

law; did not seek concessions from the pharmaceutical industry; created the “doughnut hole” that has created a massive gap in coverage and no mechanism to pay for it.

What we’re doing at this point is trying to move forward in a constructive fashion to give the American people choices, follow the law, save money, and improve the quality of care.

BUREAUCRATS IN CHARGE OF HEALTH CARE

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

Ms. FALLIN. Mr. Speaker, the American people are concerned about keeping their jobs and the huge deficit that we have incurred here and in the Senate, and passing that debt on down to future generations of our children.

With over a thousand pages, the Democrat health care bill costs too much, spends too much, and will destroy jobs in America. Health care reform should be about lowering costs, providing quality, affordable care for all Americans. And this health care debate must consider that every individual has different health care needs and that Americans are struggling to pay their bills.

The Democrat leadership has failed to address these needs by supporting the same old, tired proposals of massive Federal new spending and increased Federal regulation, which will cost the United States more jobs.

This time, cutting a bigger Federal check won’t do it. Their plan amounts to \$818 billion in new taxes on individuals, on businesses, and a Federal takeover of our health care system. These taxes will crush our small business owners and destroy thousands of jobs.

This plan will put bureaucrats in charge of our health care—and the American people don’t want that.

LET’S PUT OUR HEADS TOGETHER ON HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. ENGEL. The majority Democrats in this Congress are trying very hard to pass a health care bill that will be a good bill for the American people. Our friends on the other side of the aisle don’t seem to want to cooperate.

It’s a national disgrace that there are 47 million Americans that have no health care coverage whatsoever. It’s a national disgrace that our emergency rooms are being used to help people that have no coverage whatsoever. It’s a national disgrace that so many of our health care dollars are going into administrative costs.

We are trying to craft a plan that will put America back on the road so that every American will have health care; so that health care as we know it

will be improved; so that people that like their health care can keep their health care, but people that don’t have health care, can get health care.

We know that the system is broken. I don’t want to hear people on the other side of the aisle talk about deficits because when they were in the majority for 12 years, they gave us the biggest deficits in American history and left us with red ink as far as the eye can see.

So I would urge my friends on both sides of the aisle, let’s put our heads together and come up with a real, good health plan that America can be proud of.

URGING CONGRESS TO DO THE RIGHT THING

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

Mr. MCHENRY. Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs? Unemployment in my district has hit 14 percent—14 percent. Failed stimulus aside, Washington is doing nothing but making matters worse.

Put yourself in the shoes of the only people that can lift us out of this economic recession—small business owners. Let’s see what they’re facing.

They’re facing higher energy costs because of this Democrat cap-and-trade tax on energy. They’re facing higher health care costs because of a government takeover of health care. They’re looking at higher energy taxes, higher health care costs, and the kicker is, higher personal income taxes. The liberals are already proposing it.

The folks that are running Washington are out of touch with small business owners and are doing the wrong thing on our economy. And I urge the leadership of this Congress to do the right thing. Don’t kill the goose that laid the golden egg. Don’t kill small business owners. And don’t hurt this economy any more.

WASHINGTON PROPOSALS IMPEDING JOB CREATION

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

Mr. DENT. The issue is: Jobs, jobs, jobs. A friend of mine who employs many people in my district said this to me the other day, The policy proposals coming out of Washington are impeding job creation and scaring people. He’s right. And there are five reasons that are driving his concern.

One, a stimulus that spends too much, borrows too much, and delivers too few jobs. Two, a budget that doubles the national debt in 5 years and triples it in 10 years. Three, a card check bill that is undemocratic and imposes binding arbitration. Four, a national energy tax, cap-and-trade, that will cost 66,000 jobs in Pennsylvania and jack up electric bills for con-

sumers. And, five, a House health care bill with enormous tax increases and mandates on small businesses and businesses of all size.

Enough is enough. Time for Washington to get out of the way and let job creators do what they know how to do—create jobs.

DOING NOTHING HAS A PROFOUND COST

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

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, we have heard some interesting rhetoric today about the impacts on small businesses and health care reform. Here’s a statistic. If we do nothing, the cost of health care on our small businesses in the United States over the next 10 years will increase to \$2.4 trillion. That’s going to have a crushing burden on the ability of small businesses to do what they do best, which is to create jobs.

Only 48 percent of our small businesses currently provide health care. If we allowed those cost increases to occur by doing nothing in terms of health care reform, we’re guaranteeing fewer Americans will have health care, we’re guaranteeing fewer successes among small businesses that are the job generator in this economy.

Doing nothing has a profound cost. That’s why we need health care reform. We need it now. We’ve waited 6 years. The time has arrived.

DOES ANYBODY SEE WHAT’S HAPPENING?

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

Mr. LINDER. Mr. Speaker, does anybody see what’s happening? Does anybody even care? The \$700 billion TARP program was to buy troubled assets. Did we do that? No. We bought car companies and banks. And we own them. And then we took the money away from the bond holders of the car companies and gave it to the unions.

The \$787 billion stimulus package only stimulated more welfare. It hasn’t created jobs. Not one. And now we have put upon us a government takeover of health care that’s going to lose, according to Christina Romer’s formula, 4.7 million more jobs.

This has never been about jobs for the Democrats. It’s never even been about health care. It’s about power.

Who’s going to make the decisions over your life, the personal decisions? The Democrats think they can. We think you should.

Does anybody see what’s happening? Does anyone even care?

WE CAN DO BETTER

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