

You see, in northeast Wisconsin we still believe that people are more important than corporate profits. We still believe that one single family on Main Street is more valuable than all of the corporations on Wall Street. We also believe that our freedoms will be ours for only as long as we can hang on to them.

END THE DUAL MANDATE AT THE FED

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, jobs should be job one in this Congress and the next. Full employment must be the objective of policymakers in Washington, D.C.

But after years of runaway spending, borrowing and stimulus, it's clear—and the American people know it—we can't borrow and spend and bail our way back to a growing economy.

Unfortunately, judging from the latest round of quantitative easing, known as QE2, the Federal Reserve hasn't gotten the message. Printing money is no substitute for sound fiscal policy.

This week I introduced legislation to end the dual mandate of the Fed. It is time, once again, to demand that the Federal Reserve focus exclusively on price stability and protecting the dollar; and it's also time to demand that policymakers here in Washington, D.C. embrace the kind of reforms that will promote real growth, tax reform, tax relief, fiscal discipline, regulatory reform and trade. We can't print money as a pathway to prosperity.

I urge my colleagues to join me in ending the dual mandate of the Fed, and let's get back to growing this economy on principles and policies that work.

DEVELOPING CLEAN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY IN THE UNITED STATES

(Ms. HIRONO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, one way we can create jobs, the number one concern for many of my constituents, is by developing clean-energy technologies and products made in America.

Hawaii, the most oil-dependent State in the country for our energy needs, is a prime locale for energy initiatives. Thanks to our \$117 million loan guarantee from the Department of Energy, a Hawaii company called First Wind is constructing a wind energy facility in Kahuku on Oahu's north shore. This will be the largest wind power facility on the island of Oahu.

The clean energy generated by this 30-megawatt facility will help Hawaii become more energy independent by powering up to 7,700 homes each year.

In addition to creating about 200 construction jobs, the project also relies on American innovation and know-how by using wind turbines and batteries made by American manufacturers in Iowa and Texas.

I urge my colleagues to support legislation that will help innovative, home-grown companies develop clean, renewable energy technology and strengthen our competitiveness in domestic and overseas markets.

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ARMY SPECIALIST BLAKE D. WHIPPLE

(Mr. LEE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LEE of New York. I rise today to honor a great man, Army Specialist Blake D. Whipple of Williamsville, New York. Just 21 years old, Blake's life was taken by a roadside bomb in Afghanistan on November 5. It was his job to clear the roads of these devices, and he did so proudly.

Blake was a 2007 graduate of Williamsville East High School, and signed up to serve his country in 2009.

Blake's parents, Dave and Kim, expressed concern about him joining the Army, as any parent would, but Blake's parents sensed his passion and drive for wanting to be a part of something bigger. Blake was eager to serve his country and was proud of the work he was doing, and I know his family was extremely proud of him.

Blake was fortunate to be home in western New York for 2 weeks this past September. He was able to see his family and friends one last time before his life was cut so drastically short.

Blake proudly served our Nation with courage and bravery, and his life was taken far too soon. He will be missed.

JOBS

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

Mr. BACA. When President Obama took office, he inherited a \$1.2 trillion deficit, two wars, the recession, and mounting job losses that pushed our economy to the brink.

Since then, we have made steady progress by preventing economic catastrophe and laying the groundwork to create new jobs. The Democratic "Make It in America" agenda has closed tax loopholes that allow for outsourcing of jobs overseas. And the recently passed Small Business Jobs Act provides \$12 billion in tax cuts and \$30 billion in new lending for American small businesses. But with the unemployment at 9.6 percent across the Nation, and over 14 percent in California's Inland Empire, we must do more.

I urge my Republican colleagues to come to the table and work with Democrats and the administration. The time for simply saying "no" is over. We

must pass new tax cuts for the American middle class families without the deficit-busting break for the wealthy.

NATIONWIDE REVOLT OVER BODY SCANNERS

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

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, a Nationwide revolt is developing over the body scanners at the airports, and it should. Hundreds of thousands of frequent fliers who fly each week are upset about getting these frequent doses of radiation. Parents are upset about being forced to have their children radiated or being touched inappropriately by an unrelated adult.

There is already plenty of security at the airport, but now we are going to spend up to \$300 million to install 1,000 scanners. This is much more about money than it is about security.

The former Secretary of Homeland Security, Michael Chertoff, represents Rapiscan, the company which is selling these scanners to his former Department. Far too many Federal contracts are sweetheart, insider deals. Companies hire former high-ranking Federal officials, and then, magically, those companies get hugely profitable Federal contracts.

The American people should not have to choose between having full-body radiation or a very embarrassing, intrusive pat-down every time they fly as if they were criminals. We need a little more balance and common sense on this.

BUSH TAX CUTS

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

Mr. YARMUTH. Mr. Speaker, soon we are going to have to decide how to treat the Bush tax cuts. We are going to have to decide whether or not to indebt the American people another \$700 billion to extend benefits, tax benefits, for the richest 1 percent of the country.

Before we go too far in feeling sorry for that 1 percent, consider this:

From 2001 to 2006, 53 percent of all gains, total gains, in income in this country went to that 1 percent. That is right, one out of every two dollars went to the richest 1 percent. That is where the economy has gone.

The growth in this country has benefited primarily the richest people in the country, and we now have the greatest disparity in wealth that we have seen in this country in almost 100 years.

Heed the words of the Roman priest Plutarch, who once wrote: An imbalance between rich and poor is the oldest and most fatal ailment of all republics.

Let's keep that in mind when we consider what to do with those tax cuts for the richest 1 percent of Americans.