Iola's mayor, Bill Mannes, is an employee at Haldex. Even though he is losing his job, he and the Iola City Commission and the Iola Chamber are initiating a plan to recruit a new manufacturer to town.

So if any business is out there looking to grow who needs a strong and ready workforce in a great Midwest community, Iola, Kansas, could be the place for you.

PROTECT THE PROMISE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. TEAGUE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to protect the promise made to more than 50 million Americans who depend on Social Security to keep a roof over their heads and food on the table.

Seventy-five years ago, in the wake of our country's worst economic crisis, we introduced Social Security as a pledge to stand by hardworking Americans, despite old age, disability, or the death of a loved one. And, as we emerge from hard financial times, we are still keeping this promise to our mothers and our fathers, to our grandparents and to our children.

Unfortunately, there are those who would like to break this promise. By privatizing Social Security, we would be gambling with this important safety net that many of our seniors rely on, subjecting people's entire life savings to the whim of the stock market and threatening our own financial stability.

We cannot allow America's retirement to be gambled away. I stand by this commitment I made to southern New Mexico, and I urge my colleagues to join me in protecting Social Security.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

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

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise again today to urge Democrats to hear the voice of the American people as they ask, where are the jobs? There is no budget, there is still no plan to create jobs to get this economy rolling again.

The Democrats have got to stop their crazy out-of-control spending and get serious about job creation. This will happen through the expansion of the private sector and not through the expansion of government.

We have got to encourage small businesses, not penalize them with more taxes and regulations. House Republicans have offered commonsense solutions to get our economy back on track. Rolling back taxes, cutting spending, cutting the deficit and the debt, removing regulations and balancing the budget, these crucial actions must happen to get this House in order and get Americans back to work.

So, Mr. Speaker, the American people want to know, where are the jobs? I want to know where are your solutions? We have offered ours.

□ 1250

WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

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

Mr. ELLISON. Where are the jobs? Well, my friends in the party opposite should know; they're the ones who lost them. The fact is that, in Bush's last month in August, he lost 741,000 jobs, an amazing feat.

My friends in the party opposite talk about debt. Is this the same party that had two unpaid-for wars, $700 billion in cuts for the wealthy unpaid for, a $400 billion handout to big PhRMA? Do they speak of debt? My friends of the party opposite sat by and did nothing while foreclosures, predatory lending, and explosions in executive pay brought us the largest number of foreclosures since the Great Depression, refused to regulate in any particular way, and now they say, ''Where are the jobs?'' and they talk of debt. This is an amazing amount of audacity.

I wonder, where are the jobs? They should know; they're the ones who lost them. We're trying to find them, and we're being successful.

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a new USA Today poll reported that three-fourths of those 18 to 34 don't expect to get a Social Security check when they retire. They deserve much better. In '35—1935, that is—workers were told that the payroll tax would never exceed 2 percent of the first $3,000 of earnings. Sadly, since then, Congress has raised the payroll tax 14 times, now at 12.4 percent, and the taxable wage base 10 times.

Time and history prove Congress cannot resist the temptation to raise taxes on Social Security. We've got to find a better way forward without raising taxes, without any changes to those in or near retirement.

Americans want action, not scare tactics. Let's start working together on fair, commonsense solutions so we can ensure Social Security will be there for those who need it most without raising taxes.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH BIRTHDAY OF SOCIAL SECURITY

(Ms. HIRONO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, this year we celebrate the 75th birthday of Social Security.

Since Democratic President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act in 1935, Americans have known that they can rely on Social Security benefits when they retire.

Today, over 160,000 Hawaii seniors and millions of seniors in every other State receive monthly Social Security benefits, but Republican leaders in Congress have a new plan to privatize Social Security, balancing the budget on the backs of our seniors. Does this sound familiar?

George Bush and congressional Republicans fought to privatize Social Security in 2005. Seniors all across the country rose up in angry protest. If Republicans had succeeded then, seniors would have lost trillions in the stock market meltdown of the Bush recession.

Unbelievably, the Republicans still have not given up on their idea to privatize Social Security. You have to ask, what is it that makes them so deaf to what seniors in our country tell me loud and clear—preserve Social Security.

WE MUST PASS A CLEAN SUPPLEMENTAL BILL

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

Mr. LEWIS of California. Mr. Speaker, we are hearing welcome news that House leaders may accept a clean supplemental appropriations bill if it is sent back from the Senate. I introduced a House version of that bill last week. If we had voted it out then, it would be on the President's desk right now.

The Army and Marine Corps operating accounts are about to run into the red. Without these supplemental funds, the Pentagon will begin cutbacks—reduced training, delayed equipment purchases, possibly even delayed pay for our soldiers and marines.

By passing this clean supplemental, we can avert that dangerous situation. We can provide disaster relief funds to the areas that need it. We can avoid adding tens of billions of dollars to the Federal deficit that would have come from add-ons passed by this House 2 weeks ago.

I urge my colleagues, please pass a clean supplemental bill now.

KEEP SOCIAL SECURITY THE WAY IT IS

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the supplemental that this leadership passed was to create jobs, and I hope that the bill that comes from the Senate will embrace the need for American jobs.

In Ohio, the home of our minority leader, there is a 10.5 percent unemployment. Can anyone explain to me why the Republicans continue to obstruct the extension of unemployment