have to show for those stimulus jobs? No jobs and a lot of expensive road signs.

REPUBLICANS WANT TO PRIVATIZE SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. WEINER. If you're one of those folks who has one of those new, modern TVs with the ''what the heck are they talking about button'' on the TV, you're going to need it for this side of the aisle because, frankly, it is insane for them to wrap their arms around the idea that deficits are growing, they're booming, and then get this, they want to offer tax breaks to billionaires this year. Millionaires and billionaires. And you know how they're going to pay for it? They don't say. They want to add to the deficit.

But there is one moment of clarity we saw recently that I have got to tell you that in my 12 years in Washington is refreshing. The Republican head of the Budget Committee, their ranking member, came out with a proposal to privatize Social Security. And you know what, that's not some obscure Member. I actually like the guy. I commend him for being honest. Finally, the Republicans have come out and said what, frankly, they've said for 75 years. They want to eliminate Social Security. Not actually eliminate it. They want to invest it in the stock market. Boy, talk about lessons unlearned.

The Democrats, who created Social Security, are here to celebrate 75 years of keeping it strong and another, God willing, 75 years. The Republicans want to privatize it, invest it in the stock market. You decide for yourself what the right policy is.

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IMMIGRATION LAW

(Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, last week the Department of Justice filed a lawsuit challenging the State of Arizona's recently enacted immigration law.

DOJ bases its groundless lawsuit on the supremacy clause, preemption, and the commerce clause. However, DOJ's officials should take note—and maybe even read the bill, for that matter—that the new Arizona law mirrors Federal law, which already requires aliens to register and carry their documents with them. Arizona's law simply states that violating Federal immigration law is now a State crime as well.

Because illegal immigrants are, by definition, in violation of Federal immigration law, under the new provisions they can now be arrested by local law enforcement in Arizona. This week DOJ officials have stepped up their attack on the Arizona immigration law by stating that they may file another lawsuit if the law leads to racial profiling.

Once again, read the bill. Arizona's law expressly prohibits racial profiling four separate times. All in all, DOJ's lawsuit reveals the Obama administration's contempt for immigration law, the people of Arizona, and for the majority of the American people who support Arizona's efforts to reduce human smuggling, drug trafficking, and illegal immigration.

Arizona takes a responsible and constitutional approach to defending the immigration laws.

RESPECT VIRGIN ISLANDS' LAW ENFORCEMENT

(Mrs. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I came to the floor originally to reassure our seniors about Democrats' determination to save Social Security as it approaches its 75th birthday, but I must respond to my colleague who raised the issue of the ATF Agent William Clark.

Neither he nor I know exactly what happened the day that Agent Clark shot and killed Mr. Sukow. Yes, he did come to the aid of a lady who was at least being verbally assaulted by the victim, and the victim had a flashlight in his hand.

But the investigation raised serious questions about the level of the threat and whether the reaction of Agent Clark was excessive. Given the information received by witnesses, an attorney, and a security guard, as well as the medical examiner and the police investigation, our attorney general acted responsibly by charging the agent.

Agent Clark has and will continue to have a fair hearing in our courts, and Congress should not do anything to interfere with the judicial process. We wish the incident did not happen.

In the meantime we are working with Federal law enforcement to make sure that the authority under which they carry out their duties will be clear. We respect their work, and we ask that they respect the Virgin Islands' law enforcement in return.

BROKEN GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I was home again this weekend and, guess what, the American people are still sick and tired of this broken government and business as usual, and so am I.

They said that new government leaders promised them change, and that's what they got. And that's what they still get when they stick their hand in their pocket, a handful of change.

The new government said we will pay for everything we do. They call it ''pay as you go.'' The people I talk to say what we got instead was tax to the max, borrow like there's no tomorrow, and spend to the end. Spend to the end of American ingenuity, spend to the end of American innovation, spend to the end of our children's future, the end of a great American experiment, the end of our freedom.

Instead of building our country on the word ''change,'' let's get America back on track, build it on words like responsibility, accountability, God, family, country. Mr. Speaker, how about faith, a little faith in the American people?

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, for 75 years Social Security has been a promise, an investment in the future of our Nation's workforce. An estimated 159 million Americans are eligible for Social Security benefits, and they have earned them.

It is their money, but many worry that these benefits won't be around when they need them. These workers can rest assured that my Democratic colleagues and I intend to preserve and strengthen Social Security for generations to come.

Social Security is a major income source for retired Americans, and workers should receive back what they have paid into Social Security over the years. Our children and grandchildren also deserve to have Social Security available to them upon their retirement.

We can and we will protect the core values of the Social Security system.

DO SOMETHING BESIDES BLAME PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT IN OFFICE

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

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, well, I keep hearing our friends across the aisle end up talking about George W. Bush. They keep forgetting that got them the majority in November of 2006. My friends across the aisle have been in charge ever since 2006.

It's time to do something besides blame people who are not in office. Take responsibility, that's a good thing.

And then we just hear this weekend, our administration, our friends, want to give $500 million more to Pakistan because we are not worried enough about folks here. We already gave them maybe a billion bucks. I have the new results from last year. They voted against us in the U.N. 87.5 percent of the time.

You don't have to pay people to hate you; they'll do it for free. Let's get the

money where it will do us some good instead of helping our enemies cause us problems.

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of the most successful program the United States Government has ever created, Social Security.

Since its inception in 1935, Social Security has become the great promise that each generation will take care of those who came before it. In our district in Texas, nearly 65,000 recipients receive over $61 million monthly from the Social Security administration. It's a blue-collar district, home to thousands of hardworking families who have overcome wars and natural disasters in becoming the backbone of the American economy.

The national average benefit for the retiree is $14,000 a year, a majority of income for 6 out of 10 seniors. This modest amount guarantees that tens of millions of parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors can retire with dignity.

I believe it's important to consider what would have happened if Congress had followed along the lines of then-President George W. Bush in 2005 to partially privatize Social Security and make Social Security subject to the stock market.

Or consider what could happen if Congress follows along the plans of some of my colleagues across the aisle in cutting Social Security to reduce the national debt. I believe that cutting Social Security is irresponsible and wrong as we approach the 75th anniversary of Social Security.

SOCIAL SECURITY

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I guess the polls show that the Democrats are in trouble, because every time that happens, Social Security is pulled out of their back pocket. Republicans are going to destroy Social Security. This party is the only party to save Social Security.

Democrats must be behind in the polls because they are pulling out George W. Bush. I have looked all over this campus. I can't find him. I went down to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. He left. Maybe you folks didn't notice.

President Obama is there. And what a real shame it is that current Democrats are running away from the Democratic Party of John F. Kennedy. He told us, forget about class warfare; a rising tide lifts all boats.

Maybe you ought to listen to some of those on your side who didn't talk about fear but talked about hope.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. ALTMIRE. Mr. Speaker, next month marks the 75th anniversary of Social Security, which has been there for generations of Americans and will be for generations to come.

Social Security is a bedrock promise to all Americans. You have paid into the system, the money is yours, and it is our responsibility to do everything we can to guarantee that it will be there for you when you retire.

That's why we are so fortunate that our friends on the other side of the aisle were unsuccessful in their attempt to privatize Social Security at exactly the time the American financial markets were nearing collapse. 401(k)s and IRAs lost one-third of their value during the stock market plunge of 2008 and 2009. Imagine what would have happened to those retirees' income if their Social Security earnings had also been gambled away in the stock market.

Mr. Speaker, rather than risk a lifetime of savings, Social Security will continue to be the stable, reliable, safety net that it was created to be 75 years ago.

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GETTING THE ECONOMY MOVING AGAIN

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

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, just Friday I was in my district in Barren County, Kentucky—voted the number one rural county in America to live in—and I was at the Chamber of Commerce. I sat and talked at a roundtable with business leaders, people who own franchises and other types of small businesses, and their concerns about getting the economy moving again didn't have to do with George W. Bush or even when the majority took over in 2006. Their concern was this Congress, the debt from the stimulus bill that didn't keep unemployment from going above 8 percent. They were concerned about the energy cost that is going to greatly affect the great Commonwealth of Kentucky, the cap-and-trade. And also, they were talking about how they're going to implement the health care bill that was passed by this majority. Those were their concerns.

I left with them saying, if we got back to our belief in limited government and unlimited faith in the American people, that we will get this economy moving again and bring back the jobs they need.

SOCIAL SECURITY MUST BE PRESERVED

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

Ms. PINGREE of Maine. Mr. Speaker, 75 years ago Frances Perkins, a wonderful woman who came from a long line of Maine farmers and craftsmen, addressed the Nation as the Secretary of Labor. In addition to being the first woman Cabinet member in our Nation's history, she was also the person President Roosevelt put in charge of creating the Social Security system. In her address, she talked about creating a system to ''provide safeguards against the misfortunes which cannot be wholly eliminated in this man-made world of ours.''

Nearly 300,000 people in my State now receiving benefits are living proof that for 75 years Social Security has done just what Frances Perkins hoped for—assuring a decent standard of living in good times and in bad for seniors and for countless others.

From disability insurance and survivors' benefits to providing a cushion during retirement, Social Security has allowed Americans to retain their independence and their dignity. It must be preserved.

GOVERNMENT-RUN STIMULUS HAS FAILED

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

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, we must end this culture of uncertainty. It is delaying our economic recovery. Businesses are unwilling to hire new workers because they do not know what new taxes and regulations Washington will enact on them. ObamaCare's chilling effect on hiring and new jobs was just the beginning. The cap-and-trade bill will further hurt our economic recovery if it is enacted.

As a result of policies adopted by this administration, businesses are sitting on huge stockpiles of cash to brace themselves for further interference from the government. Economist Larry Kudlow noted that corporations are sitting on $2 trillion worth of cash. If allowed to be injected into our economy, this could unleash a tremendous private sector stimulus of our economy.

The government-run stimulus has failed. We now need to get government out of the way of the private sector to let it save our economy.

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call on Congress to defend Social Security.

For many years, I've had the privilege of working to bring commonsense policies that benefit middle class families in North Carolina and across America. I was proud to help lead the fight against President Bush's misguided effort to privatize Social Security and to cut benefits. We won that