its promise of no more war supplementals for Iraq and Afghanistan. The President has gone back on every promise that he made during the campaign. He has already asked for a supplemental this year, says it was a carryover from last year, but that won't happen again. However, before the ink was dry on the amended full committee report of this bill, the chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, Congressman MURTHA, publicly stated that another supplemental is necessary to fund the troops because of the low fiscal year 2010 Defense allocation.

So the promise was that all of the money for the war was going to be here and we wouldn't have to do more supplementals. That isn't going to happen.

This bill also avoids making hard fiscal choices about spending abroad while we face a financial crisis here. This is not the way we should be going. We should be funding our friends and our allies. We should be helping Israel which is the only true democracy in the Middle East and who stands by us year after year, day after day. But funding things like abortion and international family planning is not the way to go.

WASHINGTON IS OUT OF CONTROL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. PRICE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, America has been the light of liberty and a beacon of hope to the world for centuries, truly centuries. We are the greatest Nation the world has ever known. We have provided more hope and more opportunity and more liberty and more freedom for more individuals than any nation in the history of mankind.

But today, July 9, 2009, folks in my district and folks across this land are not just concerned; they are fearful. They are afraid that the very Nation that they know and love and that has been the greatest Nation in the history of the world is slipping away from them—in so many ways, so many ways.

Mr. Speaker, we all just got back to Washington from a week many of us spent at home over the July 4 break, and I heard people come up to me and tell me that they were concerned and worried and fearful about the amount of spending and the amount of borrowing and the amount of taxing coming out of Washington. They say Washington is out of control. Mr. Speaker, they are right. They are absolutely right. The deficit this year, $1.8 trillion; four times the largest previous deficit. Four times.

Borrowing. We are borrowing 50 cents of every single dollar we are spending. Mr. Speaker, it is out of control. Taxing, raising taxes on every single American. I don't care what the President tells you, Mr. Speaker, it is not true. They are raising taxes on every single American.

Now the solution, one of the solutions, is to allow this deliberative body, this greatest deliberative body in the history of the world the opportunity to allow the Representatives in this body to work their will, to say I believe I am going to represent my constituents in this way and offer this amendment on this bill and thereby allow the House to make a decision.

We are in appropriations season, Mr. Speaker. It is a time when we decide how to spend Americans' hard-earned money, the money that they send to Washington. During that season in the past, the House has allowed appropriations bills to come to the floor under what is called an open rule which means that everybody gets the opportunity to amend the appropriations bill. They get the opportunity to offer an amendment in the House, and the House gets to vote on the amendment.

There have been amendments offered on recent bills that have not been allowed. In fact, this is the most repressive majority in the history of the Republic if you use the number of closed rules, not allowing amendments to come to the floor.

This, Mr. Speaker, this is the most repressive majority ever in the history of this Republic.

An amendment that was offered but not allowed to the bill we voted on today would have prohibited funding for any new international organization for the purposes that would tax American energy companies from abroad. The only conclusion I can draw is that the Speaker and the Democrats in charge want American energy companies to be taxed by foreign governments.

An amendment that wasn't allowed would have reduced the spending 15 percent on this bill to 2009 levels, a savings of $17 billion. That amendment, Mr. Speaker, was not allowed. I can only assume that the Speaker and the Democrats in charge want to increase spending by $17 billion over 2009 levels.

An amendment that wasn't allowed, an amendment to prevent U.S. funds from being used to pay the legal expenses of United Nations employees who have been charged with malfeasance, not allowed. Mr. Speaker, I can only conclude that the Speaker of the House and the Democrats in charge want the American taxpayers to pay the legal expenses for United Nations employees who are charged with malfeasance.

Mr. Speaker, an amendment that wasn't allowed would have prohibited assistance to members of foreign terrorist organizations. Mr. Speaker, the only thing I am left to conclude and the American people are left to conclude is that this Speaker and the Democrats in charge want the American taxpayer to provide assistance to members of foreign terrorist organizations.

Mr. Speaker, this isn't the way the House is supposed to be run. It is not the way that the House has been run for the last 233 years. It is not the way that the American people learned about democracy, that their Representatives would be allowed to represent them actively and aggressively so that people had the opportunity to represent their constituents equally with every other Member.

Mr. Speaker, right now in this Chamber we have tyranny from the majority, tyranny that is not allowing the voice of the people to be heard. Mr. Speaker, I demand that this Chamber, that these Members of this House of Representatives make certain that the rules are appropriately followed and end the tyranny of the majority in this Chamber now.

DEMOCRATS ABUSE RULES PROCESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I want to follow up on what my friend from Georgia was saying, about tyranny in this House. We were promised the most open government in the Nation's history. That's what we were promised.

There is the Speaker's Web site that even talks about how open it is going to be. Well, it isn't. And as a result, the Nation is being punished because some of the things that our friends across the aisle said before they were elected to the majority to control this city and this country were true.

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You do better when you have open government and open amendments and can debate these ideas. But that's not what we've gotten. Oh, no. We've had an abuse of the rule process. Why? Because they can.

I was asked, as I was around the district this last week, Why do you let them get away with all these things that are going on? And I said, Well, you're not following what's going on. Every time we make a privileged motion, we try to enforce the rules, it's tabled every time, so it's not going anywhere. So no one is held to account for abuses. Why? Because they can—and they didn't want an open government.

You know, the founding of this country tells so much. Those guys were so brilliant. They were so much better read than most of the people in this body now. They knew what government led to. They knew what the abuse of power led to. And so they weren't content to have one body elected, they said, let's have two. And not only should we have two bodies, let's make them at odds with each other. We need friction so that there is not this abuse.

And not only that, we don't want to do like we've seen some parliaments do where they elect their executive. No, no, no, no. We want the people to elect an executive, and then he will be at

odds with those two houses and he will be able to veto what they do. That will give us some protection—because you can't have enough protection from government—but that's not enough. We want another branch. We will have a judicial branch, and then they can veto things that are inappropriate and outside the Constitution. They saw all this coming, and they knew it could be abused if they didn't have these safeguards in the way.

But what's happened? Well, we can have an executive that the Congress just says, well, whatever you want. Oh, you wanted an Auto Task Force that will meet behind closed doors, be accountable to nobody? Put together a bill, a plan that is signed by a lazy bankruptcy judge because he doesn't want to have all the hearings the law requires, and it puts people out of business. It's a constitutional taking, but where is the Supreme Court? They start to stop the process and then they say, Go ahead, we'll let you be unconstitutional, we won't stop it.

And what has the Congress done? Well, look, Mr. President, if you'll let us keep abusing and running this country into the dust heap of history then we will let you keep doing what you want. It's abusing the process.

That's why we had a bill this evening that should have been clean, it should have given money to a friend, a good friend like Israel, but, oh, no, we've got to put all this baloney in there that ends up doing more harm to the purposes for which this Nation was founded than good. So I couldn't vote for it in the end.

The stimulus. We couldn't do anything with that—presented at the last minute where no one could amend it. I tried to tell the President and friends in here, look, how about a tax holiday for the people that earn the money? How about that? You let them have it, then you'll see stimulation. And what happened? The President liked the idea. And I heard him on the radio talking about, We're going to leave money in your check—except he said if you jump through all the obstacles, then you could have $65, maybe, in your check. I was talking about $6,000, not $65. Then you would have seen stimulation of the economy. But the process won't let us do that.

With the ''crap and trade'' bill, we're driving jobs out of America. We're sending manufacturers to countries that pollute four to 10 times more than we do. How does that help the environment? It doesn't.

And a health care bill that's being written behind closed doors so that we will not be able to get the best ideas in there. I'm trying to get a bill put through. Leg counsel said, Well, the Democratic leadership is taking all our time, we can't put yours in a form to bring to the floor. So we're having to try to go around behind other ways to get it done.

There are Nation-ending things that are happening, and the Founders put in place ways to stop it. We need to start following those ways.

AMERICANS ARE ABOUT TO LOSE THE HEALTH CARE THEY HAVE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SHADEGG) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SHADEGG. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to warn the American people that they are about to lose the health care they have, to warn the 83 percent of Americans who like the health care coverage they already have and to caution them that it is about to be taken away. It is about to be taken away, quite frankly, in an undemocratic process that will occur essentially in the dark of night. You see, as you have just heard from the last two speakers, democracy does not exist in this body today as it has in the past.

I sit on the primary committee that should be writing this health care bill. I have not been allowed to participate in any way, shape, or form, not in any way, shape or form. The majority has written their bill all alone, behind closed doors, consulting only the majority. They can roll right over the minority, and they don't care. But that's wrong, that's dead wrong, and only the American people can stop it.

Now, you heard me say, I rise to warn you that you are about to lose the health care you have. And you may have said to yourself, No, wait, Congressman, I've heard the President say again and again and again that if you like the care you have, you may keep it. I, too, have heard the President say those words, but they are not true. They are absolutely not true.

You see, while we do not have a bill to read yet, we have a discussion draft. We will mark up a bill next week in all three committees with jurisdiction, but we don't have a bill yet. But we do have a discussion draft. That discussion draft makes the most sweeping changes to American health care—indeed, it is the most sweeping piece of legislation I have seen in my 15-year career in the Congress, and the most dramatic piece of legislation in decades. And yet, it will completely change health care in America, it will change one-sixth of our Nation's economy, and it will destroy the health care you have now.

If you like what you have now, if you're one of those 83 percent of Americans who like their health care—maybe it's not perfect, its cost is going up too fast, you would like more control over it, but your employer has the control or the plan has the control; you would like to pick your doctor, but you can't; you would like a better system, but you still like what you have now? If you like it, be prepared to lose it because, under this bill, you will lose it.

Every health care plan in America will change. The bill says that in almost those exact words. It says that they are creating a new health care bureaucracy to exist between you and your doctor. This chart shows that bureaucracy. You are the patient up here in the upper left-hand corner, your doctor is in the lower right-hand corner. Every single little box you see is a newly created agency, bureaucracy, program, plan, or bureaucrat standing between you and your doctor.

But here's the one that counts in terms of changing the plan you have. They are creating a new, nicely named board. This nicely named board is called the American Health Care Benefits Advisory Committee. I love the word ''advisory''; it sounds like they're going to give you some advice. Wrong. This board will be a Federal board that will decide what is in every health care plan in America. If your employer has a plan today and it doesn't fit every dot and tittle of what the new Health Benefits Advisory Committee requires, it must change. And that means every plan in America will change.

Now, they're being gracious; they will let the current plans stand for those who already have them for 5 years, but at the end of that 5 years every plan will change. If you like what you have, it will change. They are inserting all of these bureaucrats between you and your doctor, 48 new agencies.

Here's the Health Choices Administration, one of the new agencies they're creating, the risk pooling mechanism, the Health Benefits Advisory Committee, the many government health care plans. Here is the Public Health Investment Fund, the QHBP Ombudsman, the Medicare Trust Fund—we already have that one—and on and on and on and on. And they're putting them between you and your doctor. If you like what you have, be prepared to lose it because that's the mandate of this bill.

Now, what are some of the other mandates? Every employer in America must provide health care coverage for every full-time employee and every part-time employee. Every. You heard me say ''every'' employer in America, not every big employer, but in the House bill, every employer. If you employ yourself, you must insure yourself and create a plan that meets the demands of this new government agency.

Now, they do have a small business exemption, but guess what? In the House bill, there is no definition of small business—it's left blank. I wonder why. I guess they don't want to tell us that they can define a small business as as little as one employee.

It creates a new government health care plan. That government health care plan will compete with your plan. Very interesting. The President was asked on ABC television last week, Mr. President, you've said if Americans like the health care plan they have, they can keep it, and yet it appears you're going to take things away. What do you mean by that, Mr. President? And the President of the United States responded, The government will not, on