

Take Mary in my district, for example. Mary made \$48,000 in the first 6 months of 2009 but then got laid off with the downturn in the economy. As an unemployed individual who had gone through all of her savings since losing her job through no fault of her own, she called to receive help in filing her taxes. Or take George—again, a resident of the 21st Congressional District—a senior who suffers from seizures who called because he couldn't afford Medicaid deductibles for his seizure medication. He was in danger of running out of medication the following week. United Way 211 was able to assist George with his finances and get him back on track to managing his own health.

Mr. Speaker, these are the benefits of the United Way 211 Northeast Region.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO PUBLIC BROADCASTING?

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, this next week we are going to have a very interesting conversation here in Washington, D.C., where the zeal that some of our friends have for both an ideological agenda and an effort at trying to cut government spending wherever they can, will put public broadcasting in the crosshairs.

I think it's an unfortunate development, one that's going to be a disappointment to the 170 million Americans who rely on public broadcasting every month. It's going to be particularly unfortunate if this agenda succeeds because it's not going to punish people in New York, or Portland, Oregon, or Seattle, or San Francisco. They will always have public broadcasting, although it will be diminished because of what some of my friends on the other side of the aisle hope to accomplish. But the real losers are going to be people in small-town and rural America. It costs 11 times as much to broadcast a signal to the far reaches of eastern Oregon than it does in the metropolitan Portland area. People should watch this discussion carefully. A lot depends on it.

LOST PUBLIC SECTOR JOBS

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

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, both sides of the aisle agree that the top three priorities for this Congress are jobs, jobs, jobs. But when you look at what the new majority wants to do with the Federal budget, you really have to wonder, are they serious?

Now in the private sector, we've actually seen job growth for the last 12 months, 36,000 more jobs last month. But we've lost hundreds of thousands of public sector jobs. And what should be of most concern to all Americans is

that since 2008, more than 200,000 public sector jobs in the education arena—primarily teachers—have been lost; and at that very same time, student enrollment has gone up by 750,000 students. So you lose 200,000 educators while student enrollment goes up 750,000? That's our seed corn for our future. And what's going to happen with this new budget that we will be debating next week is that it is going to be far worse than anything we could have imagined, and that will hurt the future of this great country.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BISHOP of Utah) at 7 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.

PUBLICATION OF COMMITTEE RULES AND BUDGETARY MATERIAL

RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY FOR THE 112TH CONGRESS

RULE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Rules of the House of Representatives, so far as applicable, shall govern the Committee and its Subcommittees, except that a motion to recess from day to day, or a motion to recess subject to the call of the chair (within 24 hours), or a motion to dispense with the first reading (in full) of a bill or resolution, if printed copies are available, is a non-debatable motion of privilege in the Committee. [House Rule XI 1(a)]

(b) SUBCOMMITTEES.—Each Subcommittee is a part of the Committee and is subject to the authority and direction of the Committee and its rules so far as applicable. Written rules adopted by the Committee, not inconsistent with the Rules of the House, shall be binding on each Subcommittee of the Committee. [House Rule XI 1(a)]

(c) COMMITTEE RULES.—The Committee's rules shall be publicly available in electronic form and published in the Congressional Record not later than 30 days after the Chair of the Committee is elected in each odd-numbered year. [House Rule XI 2(a)(2)]

(d) AVAILABILITY OF PUBLICATIONS.—To the maximum extent feasible, the Committee shall make its publications available in electronic form, including on the Committee website. [House Rule XI 2(e)(4)]

(e) COMMITTEE WEBSITE.—The Chair of the Committee shall maintain an official Committee website for the purpose of furthering the Committee's legislative and oversight responsibilities, including communicating information about the Committee's activities to Committee Members and other Members of the House. The Ranking Minority Member of the Committee may maintain a similar website for the same purpose, including communicating information about the activities of the minority to Committee Members and other Members of the House.

(f) VICE CHAIR; PRESIDING MEMBER.—The Chair shall designate a member of the

majority party to serve as Vice Chair of the Committee, and shall designate a majority member of each Subcommittee to serve as Vice Chair of each subcommittee. The vice chair of the Committee or subcommittee, as the case may be, shall preside at any meeting or hearing during the temporary absence of the Chair. If the Chair or Vice Chair of the Committee or Subcommittee are not present at any meeting or hearing, the ranking member of the majority party who is present shall preside at the meeting or hearing. [House Rule XI 2(d)]

(g) MOTION TO GO TO CONFERENCE.—The Chair is directed to offer a motion under clause 1 of Rule XXII of the Rules of the House whenever the Chair considers it appropriate. [House Rule XI 2(a)(3)]

(h) CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.—Recommendations of conferees to the Speaker shall provide a ratio of majority party Members to minority party Members which shall be no less favorable to the majority party than the ratio of the Committee.

(i) USE OF HEARING ROOMS.—In consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, the Chair of the Committee shall establish guidelines for the use of Committee hearing rooms.

(j) NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION.—All national security information bearing a classification of secret or higher which has been received by the Committee or a Subcommittee shall be deemed to have been received in Executive Session and shall be given appropriate safekeeping. The Chair of the Committee may establish such regulations and procedures as in the Chair's judgment are necessary to safeguard classified information under the control of the Committee. Such procedures shall, however, ensure access to this information by any Member of the Committee or any other Member of the House of Representatives who has requested the opportunity to review such material.

(k) OTHER PROCEDURES.—The Chair of the Committee, after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member of the Committee, may establish such other procedures and take such actions as may be necessary to carry out these rules or to facilitate the effective operation of the Committee.

RULE 2. REGULAR, ADDITIONAL, AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

(a) REGULAR MEETINGS.—Unless dispensed with by the Chair of the Committee, the Committee shall meet on the second (2nd) Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. if the House is in session. If the House is not in session on that day and the Committee has not met during such month, the Committee shall meet at the earliest practicable opportunity when the House is again in session. [House Rule XI 2(b)]

(b) ADDITIONAL MEETINGS.—The Chair of the Committee may call and convene, as the Chair considers necessary and in accordance with Rule 4(b), additional meetings of the Committee for the consideration of any bill or resolution pending before the Committee or for the conduct of other Committee business. The Committee shall meet for such purpose under that call of the Chair. [House Rule XI 2(c)(1) 3]

(c) SPECIAL MEETINGS.—Rule XI 2(c) of the Rules of the House of Representatives is hereby incorporated by reference. [House Rule XI 2(c)(2)]

RULE 3. MEETINGS AND HEARINGS GENERALLY

(a) IN GENERAL.—Meetings and hearings of the Committee shall be called to order and presided over by the Chair, or in the Chair's absence, by the Vice Chair of the Committee or by the ranking majority member of the Committee present as Acting Chair. [House Rule XI 1(c)]