passed.

The administration misread the American economy. The administration misread the American public. The American public knows that we need to go in the right direction.

We spend too much, we borrow too much and we tax too much.

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

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, just a few minutes ago, I finished a lunch with a gentleman who is a business owner in Virginia. And we had a discussion about what are the things that we need to be doing to help with this economy.

As I travel across the First District, the thing I hear time and time again is where are the jobs? What are we doing to help this economy? What are we doing to help small businesses? Folks,

that is where this economy is going to be picked up, from the efforts to make sure we help our small businesses. That is what this Congress needs to be focusing on each and every day. When we come here, our focus ought to be what are we doing to help small business? What we doing to create jobs?

Obviously, what is happening right now isn't working. People out there are anxious. They are concerned. They are frustrated. They are telling me, as well as the rest of the Congress, get to work, start creating jobs and start turning this economy around.

Let's get the job done.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT JOBS

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

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, Americans all across the country are asking, where are the jobs? When President Obama brought the stimulus plan before the American people, he said it needed to be rammed down their throats quickly. He didn't allow people even the opportunity to read it. Not one Member who voted for the bill even had the opportunity to read it. But he said, don't worry. Just trust me. It will create millions of jobs.

Well, now 6 months later, 2 million more Americans have lost their jobs since President Obama took the oath of office. And what's their answer? They're talking about another stimulus bill. In fact, just last week, Vice President JOE BIDEN said, We have to go spend money to keep from going bankrupt.

The American people are starting to understand what's going on here with this Congress, the liberals that are running this place. They realize all they're doing is taxing and spending, and they're not creating jobs. They're running jobs off. The cap-and-trade energy tax would lose 3 million jobs to countries like China. And then they come back with this plan to have a government takeover of our health care system, a plan that would add another \$800 billion of new taxes on the backs of American people and run off even more jobs.

The American people know what's going on here. They want jobs, not these crazy liberal policies.

JOBS, JOBS, JOBS

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

Mrs. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, for West Virginia's families, it's jobs, health care and the economy that matters the most to them. They've seen trillions of dollars spent, and they see Washington proposing to spend trillions more. They want to know where are the jobs with the stimulus? They want to know why the only apparent answer here in Wash-

ington is more spending and more borrowing.

My constituents want their voices heard. Recently, I sent a survey out and received 3,500 responses on what do people want on health care. They want to keep the coverage that they have. More than two-thirds are troubled by the idea of a government-run health care. Three-fourths are shocked by the thought of yet another trillion-dollar program. And the vast majority think that this is not the time to be raising taxes.

Unfortunately, the plan moving through the House right now fails to address all of these. It fails to control costs. It taxes small businesses. It threatens to force families into government-run health care. Simply put, this is not the health care reform my constituents and I are looking for. What they're looking for are jobs.

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, we were told a \$1 trillion stimulus package would create jobs immediately. But since then, nearly 2 million Americans have lost their jobs, and unemployment is at 9.5 percent, the highest in 26 years. Then the House passed cap-and-trade legislation which will cost our country 2.5 million jobs each year. Now we're rushing to take up the Democrats' health care bill, which research shows will cost 4.7 million more jobs.

As House Republicans offer plans and ideas to get our economy moving again, all we get in return is more of the same, spending and taxing, and it keeps yielding the very same results: Longer unemployment lines and a longer list of promises.

Mr. Speaker, we need new ideas and new approaches to deliver different results.

GOVERNMENT TAKEOVER OF HEALTH CARE IS NOT GOOD FOR AMERICA

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

Mr. TERRY. The House health care bill is a government takeover of your health care and destructive to the economy. It provides perverse incentives to employers to dump their health care plan, forcing their employees into the government health exchange where they will choose the government-subsidized government plan. Oops, there goes the promise that you can keep your own plan.

This costs you \$1 trillion placed on the back of small businesses. Oops, there goes those jobs.

After 10 years, the cost of this plan explodes, needing multi-trillions of dollars to continue to fund. More taxes,

more debt. Oops, there goes our economy—to China and India.

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

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, around the country, more and more Americans are out of work, struggling to pay their bills. Yesterday, the Web site recovery.gov revealed that your government spent \$1.2 million to purchase pork at twice what struggling families would pay at a local grocery store. It would be funny if it weren't so painful.

The \$787 billion stimulus was sold to the American people as a bill that would put people back to work. But now we see it for what it really is, a massive expansion of social welfare which is doing nothing to create jobs.

Where are the jobs? Almost 6 months have passed since the stimulus was signed into law, and unemployment continues to tick upward. It is over 13 percent in my congressional district. The so-called "stimulus" was a missed opportunity to provide true tax relief to the American people and for shovel-ready infrastructure projects that would have provided jobs. As more information on this stimulus package is revealed, I'm sure more terrifying news will be before us.

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

Mr. BISHOP of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I want to introduce you to Mr. Pitchford. He is a young and exciting teacher who gets 12-, 13- and 14-year-olds to enjoy geography and history. But this September, he is not going to be back in the classroom because his district relies upon resource jobs and royalties and development to fund schools. And this administration, through the arbitrary and unilateral decisions of the Secretary of the Interior, has cut this funding. This is the administration that stopped new uranium development for 2 years, has postponed offshore drilling decisions, and has postponed oil shale development projects. And for Mr. Pitchford, has taken 77 oil and gas leases and suspended them because they don't think 7 years of study was enough time.

If we do not develop the resources on our public lands, jobs are lost. If we don't have cheap forms of affordable energy, jobs are lost. And those jobs aren't simply a number. They are a face of a real person like Mr. Pitchford, who is no longer a teacher not because of his choice, but because of government decisions. And the collateral damage of these government decisions are the 13- and 14-year-olds in his classroom. Where are the jobs? They're not in Mr. Pitchford's classroom.

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

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, let me ask a question. I don't know if it has been asked yet today. The American people want to know, where are the jobs? We have a Congress that has gone off the tracks. A trillion-dollar stimulus package, that's thousand-dollar bills stacked 63 miles high. Did we get any jobs? No. We have a budget with a \$1.2 trillion deficit built into it. Are we going to get jobs? No. We are going to get inflation and higher interest rates.

We have a cap-and-tax bill that is going to kill American jobs by raising the cost of our traditional sources of energy, coal, nuclear and oil. We have a health care bill on the agenda before the Congress today that is going to kill jobs and raise the cost of health care to the American people rather than contain the cost and create more choice and more competition for the American people.

This Congress is out of control, and the American people want to know, Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs?

MENTAL HEALTH PARITY

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

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in favor of the health care bill this Congress is considering. It would cap out-of-pocket expenses. It would eliminate preexisting condition discrimination. It would give patients a choice between our own physician and a government plan. It would eliminate lifetime caps for health care. It would eliminate the ability for people to no longer have the choice of having to choose a job and not be able to leave that job because of health care discrimination, no more denial because of a preexisting condition, and mental health parity for all insurance plans, irrespective of mental health preexisting condition.

Mr. Speaker, we need to have mental health screening annually covered, and that is what this bill does so that we treat it as a preventive item. For the 130 million Americans with mental health conditions, this will act as a preventive measure, saving us millions and millions of lives and dollars from suicide and the like.

BIPARTISAN SAFE COMMISSION

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

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I offered a bipartisan commission amendment to the stimulus bill when it came before the Appropriations Committee and it failed. Had that amendment passed, we

could have helped create jobs, deal with the debt and deal with the deficit.

Now 6 months later, we have unemployment rates at a 26-year high, and some say it will go to 11 percent, and some even say 12 and 13 percent.

We have piled another \$787 billion on top of our children and our grandchildren. Social Security is in trouble. Medicare is in trouble. Medicaid is in trouble. Let's pass this bipartisan amendment so we can get control of the debt, get control of the deficit, create a renaissance in this country and create new jobs.

GOVERNMENT-RUN HEALTH CARE WILL COST JOBS

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

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, the health care proposals that are before us have been tried before. Public option was tried in my home State of Tennessee under a plan called TennCare. For more than 10 years, the legislature and three Governors tried to make it work. It has been less than successful. But what has happened is that a program that was supposed to have saved millions, tens of millions of dollars, has never saved one nickel. It also has restricted access. It has driven up the cost of private health insurance, and it has nearly bankrupted the State.

Tennesseeans know that rushing to reform health care and doing that wrong is a very expensive process. We all know that costs and access of health care needs to be addressed. No one seriously believes that any of these plans before this House right now is going to do that.

Tennesseeans know the cost of rushing and getting it wrong, and the American people are figuring it out because they have seen the majority rush a stimulus, an omnibus, a housingus and a porkulus that has left the American people saying, where are the jobs? And they do not want that to happen in health care.

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HOUSE REPUBLICANS HAVE A PLAN FOR REFORM

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

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in the midst of the worst recession in a generation, so what did President Obama and Speaker PELOSI do? Well, they propose a government takeover of health care that will lead to fewer jobs, higher taxes, and less health coverage.