

that passed the Senate yesterday. What they want is a stimulus for Main Street. They know the best stimulus is a job.

They do not want the Democrat big government stimulus bill that was passed across in the other Chamber yesterday. They know that stimulus should be targeted, it should be immediate, it should be temporary, and it should yield results.

Yesterday's bill brings us \$400 million on social services block grants, \$300 million for green golf carts, \$198 million on the DHS headquarters consolidation, \$300 million on FBI construction, \$125 million for District of Columbia water and sewer projects.

What they want is focused, targeted stimulus, not a big bill that our children and grandchildren are going to continue to pay for the rest of their lives. Let's oppose this bill. Let's focus on targeted stimulus that will yield results.

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#### HOOVERVILLE IS COMING AROUND

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

Mr. MCDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, there is a saying that what goes around comes around. And the Republicans have adopted this as their mantra for their response to the American economic problem. Republican President Herbert Hoover presided over the Great Depression and stood by while millions of Americans stood in soup lines and unemployment lines. It produced Hoovervilles across the land, a kind of how-to guide on what not to do during an economic crisis.

Today, Republicans are replaying the same old movie, responding in the same old way. And they offer America the same old outcome. Hooverville is the model community of the Republican plan to solve America's economic crisis. You won't need a mortgage in a Republican Hooverville because the town is already bankrupt. You don't need a stimulus package to revive the economy in a Hooverville because it is a Republican-planned community, and they have planned for soup lines and unemployment lines. And you won't see light at the end of the tunnel in Hooverville, because they drove the economy into the ditch over the last 8 long years. And they offer an economic plan to drive it deeper.

What goes around comes around. And Hooverville is right around the corner. Republicans offer America an economic blueprint called "Hooverville." It didn't work the last time, and it won't work this time.

#### ASSOCIATED PRESS SHOWS FAIRNESS IN FACT-CHECKING PRESIDENT OBAMA

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is just as important to recognize examples of fair reporting as it is to criticize biased news. Earlier this week, the Associated Press released an article fact-checking President Obama's claims about the economic stimulus package. The AP found that the President "had it both ways" when at first he bragged about getting Congress to produce a stimulus with no pork, but later boasted the stimulus would do good things for pet projects in Indiana. The AP also found the President guilty of "projecting job creation numbers that may be impossible to verify and glossing over some ethical problems that bedeviled his team."

Americans count on the media to check the facts on important issues and report the truth about officials in both parties. Fair reporting like this will go a long way towards restoring Americans' trust in the media.

#### HONORING CONGRESSMAN JOHN DINGELL

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

Mr. CHILDERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise on a bit of good news today. This is a great day in this body because on this day, a great man will become the longest-serving Member of this House. This is especially important to me because the record he is breaking belonged to that of my predecessor once removed, the great Jamie Whitten, my wonderful boyhood friend and hero. But today, Chairman JOHN DINGELL from Michigan will break that record. On this day, when the sun came up this morning, he became the longest-serving Member of the United States House of Representatives.

He is a great man, a gentleman, a man's man, if you will, and a giant in this institution, a record that will no doubt probably never be equaled or broken. I had the great pleasure, Mr. Speaker, to know them both. I had the great pleasure to know what great public servants they were. I had the great pleasure to call them both my friends and one of them my colleague. I will remember this day a long, long time.

And I salute you, Chairman DINGELL.

#### TAX CUTS, NOT HANDOUTS

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

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring to your attention a Trojan horse for billions of dollars in pork spending under the guise of a stimulus. This \$1 trillion bill is designed to spend taxpayer money on programs that have nothing to do with creating jobs. It takes a step toward government-controlled health care and takes limits off of welfare spending to create endless handouts.

This should be about creating jobs, not about making work. We can do this

with long-term, meaningful tax cuts. The President's own economic advisers say the Republican plan will create twice the jobs for half the cost.

We cannot spend our way out of debt. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office says that long-term, this bill will cause more harm than good. Yet Democrats intend to spend the equivalent of \$1 million a day for the next 3,000 years. The hardworking people in my district are also hurting from this economy. But under this bill, their tax dollars will only dig a deeper hole for us to climb out of.

#### DEMOCRATS WILL TURN THIS ECONOMY AROUND

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

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, when the Clinton administration concluded 8 years, it had created 23 million jobs. It left the new administration with a \$236 billion surplus and an estimated \$5.6 trillion of projected surpluses. It took only 4 years to turn that surplus into deficits. And now when this administration leaves office, they leave this country with an annual deficit over \$1 trillion. They have doubled our public debt—from \$3.4 trillion to \$6.4 trillion—of the amount of debt held by the public.

And it began because instead of balancing the budget, as President Bush the 41st had done and President Clinton succeeded in that policy, they threw the PAYGO concept aside, gave us two tax cuts in 2001 and 2003, and bankrupted this country. And that is why we have to act this week to restore our fiscal solvency.

#### THE SKY IS FALLING

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the sky is falling, the sky is falling, but never fear, the Federal Government is here. But in another failed attempt to save the day, the administration announced they would use the full force of the government to spend our way out of this crisis. Congress hasn't even passed the \$835 billion stimulus package and the Treasury Department announces \$2 trillion more for the bailout for the fat cats on Wall Street. With that new emerging threat on the horizon, the stock markets tanked.

Government is not the answer. They are the problem. These ideas do little to address the economic situation. It is just more scare tactics and government-savior rhetoric. Reagan once said that the most feared words in the American language are, "We are here from the Federal Government, and we are here to help you."

The Federal Government can't spend money it doesn't have. This will be debt that Americans yet to be born will

have to pay off. The Congressional Budget Office said all of this spending will have a negative effect on the economy. Let Americans keep more of their own money, tax cuts for all those that pay and report their taxes. Wasteful government spending is not the answer. It is the problem.

And that's just the way it is.

#### STOP DEFICIT SPENDING

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. I take some delight in listening to my friend from Texas rail about the government not being able to spend money it doesn't have. Yet these Republicans are the people who have been spending money the government didn't have for years, putting a war in Iraq on our children's credit card, putting massive tax cuts in place to benefit a tiny portion of the tax-paying public and ignoring the needs of the vast majority. They have been on a spending binge under the Bush administration and Republican control to fund special interests and "bridges to nowhere."

We invite anybody to look at the proposals that have been advanced. It is to stimulate the economy, to help stop the economic free-fall in our States, to shore up the problems in States from Michigan to Oregon to Florida, to keep the promises that the President made during the campaign, and most of all, to stop the wasteful spending for special interests and focus it on the taxpayers who need it the most.

#### OPPOSE THE STIMULUS PACKAGE

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

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, I, too, rise and congratulate my colleague from Michigan. The long and distinguished career of Mr. DINGELL is to be congratulated by all of us.

But today I rise in strong opposition to what is working its way back to the floor of this House in the form of a so-called "stimulus package." This package will stimulate Big Government. It is not going to stimulate our economy.

And with regard to the comments of the gentleman from Oregon, let me just say that I would invite all of my colleagues and everyone in the country to look at what is in this legislation and they will see that this is all about growing the size of government, not creating jobs to grow our economy.

And I would invite people to look at the Republican alternative, which we have offered, which costs half as much money and is projected to create twice as many jobs. That is what people want. That is what people understand. They want to see the great engine of growth in this country, the small businesses empowered by the kinds of incentives that are contained in our leg-

islation to create the jobs that are needed in this country. Oppose the stimulus. This is not the way to rebuild the American economy.

#### ECONOMISTS AGREE WE NEED TO ACT

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, millions of Americans across the country, including many in my home State of New Jersey, are losing their jobs, their homes, and their health care. The economists agree that unless Congress acts to stem the tide of unemployment and the disappearing jobs, the American economy will continue to decline.

Chad Stone from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities said, "There is no time to waste." Mark Zandi, an economist who was an adviser to Senator MCCAIN's Presidential campaign, said the economic downturn is likely to "intensify further unless policymakers respond aggressively." John Ogg from the "24/7 Wall Street" warns the economy "is going to get worse, much worse" without this legislation. An economist from California State University said "without the stimulus package, the downside of this economy won't be arrested."

Economists are united in the need for this Congress to act boldly and quickly. We must pass an economic stimulus recovery package immediately so that we can begin the long process of turning this economy around and ending the pain so many Americans are feeling all over our country.

#### CUT TAXES AND CONTROL SPENDING

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

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, as our country faces tough economic times, I think it is very important that we act responsibly to do the right thing to address this problem as opposed to what some people are proposing, and that is just to ram through something with expediency, not worrying about the consequences. I think we don't need to look any further than in our past to make sure, as people said before, if you don't learn from the mistakes of your past, you're doomed to repeat them.

Let's look at what the Treasury Secretary under FDR said during the New Deal. Henry Morgenthau said, "After 8 years of this administration, we have just as much unemployment as when we started, and an enormous debt to boot." He went on to say about the New Deal during the 1930s, "I have got my responsibility to my country, which comes first. We have tried spending money. We are spending more than we have ever spent before, and it does not work." That is not a Republican speaking. That was the Treasury Secretary under FDR.

Spending massive amounts of money doesn't work. It saddles future generations with more debt. There is a better alternative, and that is to cut taxes and control the spending like many of us propose.

#### SUPPORT H.R. 156

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

Mr. MITCHELL. I rise today to thank Speaker PELOSI for agreeing to block the next congressional pay raise. As government acts to cap executive compensation and as millions of Americans watch their incomes shrink, a pay raise for Members of Congress would seem glaringly out of touch. If we are going to talk the talk of fiscal discipline, we must also walk the walk of self-restraint. The American people are not getting a pay raise this year, and neither should Congress.

I also wish to thank Dr. RON PAUL and 107 of our colleagues, Republicans and Democrats, who are willing to support H.R. 156, the Stop the Congressional Pay Raise Act. Without the leadership of these Members, so many of them new Members, we may not have taken this important step.

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#### WORKING FAMILIES WANT THE RIGHT THING

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

Mr. MCCOTTER. Mr. Speaker, we in Michigan understand the need for timely action on a stimulus plan that can help create jobs. We have suffered long. We have suffered hard. We believe that the proper action of the Federal Government can play a temporary stimulative effect that helps us. But perhaps we are being finicky, because we do not merely want something, we want the right thing. And we know that, above all, working families cannot afford a \$1 trillion mistake that does not help them keep their jobs, keep their homes and keep their hopes for the future.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SCHAUER). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken later.