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GREATEST THREAT TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY FROM CAP-AND-TRADE BILL WAS SMOKE COMING OUT OF THE BACK-ROOM DEALS

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

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, the American people were promised a climate change bill that would address the emissions problems. The problem is that their greatest threat to the environment and the economy from the so-called cap-and-trade bill was the smoke coming out of the back-room deals that were cut to create this monster that's being called cap-and-trade.

Frankly, I will just tell you the whole concept that when we had a chance to get government out of the way and build new zero emission generating facilities to be able to provide clean energy for the economy and for the environment, instead of that, this Congress decided to drop the cap and tax, tax, tax.

And anyone that's worked on emissions issues will look at this bill in the future and say how could somebody with a straight face go back to their district and say that this bill is going to clean up the environment and help the economy? It is going to continue the pattern of a massive emission while we get the economy driven down.

There is no cap in this bill, only taxes.

WE SHOULD HAVE DONE THE STIMULUS RIGHT THE FIRST TIME

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

Mr. KLINE of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, people are asking where are the jobs.

As my friend from Indiana said moments ago, we just came out of amending a bill in the Education and Labor Committee where we wiped out the private sector in the student lending business, tens of thousands of jobs just erased.

As all my colleagues know, this House, this Congress, passed a stimulus bill which was supposed to create jobs. Instead, we've been losing millions of jobs.

I find it interesting that the Republicans offered an alternative to that stimulus bill which would have cut taxes and created twice as many jobs, and now Christina Romer, the President's economic adviser, when she's been pressed on news interviews on two

separate occasions in May and again in July about where are the jobs and why isn't the stimulus working, she said, well, the tax cuts in the stimulus bill are working.

How ironic. We should have done it right the first time.

WE NEED A PRESCRIPTION OF LOWER TAXES AND LOWERING SPENDING

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

Mr. GUTHRIE. I remember walking into my home one night when I was a senior in high school after school, 1982. My father and mother were talking with each other with a distressed look on their faces, and my dad was telling my mother that he was losing his job. The factory where he expected to work his entire life was shutting down. This was 1982, the recession, a recession like we find ourselves in today; and the prescription from Washington was to lower spending and to cut taxes.

In the late 1980s, my father decided to take advantage of the economy and create a plant that he used to work at; and he decided to start a new plant, created over 500 jobs because Washington's prescription was lowering taxes and lowering spending.

The prescription today coming out of Washington to try to get out of this recession is to raise regulation and to raise taxes; and, Mr. Speaker, I believe that's why we're lingering in this recession, because people don't want to invest, because they're concerned about what's happening here in Washington, D.C.

FIRST, DO NO HARM

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

Mr. PLATTS. Mr. Speaker, as the House of Representatives addresses the very important issue of health care reform, we need to adhere to the principles of all physicians: first, do no harm.

Unfortunately, the legislation that came out of the House Education and Labor Committee late last week does not adhere to this principle. CBO tells us it will drive up the costs of health care in the United States. In fact, when it's fully implemented, over \$200 billion a year this plan will cost, it will not protect the right to keep the insurance coverage that you currently have. If you like it—that was one of the underlying principles of the administration—this bill will not protect that right.

It will not adhere to that principle: do no harm. It will drive up costs. It will take away freedom of choice of the American citizens, and it is also going to have an impact on the ability for small businesses to provide insurance because of the taxes included in this bill. It's going to cost people insurance because small businesses will not be

able to continue to afford the 8 percent payroll tax as well as an increase on small businesses filing a subchapter S.

First, do no harm. We need to adhere to that principle. Unfortunately, this legislation does not do that.

REPUBLICANS HAVE BEEN CUT OUT OF THE PROCESS

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

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I wasn't going to come down here, Mr. Speaker, but then I heard the distinguished Democrat leader, Mr. HOYER, come down and chastise us for using 1-minutes. Mr. HOYER, you know why we're using these 1-minutes. It's because you've cut us out of the process.

For the first time in this Nation's history, appropriations bills aren't under open rules. So we have no opportunity to offer amendments under the appropriations bills.

So you can understand why, in my district, having almost 20 percent unemployment, some of the highest unemployment in the country because this government fails to act to get water to the people to provide for the general welfare of the people of my district, this is why we come down here, Mr. HOYER.

So I would suggest that we probably won't do this again because you will probably take away this advantage that we have of using these 1-minutes to make our case before the American people. I assume this will be the last day we have unlimited 1-minutes, but I can promise you that if you just go back to the open rules process on the appropriations bills, we will gladly not use these unlimited 1-minutes this way.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will kindly remind Members that remarks in debate should be directed to the Chair and not to others in the second person.

NEVADA'S ECONOMY IS THE MOST DISTRESSED IN THE NATION

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

Mr. HELLER. Mr. Speaker, in a recent study Nevada's economy is now determined to be the most distressed in the Nation; and if you recall, 4 months ago we passed a stimulus package and we were promised by this administration, and by the majority, if we do this, if we pass this stimulus package, that we'd only have 8 percent unemployment. It would never exceed 8 percent unemployment. Yet we had to do it right now. We had to pass this piece of legislation.

Well, I'm here to tell you today that Nevada's unemployment is at 12 percent, and that this administration says