

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, with gas prices going through the roof, it is time to ask the question: Is this administration's energy policy working? After all, gas price haves soared by 30 percent over the past year.

We can help protect ourselves from these sky-high prices and create jobs by actively producing American-made energy. That's why I support an all-of-the-above energy policy that includes more American-produced energy, like oil and nuclear, along with alternatives like wind and solar. This will lower prices and create good American jobs while reducing our dependence on foreign oil.

Unfortunately, the Obama administration doesn't seem to get this. Its de facto drilling moratorium in the gulf has already cost 12,000 jobs and 300,000 barrels a day of energy production.

Mr. Speaker, we need to increase production, not decrease it, or American families are going to be stuck with ridiculous gas prices that line the pockets of unsavory regimes in the Middle East.

SLUSH FUNDS

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we learned that the Federal deficit for the month of February was \$223 billion, more than the total yearly deficit in 2007. Yet Republicans have been labeled as irresponsible for looking to cut a mere \$61 billion from the rest of this year's budget. Our cuts only amount to 30 percent of the monthly deficit. Additionally, these cuts are only made in the discretionary portion of our budget.

Tomorrow, in the House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee, we're going to look at new ObamaCare programs that have been locked away in the mandatory budget. One of these programs allows the HHS Secretary to spend unlimited sums of money. We have given the Secretary a credit card with no limit even though our national debt threatens the economic health of our Nation.

It is time that we cut up the credit card and restore to Congress the power to set fiscal priorities. Slush funds and unlimited spending are just two more reasons why ObamaCare needs to be repealed.

GUANTANAMO DETAINEES TO RECEIVE MILITARY TRIALS

(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. Mr. Speaker, The Washington Post is correct today by headlining "Obama allows indefinite detention," citing "Guantanamo Bay Order Marks Shift" as the "U.S. also plans to resume trials by military commissions."

I would like to commend the President for stating the administration will resume trials by military commissions for detainees that pose a threat to national security. Civilian courts were never the proper venue to try these enemy combatants. In the future, I hope the President will work with Congress in creating a comprehensive plan for the detention and prosecution of the detainees at Guantanamo Bay as we face the global war on terrorism.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I know firsthand of the professionalism of our dedicated military personnel at Guantanamo. I recently visited the facilities in January, led by Chairman BUCK MCKEON; and in July 2005 with former Chairman DUNCAN HUNTER. Guantanamo Bay is a world-class detention facility to protect American families.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

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OBAMACARE

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

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, we are coming up, in 2 short weeks' time, on the 1-year anniversary of the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, affectionately known as ObamaCare.

Mr. Speaker, what has that year wrought? Many of us will remember the Speaker of the House a year ago, Speaker PELOSI, saying, We have to pass this bill so we can understand what's in it.

Well, it's been a year. Do we understand what's in it? The answer is we do, and people don't like what they see.

What about the oft repeated claim "If you like what you have, you can keep it"? It turns out that is incorrect. What about the waivers that have been issued since October? Now well over a thousand waivers have been issued by HHS. Why have those waivers been issued? They have been issued because this policy doesn't work. And worse than not working, it costs a ton of money.

Mr. PITTS just mentioned that in February the deficit in this country was \$223 billion for 1 month, the shortest month of the year. This is as good as it is going to get. What happens when you have those subsidies in the exchanges that subsidize middle class purchase of health insurance in this country for the first time? That's a high pressure tap into the Federal Treasury. It's really wrong and it has to stop.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Robin Reeder, Archivist:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 2, 2011.
Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a civil subpoena, issued before the Evidentiary Panel for the State Bar of Texas, for documents.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is inconsistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

ROBIN REEDER,
Archivist.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEES ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND HOMELAND SECURITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committees on Natural Resources and Homeland Security:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 2, 2011.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER BOEHNER, I have accepted the nomination of my Caucus to serve on the Committee on Energy and Commerce in the 112th Congress. I hereby submit my resignation to the Committees on Natural Resources and Homeland Security.

Sincerely,

DONNA CHRISTENSEN,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. YODER). Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Brian Pate, one of his secretaries.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

DENTAL EMERGENCY RESPONDER ACT OF 2011

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 570) to amend the Public Health Service Act to enhance the roles of dentists and allied dental personnel in the Nation's disaster response framework, and for other purposes.