Mr. Speaker, the Democrats are fighting to help middle class Americans while the majority of the Republicans are blocking a commonsense bill at a time of great economic challenge.

I urge the Senate to pass the unemployment extension to those Americans who are seeking employment every day as they go and look at the Web sites and visit companies and are told there is no work. How could the Republicans then say that extending unemployment is going to keep people from looking for work? They want work. We know that the jobs have gone. We need to recreate jobs.

So let's save middle America so that they will be able to provide for the needs of their families.

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS UNDER ATTACK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. QUIGLEY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because women's reproductive rights are under attack.

Four months ago we passed a health care bill to ensure that every man, woman and child in this country has access to the medical care they need. But yesterday, a rule was announced that restricts choice coverage in the new high-risk insurance pools—even if the woman pays for that coverage with her own money.

This rule means women with preexisting conditions such as cancer, AIDS, diabetes, who have been denied coverage and are counting on the high-risk pools, won't be able to get reproductive health coverage; not even if they pay for it with their own money.

This incomplete and conditional care is not what our mothers, daughters, sisters and wives need. This is not the status quo.

We must remember the health care bill we passed, protect a woman's right to choose, and stop this harmful provision before it takes effect.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 53 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess until noon.

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BLUMENAUER) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God faithful through the ages, You take delight in Your people, even when we are distracted from lasting purpose or impatient because there is no immediate results from our determined actions.

Give us the wisdom to accomplish great deeds because we are drawn closer to Your designs for this Nation and our place in the globalized world.

Strengthen us lest we become tired. Further us in our search to deepen the commitment of serious study and hard work until we find security and justice for Your people, especially those in most need.

May Your kingdom come, Your will be done through our humble efforts, both now and forever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. LUETKEMEYER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. LUETKEMEYER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

> I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

HONORING THE LIFE OF PATRICIA DECIO

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

Mr. DONNELLY of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate the life of Patricia Decio of Elkhart, Indiana. Mrs. Decio made everyone she touched a better person through her caring, loving ways.

She was born in 1930, graduated from Mundelein College, and married Art, the love of her life, in 1951. Art always said how lucky he felt to be married to Pat, and their devotion to one another is an example for everybody.

Pat was the proud mom of five children, 14 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. She devoted her life to her family, her church and her community. Her work with the Women's Care Center was summed up by the plaque that stated ''we would not be serving so many women and babies today if it were not for the vision and faith of this wonderful woman.'' Her dedication to our community, St. Mary's, Notre Dame, Elkhart, the NAACP, is legendary.

We know she is surrounded by God's grace, a loving family, and we know we will see her again.

Pat, thank you for all the kindness you showed and the lives you touched. May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

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

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, the American people are asking, ''Where are the jobs?''

And just this morning we found out that housing starts fell in the month of June to the lowest level in 8 months. Consumer confidence has fallen to its lowest level in the last 11 months.

We need to get Americans back to work, and we need to get American businesses back open again. But we're not going to get there if the President continues to take money and freedom away from American employers, whether it's through the stimulus bill, ObamaCare, the national energy tax, or this financial regulatory bill.

With 3 million jobs lost, unemployment at 9½ percent, and with trillion-dollar deficits, it's clear to everyone except the President that his big government agenda is not working.

We need to cut spending now in order to help create jobs in America. But we have no budget to clean up the mess. We have no plan to move free trade agreements that could create millions of American jobs. And we have no plan to stop the largest tax increase in history for American families and small businesses.

Republicans are listening, through America Speaking Out, and offering better solutions that will limit the size of this government and empower small businesses across our country.

COMMEMORATING THE 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TURKISH INVASION OF CYPRUS

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

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the 36th anniversary of the Turkish invasion of Cypress. Turkey's invasion and continued occupation of this tiny island republic is a symptom of Turkey's indifference to human rights, religious tolerance, and democratic values.

Today, Turkey continues to illegally resettle some 180,000 Anatolian Turks into the homes and possessions of the 200,000 Greek Cypriots evicted from the occupied territories. The Turkish military is also systematically eradicating Hellenic and Christian heritage, with all but five of the 500 Greek Orthodox Churches located there having been looted, desecrated or destroyed.

On this, the 36th anniversary of the invasion and occupation of Cypress, the United States should demand an immediate withdrawal of the 45,000 Turkish soldiers now occupying northern Cypress, and should continue to press this issue in every interaction with Turkish officials. This will promote a values-based alliance with Turkey that will serve to bring justice to the people of