

He plans to hire around 20 people over the next 2 years.

However, he recently wrote to tell me that if the Democrats' health care bill becomes law, the new taxes and burdensome rules will take a devastating bite out of his ability to grow jobs. In fact, he said he would hire only half the workers if this legislation becomes law.

Mr. Speaker, this is a travesty. This Congress should be implementing policies that create jobs, instead of burdening entrepreneurs with job-killing taxes and new government mandates and red tape.

THE POLICIES OF THIS ADMINISTRATION ARE LENGTHENING AND DEEPENING THIS RECESSION

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

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I was struck by the chilling similarity between the broad-based taxes under the Waxman-Markey cap-and-trade tax we passed several weeks ago and the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act of 1930 that economists blame as one of the major factors in producing the Great Depression.

Another of Hoover's blunders was the Emergency Relief and Construction Act of 1932. Its centerpiece was a radical increase in income tax rates from 25 percent to well over 50 percent.

If that sounds familiar, it should. That's one of the financing proposals in the health care bill that would push State and Federal income tax rates to more than 50 percent in most States.

Mr. Speaker, when I see the same policies from this administration that turned the recession of 1929 into the Depression of the 1930s, I'm reminded of Ben Franklin's observation that "experience keeps a dear school, but fools will learn in no other."

Mr. Speaker, these policies are lengthening and deepening this recession because this administration did not even learn from experience.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS THE DEMOCRATS SPENT \$1 TRILLION TO CREATE?

(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, you know, I think pushing government-controlled health care is a way for the Democrats to divert attention away from the economy.

The White House said we had to pass a stimulus because it didn't want unemployment over 8 percent. Unemployment is at 9.5 percent and slated to reach higher.

The White House said it didn't want to own General Motors. The government owns General Motors.

The White House said it didn't want any pork in the stimulus. Now, we're

paying money to clear away obstacles for fish and to monitor earthquakes and volcanos.

The White House said it didn't want to increase the deficit. The U.S. deficit broke past \$1 trillion in June, a grim testament to the recession and financial crisis.

I have one question, Where are the jobs the Democrats spent \$1 trillion to create?

HEALTH CARE REFORM MUST TARGET ACCESS TO QUALITY AFFORDABLE CARE

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

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, we must reform health care. Too many Americans do not have access to quality, affordable health care. Instead of resolving these problems, however, the President prescribes an overhaul that will deny Americans treatments they need and make them wait to get treatments that a new health care commissioner allows.

This is not the way to reform our health care system, and my constituents agree. I've received many calls and letters from Arkansans, like Michael who recently told me he owes his life to the fact that we don't have a system like the British-run government health structure that is being hastily proposed.

In 2007, Michael was diagnosed with renal cell carcinoma, something he's sure his doctor would not have caught had he had his hands tied in red tape health procedures. He owes his life to the care we were able to give through a free-market system.

We cannot rush through legislation that will have serious implications on care Americans like Michael receive. We need to take a reasonable amount of time to listen to the concerns of Americans like Michael and craft a commonsense bill that addresses the real problems.

WE SHOULD NOT BE DECIMATING THE CARE OF OUR SENIOR POPULATION

(Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, last week the Democrats released a health care bill which essentially said to America's seniors "drop dead." Despite their promise to care for our seniors, Democrats have decided that it's too expensive to care for my senior constituents and everyone else's constituents.

This bill would cut an additional \$156 billion from the Medicare Advantage program in order to pay for the government expansion of health care for the young, the healthy, and the wealthy.

This, by the way, is the second attack on our seniors this year. The first

came in March when the administration announced that Social Security recipients would not receive a cost-of-living increase.

Listen up, America. Seniors have special needs. This bill ignores the needs of Florida's health care system. We should be fixing what is broke, not decimating the care of our senior population. This is change our Nation cannot afford.

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FOCUS ON CREATING JOBS

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

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, the American people are hurting and they're asking, Where are the jobs? The Obama administration and congressional Democrats promised that the stimulus—the trillion-dollar stimulus—would create jobs immediately. Last month alone, we lost almost half a million jobs and unemployment now stands at 9.5 percent.

It's clear the Democrats' trillion-dollar stimulus package isn't working, and their response is to increase spending in the appropriations process by 12 percent, pass a national energy tax that's going to result in increased energy costs, less competitiveness for American jobs, and drive jobs from American shores.

Now they're trying to ram down a health care plan that's going to raise taxes on American business, cost jobs, and force people into a government-run health care plan.

We need to focus on creating jobs—and you do that by holding the line on taxes, controlling spending, and reforming health care. Let's focus on creating jobs and answering the American people's cry for, Where are the jobs?

CONSTRUCTIVE HEALTH CARE BILL

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. It's been fascinating watching some of my friends parade to the floor making some pretty outrageous claims. The most recent one was, my good friend from Florida suggesting that by having the administration follow the law, that if the cost-of-living has not increased sufficiently, so that there isn't a cost-of-living increase for Social Security, somehow this is an administration assault on senior citizens. This is a rather bizarre notion when we think about their record when they were in charge, seeking to undercut formulas like the one in question to move them back in the other direction.

When it comes to health care, when our friends on the other side of the aisle, strong-armed their prescription Medicare drug coverage program into