

Recently, the London Daily Mail reported the story of Kane Gorny:

Kane was a 22-year-old man who had hip replacement surgery under England's government-run health care system. Afterwards, reports say he was neglected by hospital staff. He was not even given his medications. Kane was immobile. He couldn't even get a drink of water on his own. So Kane called the police and begged them to bring him some water. When the police showed up, they were turned away by hospital staff, who said Kane was a problem patient.

The next day, Kane died of thirst in that government-run hospital in London. The police are investigating.

Madam Speaker, importing government-run health care into America would be unhealthy for everybody. Just ask the family of Kane Gorny, who died of dehydration in that British-run hospital.

And that's just the way it is.

RECLAIMING OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

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

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, in 2001 I joined the House in voting for the authorization for the use of military force.

In nearly 9 years, it has become clear that the authorization for the use of military force is being used *carte blanche* for circumventing Congress' role as a coequal branch of government.

Both the Bush and the Obama administrations have cited that the 2001 authorization of the use of military force is justification for the military escalation in Afghanistan, for holding prisoners indefinitely in Guantanamo or at Bagram Air Force Base, and even for mass domestic spying on U.S. citizens in violation of our most basic constitutional principles.

Tomorrow, the House will consider H. Con. Res. 248, a resolution that would require the President to withdraw U.S. Armed Forces from Afghanistan by December 31, 2010.

As U.S. Armed Forces and our allies begin the first in a series of large military operations in Afghanistan, this House must be heard from. We must reclaim our constitutional responsibility and our responsibility to the American people.

EMPOWERMENT

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

Mr. NEUGEBAUER. Madam Speaker, in today's Wall Street Journal, Director of the Congressional Budget Office, Douglas Elmendorf, an appointee of Speaker PELOSI, stated, "The U.S. Federal budget deficit is on a trajectory that poses significant economic risks."

According to Mr. Elmendorf, "the U.S. is entering unfamiliar territory in its level of public debt." In fact, a report by the CBO shows that the President's budget drives debt to an alarming 90 percent of our economy by 2020, making the U.S. public debt load one of the highest.

The Federal Government must rein in its spending, and it must cut costs, just as families and businesses all across the 19th Congressional District are doing.

We have two paths on which to set our compass. We can set our path towards empowerment or we can set our path towards entitlement. One offers opportunity and hope; the other offers uncertainties.

America deserves a choice that gets the budget and the economy back on a sustainable path.

THE FIGHT FOR JOBS ON MAIN STREET

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

Mr. PERRIELLO. Madam Speaker, within weeks in my district, we will be upon the summer construction season.

Construction is not a Democrat idea or a Republican idea. It's just something we need to do to rebuild America. In fact, we'd be well on our way if it weren't for the gigantic snowstorms having set back the building season. We have a chance across the aisle, in a short period of time, to address the issue of construction.

For my nieces and nephews, summer may just mean time off from school, but for many of our small businesses around the country, it means a time to gear up. Many have taken losses year after year, quarter after quarter, in the hopes that this year will be the time we can get back on top.

If housing starts are not going to pick up in time, we know we can build other things. We can build infrastructure. We can retrofit existing building stock. These are good jobs that rebuild the competitive advantage of this country.

This town is too paralyzed by partisanship. We have an opportunity to rise above that and to say, We will meet this summer construction season. We will not flirt with a double-dip recession just as we are starting to pull out of it. These are good commonsense ideas that make sense back on Main Street. That's what we need to be fighting for here.

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SUPPORT SPENDING LIMIT AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

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

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, Federal spending is out of control, and the

American people know it. Our Nation is facing a fiscal crisis of epic proportions. In the past 5 years, Federal spending has climbed from a historic average of 20 percent of the American economy to nearly 25 percent today, and it is rising.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, the first 5 months of this fiscal year, the Federal Government ran a deficit of \$655 billion, keeping the country on track for a record \$1.6 trillion deficit this year.

After years of trying to rein in Federal spending under Republican and Democrat administrations, the American people want fiscal discipline and they want new ideas. That is why Congressmen JEB HENSARLING, JOHN CAMPBELL, and I introduced the Spending Limit Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Under our amendment, absent a declaration of war or a two-thirds vote in the Congress, Congress would be required to adhere to its historic percentage of the economy.

For the last 60 years, we have only taken 20 cents on the American dollar out of this economy. It is time we put that limit in the Constitution of the United States. If we fail to act, our children will be less free, less prosperous, and less secure. It is time for a spending limit amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

AMERICANS SAY MEDIA ARE BIASED

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Madam Speaker, more than seven in ten Americans say that news sources are biased, according to a recent survey by the Pew Research Center. This opinion is consistent across party lines. Eight in ten Republicans say the news is slanted, as do two-thirds of the Democrats and three-quarters of the Independents. Not surprisingly, this is the fifth recent poll that has found Americans don't trust the media.

The reason is simple: On important issues like job creation, government spending, treatment of terrorists, and the Senate reconciliation procedure, the national media present the news from a liberal point of view.

If the media wants to restore Americans' trust, they should report all the facts, not just one side.

EDITORIALS ACROSS SOUTH CAROLINA CONDEMN PRESIDENT'S DECISION ON YUCCA MOUNTAIN

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the President's recent budget proposal to Congress kills funding for Yucca Mountain. Without a safe and secure location like Yucca Mountain, nuclear energy development in America cannot progress.