

color shows States that have more than 1,000 of their residents enrolled in health programs. For those Americans, the 9/11 attacks are not history but are an ongoing nightmare that is slowly robbing them of their health, their strength, their livelihood, and, in some cases, their lives.

Thousands lost their lives 9 years ago, but since then, thousands and thousands more have lost their health. This is not an entitlement program. This is a responsibility to take care of those who took care of us when our Nation was attacked, and this bill sends a message to future generations that we take care of our veterans from the war against terror.

In today's debate, I hope that all Members will put politics aside and, in a bipartisan way, honor and respect the sacrifices of the 9/11 victims.

A PLEDGE TO AMERICA WITH TAX CUTS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, after months of disastrous job losses and free-for-all spending sprees, it is quite obvious that a new way forward is very much needed. Through town hall meetings, district tours, and interactive forums, House Republicans heard the pleas from hardworking Americans wanting to correct Washington's misplaced priorities.

Last week, we answered their call and provided concrete solutions for immediate action to create jobs, stop frivolous spending, enhance national security, improve health care, and reform a broken Washington.

Not only will we extend tax cuts for all Americans, we will, additionally, allow small business owners to take a tax deduction equal to 20 percent. This is crucial that we move quickly on this NFIB goal, as it will allow entrepreneurs to keep their own earnings for investments for new jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Congratulations to Joy and Julian Wilson on the birth Friday, September 24, 2010, of Julian Dusenbury Wilson, Jr., at Lexington Medical Center in West Columbia, South Carolina.

PROGRESS FOR AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESS

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

Mr. BACA. Last week, this Chamber passed another measure to move America's small business forward, the backbone of this country. The Small Business Jobs Act provides \$12 billion in tax cuts for America's small businesses and creates a \$30 billion lending fund to increase available capital and spur small business lending right here in America and not overseas.

This bill was one of many that congressional Democrats worked on to provide relief for hardworking Americans. That is why we passed the Recovery Act, which boosted SBA funding to authorize loans. That is why President Obama has already signed into law eight separate small business tax cuts.

Republicans don't seem to get it. Instead of working for the people, they would rather work to obstruct and continue to be the Party of No.

On the other hand, congressional Democrats and the President have constantly supported the American economic backbone. We didn't create this economic mess, but I am confident that we will be the ones to lead us out of it.

BORDER FENCE

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, in spite of objections to the contrary, a fence is still being built along the southern border. Illegals objected to this but the President is resilient. He is standing firm on his commitment to build the fence to keep illegals out.

You see, over 500,000 illegals cross the border every year into Mexico, and the fence is being built at the southern end of Mexico to keep people like Guatemalans out. It's the Mexican southern border that they're protecting.

You know, Calderon demands that the United States not build a fence. He arrogantly demands the Arizona law not be enforced, but when Mexico has problems with illegals coming to "take jobs that Mexicans won't do," Calderon says he's building a fence on his southern border, whether illegals like it or not.

Every country has the right to defend its border. We should stop listening to anything President Calderon says and do what's right for our country. Secure our borders by sending immediately the National Guard to our southern border.

And that's just the way it is.

PASS THE MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUTS

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

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, middle class families are the backbone of our economy, and that is why we should not wait any longer to vote on extending tax cuts for these middle class families. There is near universal agreement to extend these cuts. There is also agreement that we should extend the investment portion of the current Tax Code. So we need a universal agreement to extend the cuts. We can and must take this action now. There is uncertainty within American families and there is uncertainty in businesses.

Extension of these taxes have been held hostage by the discussion of

whether to extend the rates for the wealthiest Americans. We can't afford \$700 billion over 10 years just for the highest income earners with 79 percent of that \$700 billion, get this, going to less than one-fifth of 1 percent of all American taxpayers. That's preposterous.

The nonpartisan Tax Policy Center has said the extension of middle class tax cuts would affect less than 2 percent of all small business. My colleagues—CAPUANO, HIGGINS, and OWENS—have put forth our own proposal: a 5-year extension of the current middle class tax cuts, a 5-year extension of the current rates on long-term capital gains and qualified dividends, and a 1-year extension of the highest tax rates of those making up to \$500,000.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 847, JAMES ZADROGA 9/11 HEALTH AND COMPENSATION ACT OF 2010; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2378, CURRENCY REFORM FOR FAIR TRADE ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 2701, INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010

Ms. PINGREE of Maine, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111-648) on the resolution (H. Res. 1674) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 847) to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend and improve protections and services to individuals directly impacted by the terrorist attack in New York City on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2378) to amend title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930 to clarify that fundamental exchange-rate misalignment by any foreign nation is actionable under United States countervailing and antidumping duty laws, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 2701) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2010 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

TAX AND SPEND DEMOCRATS

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Democrats in Congress won't tell the American people how much they're going to raise their taxes. They're going to wait till after the election when we come back into session.

And Democrats in Congress won't tell the American people how they're