

STOP THE SPENDING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, many people are asking why Congress is here today. I think the answer is pretty simple: We are not bankrupting the country fast enough, and so we need to come back and spend even more.

In the merciful week that Congress was not in session, my constituents had one message: Stop the spending. Obviously, Congress isn't listening.

Over the past 2 years, this administration and this Congress have increased spending by nearly 18 percent and run up more debt in 2 years than the irresponsible Bush administration did in all of its 8 years combined. Meanwhile, unemployment has increased from 7.6 percent to 9.5 percent.

Yet, the problem, in the view of the House Democrats, is that we just aren't spending enough. So we gather here today to shovel another \$26 billion at the problems. That comes to about \$330 from an average family taken directly out of the Nation's struggling economy.

Now, the gentleman from Oregon just told us, well, don't worry, it is paid for. Well, how is that? \$10 billion from increasing taxes on businesses with foreign subsidiaries.

But remember this: Businesses don't pay business taxes. Business taxes can only be paid in one of three ways: By us as consumers through higher prices; by us as employees through lower wages; and, by us as investors through lower earnings, mainly on our 401(k)s.

Another \$12 billion comes from cuts in food stamps starting in 2014, but we are going to use the savings starting now.

I tried that one out on my wife the other day. "Honey, sure we can afford that new jet ski this year. I am planning to cut our grocery budget by \$10,000 in 2014." I am sad to report, she didn't buy it.

We are told this is part of the plan to save or create jobs. Well, Mr. Speaker, this is not saving jobs. It is destroying jobs. Government cannot inject a single dollar into the economy that it hasn't first taken out of that very same economy.

We see the jobs saved or created when the government puts the money back into the economy. What we don't see as clearly are the jobs that are lost or prevented when the government first has to take that money out of the very same economy. We see the lost or prevented jobs through chronic unemployment rates and a stagnant jobs market at a time when we should long ago have moved into a normal V-shaped economic recovery.

Nor does this even guarantee saving teaching jobs. Good school boards, faced with the choice between a couple of good teachers or a pointless and overpaid bureaucrat, are probably

going to keep the teachers and fire the bureaucrat. But this bill says they don't have to make that choice. Indeed, this bill says they are actually prohibited from doing anything that would reduce their spending below last year's level.

What about Medicaid? A bipartisan group of legislators in my State of California tells us that they need this bailout money to save the State's Medicaid program. But bailing out bad management doesn't improve it.

At the peak of the good times when California was taking in more money than ever before, it was already running a deficit of over \$9 billion, almost 10 percent of its budget. Just 4 years ago, those same bipartisan legislatures voted Medicaid expansions that have increased its share of general fund spending from 14 percent to 19 percent. California offers such Medicaid options as acupuncture, chiropractic services, and psychological counseling. And now they are shocked, just shocked, that they keep running out of money.

I love my State, but deficits that are made in California should stay in California.

Mr. Speaker, with the Nation now some \$13.2 trillion in debt, that is about 93 percent of the entire U.S. economy, it is time to invoke the first law of holes: When you are in one, stop digging. And if Congress doesn't invoke that law now, it is becoming increasingly clear that the American people will invoke it in November.

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD HELP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON LEE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning because three teenagers are dead.

I have made a commitment as a mother to reconcile this horrific tragedy and to ask our government for help.

I believe every American should have the opportunity to have the feeling that, when all else fails, our government will stand there and assist us where they can. Americans don't ask for handouts. They don't ask to have their lives interrupted. They simply want to know there is a Federal Government that can stand up for them. Whether or not it is a young man or woman in the United States military, whether or not it is a senior who needs Medicare or Social Security, we need to know that when there is a need that the Federal Government can fulfill, they will do so.

In the middle of July in Houston, Texas, Sajan Tamalshina, a native of Nepal, decided to drive his car through a red light. In the course of that, he hit a family that were bringing their teenagers home from a legitimate night out in a legitimate teenage club, if you will, picked up by their parents and being driven home, as families will do

across America. Rashaundra 17, Avianca 13, Detrihanna 13, were all happily and busily talking about the fun they just had, and the right way that it was done where the parents picked them up and took them home. But Sajan Tamalshina decided to drink and run the red light, and now three teenagers are dead, expelled from the car, laying on the hard cement.

The police came and looked at the situation. He refused to take an on-scene Breathalyzer, so he was taken to the hospital and, as you well know, chemical tests go about. The police even called the District Attorney who came to the scene and decided that he could be released. My heart aches for that decision, because I asked the question, Mr. Speaker, three dead children on the ground does not at least require some common sense and judgment to hold someone overnight? Parents are asking now for justice and I am asking our Nation for justice.

The police department said they contacted the U.S. Marshal. There is an investigative arm of the State Department, but yet we look like the most powerful Nation in the world, and we have our hands tied. You cannot reach the U.S. Marshal's office. They will not respond. They are talking about maybe something will happen. Because he is in Nepal, there is no diplomatic relationships with them.

Three teenagers are dead. The letter says, "Unfortunately, the United States does not have a treaty with Nepal that can serve as a basis to secure Mr. Tamalshina's extradition. In some cases, in the absence of an extradition treaty, countries may be able to expel or otherwise remove from their territory persons wanted for prosecution in another jurisdiction. However, expulsion or removal usually are not viable options when the person sought is a national of a country of refuge." As Mr. Tamalshina appears to be a national of Nepal, it is highly likely that an expulsion or other removal from their country will be possible.

The Department's criminal division works closely with Federal, State, and local prosecutors and the Department of State to seek the extradition or other lawful return of fugitives wanted for prosecution in the United States. In cases involving State charges, we can initiate an extradition only upon request of the State prosecutors. Prosecutors in our criminal division have worked with the Harris County District Attorney's Office on fugitive matters and we have discussed this case. Just a benign conversation. It doesn't matter. Three teenagers are dead.

Well, I say to the Justice Department, wake up and do something. The U.S. Marshal needs to stop hiding from my office and get over to my office to discuss why you can't do something. You can engage in diplomatic dialogue. You can ask the country of Nepal to be able to work with you to return this individual. He will not be getting the death sentence. Maybe 60 years. You