

will devastate our economy; a national energy tax that will kill 2.5 million jobs and, according to the President, skyrocket energy prices. A health care bill that, according to the CBO, will spend over \$1 trillion and kill 4.7 million jobs.

It is time, Mr. Speaker, for the American people to wake up.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. PENCE. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PAS-TOR of Arizona). The gentleman from Indiana will state his inquiry.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I would respectfully ask, as both I and my record were directly challenged by the distinguished majority leader on the floor, and given the fact that I've already utilized my 1 minute extended during the debate at the opening of this session, when a Member's record is challenged on the floor of the Congress, does a Member, under the Rules of the House, have the opportunity to obtain time when the distinguished majority leader refuses to yield time?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Only if someone yields to the gentleman.

Mr. PENCE. Further parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his inquiry.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, is it proper for a Member to direct an entire address to another Member of the body as opposed to the Chair or the Speaker?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members must direct their remarks to the Chair, not to others in the second person.

Mr. PENCE. Further parliamentary inquiry, if I may.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will be heard.

Mr. PENCE. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, would it have been in order for the distinguished majority leader to raise questions about my record and the positions that I've taken here in the Congress during the course of my career in the context of floor debate under these rules?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair cannot issue an advisory opinion on a question of order not timely presented.

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Indiana be allowed to address the statement that was made by the majority leader.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Has the gentleman from Indiana previously been recognized for a 1-minute?

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. KING of Iowa. Is there a rule that prohibits this body from agreeing to a unanimous consent request to allow a Member to be recognized?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman seeking recognition to speak for 1 minute?

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I am recognized for a parliamentary inquiry, as I understand it. My parliamentary inquiry is: Does there exist a rule that prohibits a Member from being recognized to speak under a unanimous consent request?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This is a matter of recognition. As the Chair stated before, if the gentleman has already had a 1-minute, he is not allowed a second.

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, further parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair could recognize for a unanimous consent request that the gentleman from Indiana be allowed to speak out of order.

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Indiana be allowed to speak out of order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would entertain that request from the gentleman from Indiana.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to speak out of order for 2 minutes.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Objection. The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to speak out of order for 1 minute.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, the distinguished majority leader came to the floor moments ago, and he asked the question that Republicans have been asking since midday today. It's a question that millions of Americans are asking, "Where are the jobs?"

Now the leader—I know it was unintentional—misstated my record, saying that when I was here in 1993 that I opposed health care reform. In fact, I was elected to Congress in the year 2000. But it was an honest mistake and a misstatement of fact, and I acknowledge it.

But can I just suggest, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the millions of Americans that may be looking in, let's stop looking to the errors of the past by Democrats or Republicans and let's come together today to create jobs for the American people.

Republicans are here to say that a government takeover of health care, financed by \$1 trillion in tax increases is a disaster for this economy. It is unconscionable for this majority and this administration to insist on the adoption of a government takeover of health care financed by \$1 trillion of tax increases during the worst recession in 25 years.

As the distinguished majority leader just said, Republicans say with one voice, "Where are the jobs?"

WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

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

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Well, Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs? That's what the American people want to know. What they know is the plan that the Democrats have isn't working, spending money we do not have. Not just a little bit of money but trillions of dollars that we don't have.

Chairman Bernanke spoke to the House Financial Services Committee today, and he said: Maintaining the confidence of the public and the financial markets requires that policy measures begin planning now for restoration of fiscal balance. Unless we demonstrate a strong commitment to fiscal sustainability, we will have neither fiscal financial stability nor doable economic growth.

I'll interpret that for you. If we keep spending money we do not have, we are not going to create jobs. We are going to lose more jobs.

Last week, the Federal deficit in this country reached \$1 trillion. If you started counting to \$1 trillion, it would take you 17,000 years.

We're talking about real money. We cannot continue on this spending spree that Congress is in, spending money that we do not have.

Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs? The American people want their jobs back.

THE FAILED POLICIES OF THE PAST 6 MONTHS SHOULD NOT BE REPEATED

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

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs? The President and Speaker PELOSI came to this House early this year and said, if you'll borrow and spend \$1.1 trillion, which is the largest spending bill in American history, it's going to save existing jobs and create another 3 million jobs. Well, where are those jobs?

They say, Well, you know, we had to spend that money because we couldn't go to the failed policies of the past and repeat those. Well, they would like to rewrite history. But the fact is, in 2003, this Congress passed one of the largest tax cuts on small businesses in America in our history, and it was followed by over 50 months of consecutive job growth, the largest consecutive period of time of expansion of jobs in American history.

I would suggest to you, the only failed policies of the past that we shouldn't repeat are the failed policies of the past 6 months.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

(Mr. KING of Iowa asked and was given permission to address the House