

Falcon Lake. His body remains missing, and those responsible for this border murder remain at large.

Shamefully, the only American peace officer apparently still working on this case is Sheriff Sigi Gonzalez of Zapata County. He has identified four of the seven shooters as Zeta Cartel members.

At least there's still somebody on the case.

The local sheriffs cannot do the job that they are supposed to do of protecting their counties while doing the Federal Government's job of protecting the border as well. Sixty-five Americans were murdered in Mexico last year, and not one case has been solved. Unfortunately, some of the Mexican border law enforcement personnel are in cahoots with the drug cartels. That relationship breeds incompetence and corruption.

Until the FBI, the State Department and Homeland Security get fully engaged in the murders of Americans in Mexico, it will be the responsibility of local sheriffs to keep the peace on the border.

And that's just the way it is.

THE STATE OF OUR ECONOMY

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

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, last week I had a chance to gain feedback from my neighbors in Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District, and what I heard should concern us all.

From my "Home to House" town hall forum to the numerous meetings I held all over the district, my constituents are deeply concerned with the state of our economy and its effect on our communities.

Just one week after I submitted an amendment to restore \$42 million to the Community Development Fund, I had the chance to get a firsthand look at some of the food banks and after-school programs that benefit from this critical resource. I also had the opportunity to hear from many who share my apprehension about spending reductions to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, LIHEAP. I learned that 3,036 requests for LIHEAP grants were received from Wilkes-Barre and Hazleton in the past 2 months alone.

I thank all of those who have made the effort to share their thoughts and concerns with me, and I look forward to receiving more feedback in the future.

TURN THIS SHIP AROUND

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, imagine in your own household if, for every dollar you spent, 40 cents was borrowed. Obviously, you would sit down

with your family at the kitchen table and say, Okay, for every dollar we spend, 40 cents is borrowed. We're going to have to change our purchasing habits.

That's what American families do; that's what farmers do; that's what small businesses do each and every day. Yet, for some reason, the U.S. Congress thinks it can defy gravity and not worry about this deficit, which is now \$1.5 trillion. The debt is nearly 90 percent of the GDP, and we owe much of this money to China.

We have got to make tough decisions. It is not time for partisan politics. We need to come together as Democrats and Republicans and do what American families, farmers and small businesses do every day, every year. We need to reduce spending and turn this ship around.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 662, SURFACE TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION ACT OF 2011

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 112-20) on the resolution (H. Res. 128) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 662) to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4, SMALL BUSINESS PAPERWORK MANDATE ELIMINATION ACT OF 2011

Mr. SESSIONS, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 112-21) on the resolution (H. Res. 129) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4) to repeal the expansion of information reporting requirements for payments of \$600 or more to corporations, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

THE DOCTORS CAUCUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. GINGREY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank you, and I thank Speaker BOEHNER and my leadership for giving me an opportunity and my colleagues an opportunity during this next hour to talk about something that, yes, indeed, is still fresh on everybody's minds.

That is, of course, the passage on March 23, 2010, almost a year ago now,

of something that some might affectionately refer to as ObamaCare, I guess officially we would say the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Some people struggle with the acronym of PAPA Care. Whatever you call it, this health care reform act that was passed last year is something that a preponderance of the American people have been and continue to be opposed to.

Mr. Speaker, as the designee of the majority, I am taking this opportunity during this hour to talk a little bit more specifically about why we feel the way we feel, why the American people—why our constituents—keep telling us even a year later they are still worried about it and are opposed to it after President Obama signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act into law. I think the bill number was 3590. That's what we're going to be spending our time on here in the next hour. We will be discussing that issue.

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I have a number of my colleagues, Mr. Speaker, who are members of the GOP House Doctors Caucus. Now, in that Doctors Caucus, we have all health care providers—not all M.D.s, a lot of M.D.s, but we also have some dentists. We have a clinical Ph.D. psychologist, and now, with our new freshman class, we have three registered nurses on our side of the aisle, Mr. Speaker. So the Republican GOP Doctors Caucus is growing, growing almost double in the 112th Congress as compared to the 111th. So many of my colleagues in the Doctors Caucus will be part of this discussion.

I would like to point out to my colleagues on both sides of the aisle a couple of slides before yielding time to the other members of the Doctors Caucus. This first slide that I'm pointing out to you—GOP Doctors Caucus, of course—"ObamaCare hurts States and patients."

I know that a lot of the discussion today will be about the strain that certain provisions of this bill place on our 50 States, not just my home State of Georgia. I do want to talk a little bit about that and the strain that my Governor and the members of the Georgia General Assembly are experiencing in trying to balance a budget when they have all this added requirement under the sections pertaining to Medicaid. So that's what I mean when I say in this slide the GOP Doctors Caucus feels that ObamaCare hurts States, and certainly potentially hurts patients.

I'd ask my colleagues to also—again, on both sides of the aisle, because our purpose here is to inform. We're not to be overly critical, but I think it's very important that we state the facts as we see them, as we know them.

In this slide a little bit further to my left, "ObamaCare," it says, if you can't see it, "You can have whatever you like as long as the boss approves it." And the boss, if you remember from that pretty popular TV series "The