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formally document this collection of
unfairness and inequity, burdens that
are imposed on normal Americans who
are just trying to live normal lives.
It is incomprehensible that today we
are still dealing with such injustice.
Congress created this injustice, and
Congress should correct it. Let the
RECORD reflect these sentiments.

SIXTEEN DAYS AGAINST GENDER
VIOLENCE

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was
given permission to address the House
for 1 minute.)
Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker.
Sehar, a Pakistani woman in an ar-
ranged marriage, was constantly raped
and abused by her husband. He accused
her of becoming a doctor only to at-
tract men. He blamed her for the mis-
carry that she had, and he con-
stantly beat her. He was angry when
she gave birth to two girls rather than
to two boys, and he was an abuser of
the girls and his wife.
Sehar and her daughters were able to
escape to the United States to find
safety. She will not go back to Paki-
stan because her former husband’s fam-
ily says they will kill her.
Violence against women, unfortu-
nately, is too common of a plight for
women around the world. My
grandmother used to tell me that you
never hurt somebody you claim you
love. As the leader of the free world, it
is critical that the United States pro-
mote this simple truth throughout this
country and other countries:
Every person has the right to a life
free of violence.
I want to thank the gentlelady from
Illinois (Ms. SCHAKOWSKY) for bringing
this to the attention of the Members of
Congress as we reflect on this fact dur-
ing these 16 days against gender vio-

And that’s just the way it is.

THE DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT,
AN AFFRONT TO AMERICA’S
VALUES

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permission to address the House for 1
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IMPLICATIONS OF GOVERNMENT’S
ADDING ADDITIONAL RED TAPE
AND ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS

(Mr. DOLD asked and was given per-
mission to address the House for 1
minute and to revise and extend his
remarks.)
Mr. DOLD. Madam Speaker, as a
small business owner, I understand
firsthand the implications of the gov-
ernment adding additional red tape and
additional regulations. One clear exam-
ple of this is the Dodd-Frank bill.
The Dodd-Frank bill was supposed to
impose clear rules and regulations on
the financial industry so that another
economic disaster could be averted.
However, this single piece of legisla-
tion has imposed uncertainty into the
marketplace. The bill imposes literally hundreds of new rules and regu-
lations, most of which haven’t even
been written yet. As a result, busi-
nesses are not growing and they’re not
taking creating jobs, and this is in large part
because they don’t understand what to-
morrow will bring.
I did have an opportunity to talk to
a smaller bank back in my district
that said, We’re not growing, with the
exception of adding people into our
compliance department to cross the T’s
and dot the I’s, but not a single person
was hired in order to try to get addi-
tional liquidity into the marketplace
and help small businesses.
Rather than pile on rule after rule,
we should implement smart regula-
tions that truly protect consumers.
The last thing we want is another fi-
nancial disaster, so we should examine
the implications of the rules and regu-
lations and ensure that the right regu-
lations are in place and get America
back to work.

TAXES

(Mr. BACA asked and was given per-
mission to address the House for 1
minute.)
Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, this year
will be a very difficult holiday season
for millions of Americans looking for
jobs. Sadly, these families are not get-
ting the help they deserve from the Re-
publicans here in Congress.
We have now reached 337 days of Re-
publican control here in the House, and
we still do not have a jobs plan from the
Republicans.
Benefits for over 6 million unem-
ployed Americans are about to expire.
And now, to make matters worse, Re-
publicans are creating uncertainty for
the 160 million middle class families by
stalling and extending the payroll tax
cut.

Why are these Americans forced to
wait? Because Republicans refuse to
ask those making more than a million
dollars to pay their fair share. Million-
aires are not paying their fair share into
the payroll tax.
We must act now on those lifelines of
the middle class and allow the Bush
tax cuts for the ultrarich to expire. No
new taxes, no jobs. No new taxes, no
new jobs. We must pass a responsible
tax plan that extends the unemploy-
ment benefits and gets the economy
moving again.

THE NEED TO PASS PAYROLL TAX
CUT

(Mr. SIRES asked and was given per-
mission to address the House for 1
minute.)
Mr. SIRES. Madam Speaker, the ma-
jority has held 891 votes in this Cham-
paign and we still see no plan for job
creation.
To make matters worse, my col-
leagues across the aisle have now fo-
cused their efforts on opposing a tax
break for the middle class. They are
opposing the extension of the Federal
tax holiday enacted earlier this year
that gave virtually all working Ameri-
cans a much needed tax cut, reducing
taxes for over 160 million American
workers.
Economic uncertainty both here in
the U.S. and abroad makes this a dan-
gerous time to eliminate an important
tax cut that is saving American fami-
lies an average of $1,000 a year. Failing

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