with a deal, they’ll downgrade U.S. debt.

Could the threat to our national sovereignty be any clearer? It’s time for Congress to listen to the wisdom of our Founders and reclaim its constitutional primacy over monetary policy. There is only one way to do this, and that is to end the Fed. The Fed takes our freedom and gives it to the banks. Let’s take our freedom back from the Fed.

SENATE NEEDS TO ACT AFTER SUPERCOMMITTEE FAILURE

(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, last Monday, the Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction announced that the bipartisan group had failed to reach an agreement. In an op-ed to The Wall Street Journal, Conservative Party leaders acknowledged that the bipartisan group had failed to reach an agreement. In an op-ed to The Wall Street Journal, Conservative Party leaders, cochair of the supercommittee, stated that the group “missed a historic opportunity to lift the burden of debt and help spur economic growth and job creation.”

Last week, I attended a town hall meeting in Forest Acres, South Carolina, hosted by Mayor Frank Brunson, where we discussed ways to promote small businesses and encourage job growth within the private sector. The message from the constituents is very clear: Congress must reduce Washington’s out-of-control spending before it’s too late.

As Congress returns from the Thanksgiving Day recess, I encourage our colleagues in the Senate to begin focusing on job creation by considering any of the 20 jobs bills the House has passed with bipartisan support this year.

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

FAILURE OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, it was a week ago that the Joint Select Committee announced that they were unable to reach an agreement in finding $1.2 trillion in cuts before their deadline. Now, could they have done this without really breaking a sweat? And the answer is yes, they could have. The entire target for which they were reaching, the $1.2 trillion to $1.5 trillion, could have been cut with a single act: repealing the Affordable Care Act.

One point five trillion dollars in new spending that this country cannot afford is contained within the confines of the Affordable Care Act. Now, look, Washington once again has failed to listen to the people’s fingers and get back to work if we expect to put America back on a path to prosperity. American families are making cuts at home, and Washington should do the same thing. Families do not have the luxury of missing their deadlines, and neither should Washington.

Americans must reduce our deficit, and we need to put people back to work. The House has passed more than 25 bills that would affect employment. Twenty of these House-passed jobs bills are stalled in the Senate. You can find out more about them going to jobs.gop.gov. Let’s get people back to work and focus on ways to reduce the deficit. That means creating more taxpayers, not more taxes.

BOLINGBROOK HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

(Mrs. BIGGERT of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Illinois Bolingbrook High School football team on winning the Class 8A State Championship on November 25.

Coach John Ivlow led the team to a record-breaking season of 13 wins and 1 loss. This accomplishment by the Raiders marks the first State football championship for Bolingbrook High School. Despite the absence of their star linebacker, the Raiders overcame five turnovers and won the championship game by a score of 21–17 against the top-rated Loyola Academy.

Each season demonstrated a tremendous level of demonstration and hard work, including seniors Antonio Morrison and Robbie Bain. Other stars of the game included junior Aaron Bailey, who scored the game-winning touchdown, and senior Diarom Rhodes, who sealed the game with an interception.

Mr. Speaker, our community is very proud of these accomplished young athletes. Once again, I would like to congratulate the Bolingbrook High School Raiders on their win and wish them continued success in all of their future endeavors.

OBAMACARE JOBS

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, let’s be perfectly clear: Our tax policy affects job growth.

When the Federal Government raises taxes, raises rates, or creates new taxes, businesses make decisions regarding their workforce. When the government takes more, businesses have to make due with less.

All told, last year’s health care reform law will raise taxes by $800 billion over the next 10 years. One of the new taxes is a 2.3 percent tax on medical devices.

Michigan-based manufacturer Stryker recently announced that they will reduce their workforce by 5 percent so that they will be prepared to pay this new tax beginning in 2013. Stryker is just one of the first to announce reductions in the layoffs.

In the next year, medical device companies will be faced with difficult decisions about where they will cut in