

There is an easy and non-intrusive way: allowing cameras in the Supreme Court.

Along with my Republican colleague, Judge POE, I introduced H.R. 3572, the Cameras in the Courtroom Act, to require televising open Supreme Court proceedings. Sunshine remains the best disinfectant against those who might feel that the black robe of life tenure grants an entire branch of government permanent immunity from accountability.

I urge my colleagues to support this thoughtful act.

#### THE STOCK ACT

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

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota. Madam Speaker, last week this House did something that should be common but is getting rarer and rarer. We passed a bipartisan piece of legislation with a vote of 417-2. That was the STOCK Act, the Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge bill, making sure that we have the audacity to say Members of Congress should play by the same rules as everyone else, restoring faith in our market. The Senate did the same thing, 96-3.

But I remind you of those famous words from Saturday morning cartoons in "Schoolhouse Rock," I'm just a bill, sitting on Capitol Hill. It's not the law. No conference has been decided yet. The President, while in the State of the Union, from that very perch, said he would sign that bill the very next day, but there's nothing on the horizon bringing it up.

Madam Speaker, I encourage my colleagues, and I encourage all Americans to make sure they hold us accountable. Casting that vote for a bill still keeps it a bill. We need to follow through and make it the law of the land.

#### FORMULA FOR INNOVATION AND JOB CREATION

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Madam Speaker, in the wake of the Obama budget that has been filed this week and has been called everything from a nervous breakdown on paper, to a disaster, to not a serious budget, we get more news this morning.

According to a Gallup poll that has come out this morning, 85 percent of small business owners in this country indicated that they are currently not looking for workers. Asked why, 48 percent said it was due to concern about possible rising health care costs. Forty-six percent said that they were worried about new government regulations because last year this administration gave them about 4,000 new mandates and gave them about 80,000 pages of new Federal regulations.

We need to return to the time-tested formula that always works in this country: less regulation plus less taxation plus less litigation always equals more innovation and more job creation right here in this country.

We know that the total cost of Federal regulation has risen to \$1.75 trillion annually, twice what is collected in Federal income taxes. Let's get on the right track.

#### COMMENDING PRESIDENT OBAMA'S TAX REFORM PROPOSALS TO CREATE JOBS AND BRING JOBS BACK TO THE UNITED STATES

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

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, this week President Obama revealed his FY 2013 proposed budget, which introduces important tax reforms to revitalize the economy by boosting job creation and encouraging businesses to bring overseas jobs back to America.

President Obama's proposed budget especially underscores his commitment to provide needed tax relief for America's small businesses. For example, the proposed budget offers a temporary 10 percent tax credit for small businesses that add new jobs and raise workers' salaries.

Madam Speaker, the proposed budget also offers tax incentives for locating jobs in the United States while eliminating tax deductions for shipping jobs overseas and closing tax loopholes that result in outsourcing U.S. jobs to foreign countries.

Madam Speaker, in line with the focus on American manufacturing, President Obama also introduced temporary tax credits to direct some \$20 billion to domestic clean energy manufacturing.

Madam Speaker, I commend President Obama for introducing significant reforms that will put America back to work, return profits to America's private sector, and promote a stronger American economy.

#### CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL FOR CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS

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

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, this is Black History Month, and I introduced recently a proposal to have a Congressional Gold Medal issued to a cumulative group, the individuals who marched for freedom, sat in, brought about civil rights in our Nation, all the civil rights leaders and workers.

In this Nation, to make it the country that Thomas Jefferson and our Founding Fathers wrote about, it took civil rights workers to protest and demonstrate and sometimes go to jail

to change this country's path and see to it that all people were created equal, and that all people had equal opportunities in this Nation. I think those people deserve recognition because they made America's promise its reality.

To date, we've sent out a letter asking for cosponsors three times to every Member of Congress, and yet we don't have a single Republican with us. This should be a bipartisan effort, and I would ask all my Republican colleagues to ask their LA's to sign on to the Congressional Gold Medal for civil rights workers. It's something we should come together with in a bipartisan fashion because it's as American as apple pie.

#### OUR ECONOMY IS RECOVERING

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

Mr. YARMUTH. Madam Speaker, there's no question that our economy is recovering. The private sector has added jobs for 23 straight months, putting 3.7 million Americans workers back on the job.

Last week, in my district, GE opened its first new manufacturing facility and the first new product line at Louisville's Appliance Park in more than 50 years. Because of our Recovery Act investments, 1,300 workers will be back on the job at Appliance Park, and hundreds of those jobs are coming back from China.

When the private sector can rely on the Federal Government as a partner, jobs and economic growth follow, and that's exactly what we're seeing today in my district and across the country.

We decided we are not going to surrender the lead in innovation to the Chinese and the rest of the world, and as a result, we are revitalizing American manufacturing. We are making it in America, but we can't stop now.

Madam Speaker, as we begin to debate the Federal budget, we must continue to invest in American innovation and ingenuity, the way we have in Louisville and in so many other cities across the country.

#### WORST TRANSPORTATION AUTHORIZATION BILL IN OUR NATION'S HISTORY

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

Mr. MORAN. Madam Speaker, the House leadership is still scrambling to find the votes to pass what everyone is coming to recognize as the worst transportation authorization bill in this Nation's history. But with gasoline prices approaching \$4 a gallon, House Republicans are falling back on their wrong-headed 2008 campaign slogan of "Drill, Baby, Drill."

It's a cynical ploy, and assumes Americans think that the pain of high