

crept steadily forward at the rate of about two weeks per year. If that trend continues, we can expect Deficit Day to hit Dec. 31, finally, in about eight years. But that's assuming Washington can go eight years without instituting any new spending.

In a fiscally responsible world, the \$2.7 trillion in taxes the federal government will collect this year would provide a hard limit on spending. But in the world our leaders have created, the federal government will spend over 35% more than this in 2013. After that it will just keep right on spending money it does not have, passing the debt and the hard political choices to citizens yet unborn and politicians yet unelected.

There are only a few possible eventual outcomes if this continues: The government will either print money to pay for its deficits, unleashing unprecedented inflation; it will gut social programs like Social Security and Medicare; or it will dramatically increase taxes on everyone down to, and including, the middle class.

The laws of mathematics can't be rewritten by political desires or "unified budget" accounting gymnastics. Our leaders need to face the truth and get our country's fiscal house in order before Deficit Day becomes Bankruptcy Day.

#### OBAMACARE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge my fellow Members of Congress to delay ObamaCare for 1 year. President Obama has already delayed the employer mandate, and now he has delayed the opening of the small business exchanges. He has already signed into law seven changes to the health care law. It's clear that ObamaCare is not ready to be rolled out.

One of my constituents, Nicole, who manages her household budget for her family of five, called me recently to say that her health care premiums are skyrocketing as a result of ObamaCare. Her insurance company notified her that her family's monthly premiums will go from \$431 to \$1,003. Her insurer told her that under ObamaCare, she might qualify for subsidies to offset that increase. But Nicole, like many Americans, doesn't want a subsidy. She doesn't want to take a government handout. Her family is responsible, self-reliant; and they don't want to be bailed out by their neighbors.

The Federal Government is broke and cannot afford another entitlement program, even if ObamaCare would work, which it won't.

It's time to admit the obvious: ObamaCare is not ready for prime time. Let's delay it for at least 1 year and protect millions of Americans from its harmful effects.

#### LET'S FIND SOLUTIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, as we all know, we have important deadlines ap-

proaching this coming Monday—on our fiscal year budget, the farm bill, as well as what we see impending with the Obama health care takeover of the exchanges implementation.

What do we have a lot of around here? Drama. Lots of drama—from the left, from my colleagues on the other side of the aisle; from the press, saying, government shutdown, government shutdown. My daughter, who is in school, she tries to avoid drama at school with her friends and, instead, stick to what she knows she needs to get done.

Yet around here, that's a pretty big byproduct. We need to be working on a lot of key things to make our country run better, more fiscally sound. That would be, for example, working towards actually balancing the budget long term. What I see in the plans that are coming from the White House, over in the Senate, is that there is no plan to move towards a balanced budget in the future. It's going to take hard work. It's going to be difficult. There will be a lot of infighting and caterwauling in this place in order to try to move to that direction.

But Republicans actually offer a plan to, in the future, move towards a balanced budget, to make those lines finally come together after many, many years of overspending. We don't see those ideas come from the other side.

Unfortunately, we're not going to get out of this pattern of having to raise the debt ceiling until we achieve the balanced budget that we direly need in this country. That's the dirty little secret. Debt ceilings are going to be part of our future until we can truly get the balance. So real solutions are needed that move us in that direction, not more drama.

Mr. Speaker, stop the drama. Let's get together and work on these solutions. I urge my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, talking about that this morning, let's do real budgets instead of CRs. I don't like doing continuing resolutions either, but I guess it's a way to keep the government open in the meantime until we can come to agreement. But we have to have some kind of fiscal reality that says that we can't keep spending more than we take in.

We can't implement a program like the Obama health care takeover that's killing jobs, that's giving people fewer choices on their health care, that's running doctors out of the business. It's no fun for them anymore when they see this coming down upon them.

Let's go to free market approaches. Let's go to what the Republican Study Committee is working on, with the American Health Care Reform Act, which gives people choices, which actually addresses the high-risk pools and allows people that are in a permanent situation, needing long-term health care to find those solutions. Instead, we get something that we know, we see is not going to work.

Look at all the delays in the implementation of the health care ex-

changes. Delay after delay after delay. Yes, we need delays because it isn't working.

Instead, we hear threats: Government shutdown; you, Republicans, are doing this; you are doing that.

Mr. Speaker, let's stop the drama and get to the real solutions. Let's do the math on the Obama health care takeover, how it's not going to work. Let's do the math on how CRs are not really a solution but a temporary measure. Let's do the math on moving toward a truly balanced budget sometime in the future, which the Republican House has offered but doesn't seem to be coming at all from the White House.

We've asked the White House, Do you have a plan to balance the budget? Or the Senate, Do you have a plan to balance the budget, ever? We don't see them. We have to balance them in our own personal lives, around our households, our businesses. Yet why does government continue to have a blank check and get away with it, with the taxpayers' money, with the taxpayers' future? How many trillions of dollars of debt do we have to get to before we are actually going to learn this lesson that we're going to leave for the coming generations?

I want to be a part of the solution that moves these lines together so that we get to a balanced budget sometime in the near future, not never. This Nation requires it. If we want to have jobs, if we want to have the prosperity that we once knew, we need to go back in that direction.

So, Mr. Speaker, I ask this body, I ask our colleagues in the Senate, I ask the White House: Let's stop with the drama. Let's get back to the table and negotiate.

When our President says that he will not negotiate with us, the American public should be appalled that in the process of the give-and-take of the institutions our Founders set up here, with these three branches—the House, Senate, and White House—who are supposed to get together, compromise, hammer things out, argue, get along, all those things—that when one branch of that does not want to get together, to even talk and compromise, but, instead, is willing to be on the phone with Iran or Russia and not our own colleagues, we should be appalled.

Let's get back together. Let's stop the drama of the name-calling, of threatening government shutdowns, where Republicans are not moving towards that at all, but are actually trying to find solutions. Let's get it done for the American people. I think the American public demands that. Let's have solutions.

#### 52 PERCENT OF AMERICANS OPPOSE OBAMACARE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) for 5 minutes.