

not contained now, we are going to have to be paying for those tomorrow.

We need to invest in America. We need to stop outsourcing. We need to make sure that our children and our families are taken care of.

I would ask for all Americans to take a second look at this recovery that the President is proposing. I would ask for all of us to join together and make our resources felt here at home.

RESPONSIBILITY WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 20, 2004, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY) is recognized during morning hour debates.

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, this week the House will take up two bills that, in addition to strengthening our economy and improving the quality of American family life, will send a very real message of accountability to two industries not lately known for it.

Opponents of the Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act and the Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act may dismiss them as meaningless symbols, but American families know better.

The American families know that the raw greed that fuels both abusive lawsuits and vulgar broadcast programming has punctured the boundaries of reasonable tolerance. People have tired of hearing about yet another loopy scam cooked up by predatory trial lawyers to sue some unsuspecting company for some imaginary offense; and at the same time, people have grown weary of the junk that comes across our television screens.

For years we have chastised Hollywood, cajoled Hollywood, and begged Hollywood to shape up. Yet in both cases, the entertainment industry and trial lawyers, either out of arrogance or ignorance or both, have chosen to ignore these pleas.

Mr. Speaker, this week the House will send a very clear signal to one and all: enough is enough. Predatory lawsuits undermine our economy; offensive television programming undermines the moral imagination of our children; and both undermine the fundamental human value of personal responsibility.

Lawyers and broadcasters may not care about their moral responsibilities, Mr. Speaker; but under these bills, if they do not at least start to fake it, they are going to pay.

Under the Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act, Congress will declare, as if we should have to, that restaurants are not responsible for the tummy aches that their customers suffer when they eat too much.

Under the Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act, television broadcasters who have thumbed their noses at the FEC's maximum obscenity fine of \$27,500 per offense will soon have to reassess the actions of their respective thumbs and noses in the face of maximum fines of \$500,000 per offense.

So after years of trying the American people's patience, predatory trial lawyers and irresponsible broadcasters are going to be held accountable for their actions. It is Responsibility Week here in the House, Mr. Speaker; and thankfully for the viewers at home watching C-SPAN, there will not be a half-time show.

JOB NUMBERS FOR LAST MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 20, 2004, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, last Friday, we got another reality check as to how, after 3 years in the White House, President Bush still has not figured out how to create jobs for Americans here in the United States. The February job numbers illustrate how the economic policies of President Bush and the Republican Congress still are not creating jobs.

Last month, only 21,000 jobs were created by the American economy. That is 21,000 jobs. The Labor Department also revised its numbers for both December and January, stating that 23,000 less jobs were created during those 2 months than when it was first reported; and this means employers have added an average of 61,000 jobs per month since August, well below the 150,000 new jobs economists said were needed to keep pace with population growth.

If the jobs recession does not end soon and the economy does not create 2.1 million jobs this year, then President Bush will be the first President since Herbert Hoover to preside over an economy in which he did not create one net job; and yet the President continues to say that the best way to create more jobs in the upcoming month is for Congress to make permanent all his tax cuts, the tax cuts that overwhelmingly benefit our Nation's wealthiest Americans.

I would just like to know, Mr. Speaker, when is the President going to learn? Congressional Republicans cut taxes year after year, and the jobs they predicted would be created have never become a reality. Last year, when the President was touting another round of tax cuts benefiting our Nation's wealthiest elite, the White House predicted the cuts would create more than 2.1 million new jobs in the 7 months after its passage. And what actually happened during that period? Only 296,000 jobs were created, 1.8 million short of the President's predictions.

Now President Bush says he is going to create jobs, but he is about as good at predicting job creation as he is in advancing policies that create those jobs. He is not very good at it, Mr. Speaker. Perhaps that is why President Bush and some of his leading economic advisers are now backing away from their own "Economic Report of the

President," in which the administration predicted that 2.6 million jobs would be created this year. Just one week after release of that report, Treasury Secretary John W. Snow and Commerce Secretary Donald Evans refused to embrace President Bush's own economic projections.

One would think the Bush administration would be concerned about the job losses, but last month we learned that President Bush and his economic advisers view the movement of American factory jobs and white collar work to other countries as a positive transformation that will, in the end, enrich our economy.

The President's chief economist, Gregory Mankiw, made national headlines when he said, "Outsourcing is just a new way of doing international trade. More things are tradeable than were tradeable in the past, and that's a good thing." President Bush supported this view in his annual economic report in which he wrote: "When a good or service is produced more cheaply abroad, it makes more sense to import it than make or provide it domestically."

Mr. Speaker, how can we have economic success if we send jobs overseas, but do not create enough new jobs with comparable wages here in the United States?

I think it is about time that the Bush administration realizes that shipping jobs overseas and cutting taxes for the wealthiest elite in our country will not create jobs. President Bush and congressional Republicans have had 3 years to turn this jobs recession around. They have totally failed. It is time for Congress to pass measures that will encourage companies to keep jobs here in the United States, and it is time we level the playing field and protect American jobs here rather than exporting them overseas.

EXTENDING OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 20, 2004, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BROWN) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, my friend, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE), just talked about the new economic statistics, that some 21,000 jobs were created last month in this country. The President had predicted 250,000 jobs. The Wall Street Journal had predicted 150,000, something like that; 21,000 were actually created. Of those 21,000, actually every one of those jobs was a government job, many of them in education, productive, important jobs; but actually there was no private sector job creation, period. There was actually a loss of private sector jobs.

This is where it really matters to people. There were 760,000 American workers whose unemployment benefits have expired in December, January,