

leaders in America because they all have people whispering and giving them advice and giving them information. We need to pray for them too. I was struck by the wisdom of that young man because he understands.

And in this country, whether it's at the White House, here in the Halls of Congress, we all have people whom we rely on for information and to help us work through and summarize and get information in a nutshell so it can be absorbed and utilized. And if the wrong information is provided, then our leaders have no hope of doing the right thing.

That's what happened with the TARP bailout. We had a good leader in President George W. Bush. He's smarter than people give him credit for. He's witty, one of the wittiest guys to talk with, just a delight to visit with. But the man who was his Secretary of the Treasury was acting in the best interest of Goldman Sachs and his friends on Wall Street, and not for the people across America. And I'll give him the benefit of the doubt and say, okay, through his Wall Street lens he thought, if my friends get rich again and they don't go bankrupt, then everybody in America will do well. Well, we saw that's not the case.

But that's what we've got going on now. Apparently our President, our great President, is getting some very bad advice, just like President Bush did on the TARP bailout. He's got a Secretary of the Treasury that we were told worked with Paulsen in the plan so he'll keep the same things going. I thought that was a good reason not to confirm him, but he was confirmed, and there he is giving the President advice.

And the jobs still are not being created. And as we move toward the end of the year, we see the tax rates are going to go up in every way, capital gains are going to go up, estate tax is coming back with a vengeance. Some people are beginning to make their moves financially. And as Art Laffer said, it's going to make this, the rest of the year, look like we may be moving into a recovery, but it's a false recovery. It's people preparing for the end of the year when the taxes skyrocket in every area. And that's when the bottom will fall out.

So it's not surprising that there are some economic indicators that are going up. It makes sense.

But we've got people giving the President bad advice. We have people in this Congress, the leaders here who are getting bad advice, and we're hurting the country.

And those wonderful West Africans that I met with, who warned me, don't let your country fall; don't let your country get hurt. You're the hope we have in this world because of the way God's used America in the past.

We owe it to so many. Who will come rushing in to the Haitis, to the international disasters once we're too broke?

You know, the Democrats took the majority in November of 2006 I think largely on the promise that we're going to correct, as Democrats, what the Republicans have done in running up the deficit. And unfortunately, Republicans had done that. When Republicans got the White House, had both Houses of Congress, they got giddy and they could run up a couple of hundred billion in deficit. My first 2 years we were still in the majority, and I couldn't believe some of the things that we were doing. That was not Republican. That's not what we were supposed to do.

But the new majority, over the last—well, since January of '07, have run up deficits. This administration has run up deficits like never before in history. And I was embarrassed when Bush was talking about \$160 billion deficit in one year. And we're talking about a \$1.6 trillion deficit in one year, 10 times what the Bush administration was pushing. And yet no outrage from the same people that were so upset about 160 billion. What happened to that?

Our country is in trouble morally, and because morally, then economically, and because we're economically in trouble, people are allowing their liberties to be taken.

And now we find out that 53 percent of Americans are going to carry all of the income tax burden for the whole country?

Now, there are some in this country who want to work, and they're not able to work. There are others in this country who are able to work and they're not. There are those who could do more, but we're moving up to 47 percent that are not going to pay any income tax. And we know historically that when one more than 50 percent of the voters in a country get more benefits from the Federal Government, than they put in, you are very close to the end of your Nation's history. You are very close to the end of your Nation as you knew it. And we are moving far too quickly in that direction. It's got to stop.

We need morality in the Department of the Interior, in the MMS, so they don't just wink and nod on the blow-out preventers, that they will step up and do what is morally correct to protect the environment.

We need people who will step up and say, we are not going to destroy this economy. We're going to use the energy we've got, but we will make sure that it's being used environmentally responsibly.

Apparently my time has expired, so I must yield back with a prayer for America that we will regain our morality, our economic stability and keep our liberties.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BILBRAY (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today and the balance of

the week on account of a death in the family.

Mr. CULBERSON (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of illness.

Mr. KIRK (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of an illness in the family.

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 Ms. WOOLSEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. ETHERIDGE, for 5 minutes, today.
Mrs. CAPPS, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. KLEIN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GRAYSON, 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. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, May 21, 24, and 25.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, May 21, 24, and 25.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, May 21, 24, and 25.

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, May 21, 24, and 25.

Mr. BURGESS, for 5 minutes, today.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reports that on May 13, 2010 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 2802. To provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5160. To extend the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, to provide customs support services to Haiti, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5148. To amend title 39, United States Code, to clarify the instances in which the term "census" may appear on mailable matter.

H.R. 1121. To authorize a land exchange to acquire lands for the Blue Ridge Parkway from the Town of Blowing Rock, North Carolina, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1442. To provide for the sale of the Federal Government's reversionary interest in approximately 60 acres of land in Salt Lake City, Utah, originally conveyed to the Mount Olivet Cemetery Association under the Act of January 23, 1909.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 29 minutes