

America that spending is stimulus. And then he said that FDR's New Deal actually would have worked except FDR essentially lost his nerve and was concerned about spending too much money. And so what you had was, according to the President, was a recession within a depression. And if you look at the records, there was a little dip in the economy in the late 1930s, but he argued that along came the biggest stimulus plan ever, which was World War II, which brought us out of the Great Depression.

Mr. Speaker, I will argue that the New Deal wasn't a good deal. No amount of more government spending, more profligate spending was going to get us out of the Great Depression. If you look at the data, there is no Keynesian approach in free market history that you can demonstrate that prevailed or produced a positive result.

In fact, if you look at the New Deal in the 1930s, that Keynesian spending, which I think intoxicated FDR for the first half of that decade, doesn't show that the economy grew. It shows that it was flat and then it declined.

And if you look at the wild Keynesian spending that took place in Japan when they had their economic recession in the 1990s, the more money they spent, the deeper they went into debt and the less they had to show for it. That's odd. That's what Henry Morgenthau said back in the 1930s as well, Mr. Speaker.

So when you look at that data—and if the people on this side of the aisle and the people that are running this show out of the White House can't point to an economic time in history that their model, which is the New Deal, they can't point to a time in history when it works, the data is not there. It does not exist, Mr. Speaker. And yet the President was only critical of FDR to the extent that he lost his nerve and he should have spent more money in the 1930s.

Well, I can tell you this President has not lost his nerve. He is spending money hand-over-fist in a fashion that is unparalleled in American history and maybe unconceived by any world leader in American history. And the price that we are paying for this—we've said over and over again—goes into the next generations. And the best you can hope for with a New Deal, a new New Deal—because we had an old New Deal that was a failed New Deal—the best you can hope for with an uber new New Deal of President Obama's is it may diminish the depths to which we might otherwise decline.

But the price for it's a very, very long delayed recovery, Mr. Speaker. That's what we're faced with today.

This budget that's crossed the path of the floor of this House is an irresponsible budget. It's a budget that spends way beyond our means. It's a budget that doubles our deficit in 5 years and triples it in 10. It's a budget that's irresponsible. It's one that doesn't even meet the needs of the

United States of America, and it's one that I don't want to see my children saddled with.

And I can tell you, it's one that my children—or now men—call me and send me e-mails on an almost daily basis and are saying, What are you letting happen to me? What is happening to me? And they are going to be paying the price. My grandchildren will be paying the price. And I fear, Mr. Speaker, that my great grandchildren, should I be blessed with any, will be paying the price.

The gentleman from Texas has a point to make before we adjourn. I will be happy to yield.

Mr. GOHMERT. You know, many in this body think this Nation will go on forever. We know no nation will last forever. We are endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights. But those rights are like any inheritance. You only get to have them if people are willing to fight and protect them, fighting government and then fight our enemies abroad.

Well, in the summer of 2008, media from around the country released reports on an attack on an American military outpost base in the Kunar province of Afghanistan near the Pakistani border. Accounts say that 45 U.S. paratroopers and 25 Afghan soldiers were assaulted by up to 500 Taliban and al Qaeda fighters, bombarding our soldiers with rocket-propelled grenades and mortars. Nine U.S. soldiers were killed, 15 injured, and it was called the deadliest attack on American forces in Afghanistan since 2005.

I am here today to honor these servicemembers for their incredible sacrifice and to especially recognize one in particular who I am so very proud and humbled to represent as his U.S. Congressman.

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Army Specialist Aaron David Davis, from Kilgore, Texas, was serving as an anti-armor gunner of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team and was sent in as reinforcement when insurgents assailed our soldiers on July 13, 2008.

In the rural town of Wanat, Afghanistan, Specialist Davis and his men were bombarded by enemy fire from all sides as insurgents took over homes and mosques in their attempts to seize the newly established American base there. Specialist Davis and his fellow soldiers were vastly outnumbered, but they continued to courageously fight. Specialist Davis saw many of his fellow soldiers killed in the midst of that chaotic combat and was wounded himself; yet he was not deterred from fiercely protecting the base and his friends.

An American military helicopter finally came to the rescue, but even after he was told to get on the helicopter that would surely be his ticket to safety, a wounded and hurting Davis was more concerned with the protection of others. With his own life in peril, he stayed and continued to fight.

Among his heroic actions, Specialist Davis crawled to the frontline to check on a fellow soldier, and then he helped save three fellow soldiers, putting them on gurneys and helping get them airlifted out of the ongoing battle. While fighting to protect these men, Davis was again wounded, receiving shrapnel in his left hand, left arm, and behind his right eye. He became so wounded he finally had to be lifted away from the fight himself.

There is so much more to the story, and I wish there were more time to elaborate on this young man's incredible selflessness. Aaron Davis spend many weeks recovering from his wounds at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, and he is now back on active duty at Fort Sam Houston, continuing to boldly serve his country while still further rehabilitating.

He was recently awarded the Purple Heart for the wounds he suffered, as well as the Silver Star, the third highest military decoration that can be awarded to a member of any branch of the United States Armed Forces, for his incredible courage and unwavering commitment to his country and his fellow soldiers. Specialist Aaron Davis deserves our thanks for his bold bravery and selfless sacrifice.

It is the courage and commitment of Aaron Davis and his fellow soldiers and those like them that allows us to continue to enjoy our freedom as U.S. citizens. We are manifestly proud and permanently grateful. To Specialist Aaron Davis, may God bless Aaron Davis and he and all he has done for this Nation.

Mr. KING of Iowa. I will let that be the concluding word this evening.

HOUSE BILLS AND A JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

February 4, 2009:

H.R. 2. An Act to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes.

February 17, 2009:

H.R. 1. An Act making supplemental appropriations for job preservation and creation, infrastructure investment, energy efficiency and science, assistance to the unemployed, and State and local fiscal stabilization, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

March 6, 2009:

H.J. Res. 38. A joint resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2009, and for other purposes.

March 11, 2009:

H.R. 1105. An Act making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

March 20, 2009:

H.R. 1127. An Act to extend certain immigration programs.

H.R. 1541. An Act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

March 30, 2009:

H.R. 146. An Act to designate certain land as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to authorize certain programs and activities in the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1512. An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

SENATE BILLS AND A JOINT RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills and a joint resolution of the following titles:

January 16, 2009:

S.J. Res. 3. A joint resolution ensuring that the compensation and other emoluments attached to the office of the Secretary of the Interior are those which were in effect on January 1, 2005.

January 29, 2009:

S. 181. An Act to amend title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, and to modify the operation of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, to clarify that a discriminatory compensation decision or other practice that is unlawful under such Acts occurs each time compensation is paid pursuant to the discriminatory compensation decision or other practice, and for other purposes.

February 11, 2009:

S. 352. An Act to postpone the DTV transition date.

March 9, 2009:

S. 234. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2105 East Cook Street in Springfield, Illinois, as the "Colonel John H. Wilson, Jr. Post Office Building".

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. HINOJOSA (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of major knee surgery and replacement.

Mr. WESTMORELAND (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of a personal illness.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. MASSA) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SCHIFF, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BURTON of Indiana) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. REICHERT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BOOZMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1388. The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, an Act to reauthorize and reform the national service laws.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the order of the House of today, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, April 6, 2009, at 10 a.m., unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 93, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Speaker-Authorized Official Travel during the first quarter of 2009 pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO ITALY AND AFGHANISTAN, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN FEB. 14 AND FEB. 22, 2009

Name of Member or Employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Nancy Pelosi, Speaker	2/14	2/22	Italy		3,517.00		(3)				3,517.00
Hon. John Larson	2/14	2/22	Italy		3,517.00		(3)				3,517.00
Hon. George Miller	2/14	2/22	Italy		3,517.00		(3)				3,517.00
Hon. Rosa DeLauro	2/14	2/22	Italy		3,517.00		(3)				3,517.00
Hon. William Pascrell, Jr.	2/14	2/22	Italy		3,517.00		(3)				3,517.00
Hon. Anna Eshoo	2/14	2/22	Italy		3,517.00		(3)				3,517.00
Hon. Edward Markey	2/14	2/22	Italy		3,517.00		(3)				3,517.00
Hon. Michael Capuano	2/14	2/22	Italy		3,517.00		(3)				3,517.00
Hon. Wilson Livingood	2/14	2/22	Italy		3,517.00		(3)				3,517.00
Hon. Brian Monaghan	2/14	2/22	Italy		3,517.00		(3)				3,517.00
Michael Sheehy	2/14	2/22	Italy		3,517.00		(3)				3,517.00
Hon. Nancy Pelosi, Speaker	2/20	2/21	Afghanistan		75.00		(3)				75.00
Hon. John Larson	2/20	2/21	Afghanistan		75.00		(3)				75.00
Hon. George Miller	2/20	2/21	Afghanistan		75.00		(3)				75.00
Hon. Rosa DeLauro	2/20	2/21	Afghanistan		75.00		(3)				75.00
Hon. William Pascrell, Jr.	2/20	2/21	Afghanistan		75.00		(3)				75.00
Hon. Anna Eshoo	2/20	2/21	Afghanistan		75.00		(3)				75.00
Hon. Edward Markey	2/20	2/21	Afghanistan		75.00		(3)				75.00
Hon. Michael Capuano	2/20	2/21	Afghanistan		75.00		(3)				75.00
Hon. Wilson Livingood	2/20	2/21	Afghanistan		75.00		(3)				75.00
Hon. Brian Monaghan	2/20	2/21	Afghanistan		75.00		(3)				75.00
Michael Sheehy	2/20	2/21	Afghanistan		75.00		(3)				75.00
Nadeam Elshami	2/14	2/22	Italy		3,802.00		(3)				3,802.00
Stacy Kerr	2/14	2/22	Italy		3,802.00		(3)				3,802.00
Kate Knudson	2/14	2/22	Italy		3,802.00		(3)				3,802.00
Bridget Fallon	2/14	2/22	Italy		3,802.00		(3)				3,802.00
Steven Rusnak	2/14	2/22	Italy		3,802.00		(3)				3,802.00
Committee total											58,522.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

³ Military air transportation.