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The House met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McINTYRE).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 10, 2009.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE McINTYRE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 6, 2009, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 30 minutes and each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, limited to 5 minutes.

### HOUSE REPUBLICANS ARE ON THE SIDE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, the American people are hurting. Congress was right to take action to get this economy moving, but higher taxes and massive Federal spending is not the cure for what ails this economy. The American people know that, too. They know we cannot tax and spend and bail our way back to a growing economy.

Raising taxes during a recession on almost every American is a prescrip-

tion for economic decline. The stock market and other indicators are showing that.

More than half of the Americans paying higher taxes under the Democrat plan are small business owners filing as individuals. Raising taxes on small businesses where a majority of Americans go to work every day will not put American families back to work. Raising utility rates on every household in America will place an undue burden on families struggling to make ends meet. Cutting deductions for charitable giving will harm higher education, scientific research, and religious organizations struggling to do good in our society.

Democrats are on the side of more government and more taxes. House Republicans are on the side of the American people. And let me talk just a minute about that so-called stimulus bill which passed here a couple of weeks ago.

We were told that the stimulus bill had to be passed, had to be passed immediately because it was going to create 3 to 4 million new jobs in this country. Now, some of us were skeptical about that from the very beginning, but we want to make sure that what is promised is kept.

Now, I come from the State of North Carolina, Mr. Speaker, as you do. The State's motto in North Carolina is "To Be Rather Than to Seem." I think it is a good motto for all of us to live by. And let me give an example of how the stimulus package is a package "to seem" rather than "to be."

Here's a Democrat stimulus myth in the State of Montana. A press release from Senators BAUCUS and TESTER claimed that \$1.3 million in stimulus money would create 40 new jobs for the Flathead City County Health Department; sounds great, sounds like a good excuse for voting for a waste of money. But here's the reality; the money will simply provide another year of funding

for the Department's community health center, which already has 10 full-time positions. The community health center plans to add only two more jobs—two, not 40. We need to be dealing with what is rather than what the Democrat majority and the President want the American people to believe.

Let me say again, the budget, the stimulus, spend too much money. They tax too much—the largest tax increase in history. They borrow too much money—the highest level of borrowing ever. This is not the way to get our economy back on track. The Democrats are going in the wrong direction.

House Republicans understand that the American people are hurting. We had an alternative plan that created twice as many jobs for half the cost, but it was summarily dismissed.

Republicans aren't saying "no" to everything, we're presenting better alternatives, but the Democrat majority and the President want you to believe that all we're saying is no. That's not right. We're "being" rather than "seeming."

### BETTER CHOICES FOR AMERICANS

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, it was interesting to listen to my good friend from North Carolina with her interpretation.

You know, it's interesting. My Republican friends simply had no solution other than to gut the infrastructure investments that are so critical, the important health care initiatives, and replace them with more tax cuts, most of which would not meet the needs of people who need help the most.

I will tell you, I invite people to look at what we did. Indeed, the \$6 billion that is flowing to my State of Oregon

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