

We are spending nearly \$600 million per day just in interest on that debt. Bailouts and stimulus money by the billions of dollars are not helping the average person at home, and now we have a proposal to slam through a government-run, Chinese-financed health care system that puts a Washington, D.C., politician between our doctor and my wife.

The tax-and-spend, credit-card-driven, Chinese-financed economics driven by the Democrats doesn't work. We need fiscal discipline, limited government, accountability, and a strong national defense. We need to restore liberty for the American people and for small businessmen and -women. That's where you'll find the jobs.

Stand up, America. Let your voice be heard. Put a stop to this credit card Congress.

DEMOCRATIC HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, one of the American people's biggest fears about the Democratic health care reform plan is the prospect of having some government bureaucrat stand between them and the doctors they trust. I've heard this message time and time again in townhall meetings, in letters and in phone calls from patients throughout this country.

The House Democratic leadership has promised the American people that their fears about the bureaucrat-rationed care they will receive are unfounded, even while drafting a 1,000-page bill that creates this Comparative Effectiveness Council to decide which treatments will be covered.

Late yesterday evening, I gave my colleagues a chance on the Energy and Commerce Committee to put their money where their mouths were by offering an amendment in the Energy and Commerce Committee that would simply bar Federal political appointees and bureaucrats from intervening in patient treatment decisions.

An easy vote, Mr. Speaker. Who do you want making your health care decisions—your doctor or a government bureaucrat? However, every Democrat on the committee, save one, voted against this amendment.

It's time for Congress to focus on strengthening the doctor-patient relationship and not the bureaucratic-patient relationship.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

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

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, the people in South Alabama and, really, all across our country want to know: Where are the jobs? Where are the jobs that were promised by the administra-

tion and by the Democratic leadership of this Congress back in February?

Without a single Republican vote, a \$787 billion stimulus bill was forced on the backs of the taxpayers of our country with one simple promise: that it would keep unemployment below 8 percent and that it would create some 3.5 million jobs over the next 2 years. Where are those jobs? Instead of creating new jobs, almost 2.5 million jobs have been lost just since the stimulus bill has been passed.

Nationally, the unemployment rate is 9.5 percent, inching up closer and closer to double digits. In five of the six counties that I represent in South Alabama, that unemployment rate is already at double-digit unemployment.

Mr. Speaker, there is a serious lack of credibility in our Nation's capital. Don't take my word for it. Just listen to the American people. They want to know: Where are the jobs?

SUMMERS RELYING ON GOOGLE SEARCHES TO GAUGE RECESSION

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

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, when this administration took over on January 20, the unemployment was at about 7.2 percent, and they made a promise that this new stimulus of \$787 billion would create or would save 600,000 jobs. Since that point, we've lost 2 million jobs. Where are the jobs?

The President's top economic adviser pictured here, Mr. Larry Summers, has made us all feel better in this country by telling us:

Of all the statistics pouring into the White House every day, top economic adviser Larry Summers highlighted one Friday to make his case that the economic free-fall has ended. The number of people searching for the term "economic depression" on Google is down to normal levels, Summers said. Searches for the term were up fourfold when the recession deepened in the earlier part of the year, and the recent shift goes to show consumer confidence is higher, Summers told Peterson Institute for International Economics.

Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs? I'm telling you that somebody in this administration is asleep at the wheel.

JOBS

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

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, the American people are hurting. Millions of Americans are out of work, and hundreds of thousands continue to lose their jobs each month. In my home State of Ohio, the unemployment rate reached 11.1 percent in June, the highest it has been in decades.

According to the Columbus Dispatch, this adds up to an additional 33,000 jobs

in Ohio that have been lost during the month of June, which is up from 8.8 percent in January 2009. The Dispatch article goes on to state that, over the course of the past year, 279,000 Ohioans have lost their jobs, including small businesses, farmers, as well as 134,000 manufacturing jobs.

At the end of the day, I trust the American people and our small businesses, the taxpayers, to spend and to invest their own money as they see fit. That is what will get America back to work.

Unfortunately, the other side of the aisle's economic policies have this backwards. The government continues to take Americans' tax dollars and to spend those dollars as they see fit. Not only is that inefficient and wasteful; it's just flat out wrong. Where are the jobs? It's time to get Ohio and Americans back to work now.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

(Mrs. SCHMIDT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask a simple question: Where are the jobs? My constituents, along with those across Ohio and our Nation are asking: Where are those jobs?

In my home State of Ohio, the unemployment rate has risen to 11.1 percent. We have the seventh-highest rate in the Nation. Every single county in my district is equal to or is higher than the national average, and Pike and Scioto Counties are actually above 15 percent, but that number is rather deceiving. Another large percentage of our population has either given up looking for work right now or has taken part-time or temporary work.

People in Ohio and in my district are hurting. We need jobs and we need them now. Only \$6 million of the Department of Transportation Recovery Act dollars have been spent so far in Ohio. The Recovery and Reinvestment Act was supposed to provide immediate stimulus to create new jobs. Where are those jobs? People are hurting. Five months later, there are no jobs.

I'm asking: Where are the jobs?

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LOSS OF JOBS HAS GONE OFF A CLIFF

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

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, with the national unemployment rate nearing 10 percent and Tennessee's own unemployment rate at over 11 percent, people are outraged that not more is happening in Washington to help them find work. So far, this Congress has provided those who find themselves out of work extended benefits, but it insisted on taxing those benefits. Worse, the majority has not done enough to

stimulate the economy and to produce jobs, the best benefit of all, which is a job.

Despite all of the promises of a green job revolution and the millions of jobs that would be saved or created because of the economic stimulus package, the number of jobs since President Obama took office has gone off a cliff.

Republicans have called for an immediate end to the tax on unemployment benefits, which would surely help those who have been hurt by this recession. We have also called for tax relief for small businesses who can use that money to create jobs. These measures can improve our economy immediately.

American small businesses are the most innovative in the world and will pull us out of this recession if we allow them, but Democrats seem determined to prevent any recovery from occurring. In the past month, they moved to bludgeon our economy with a national energy tax and tax on small business to finance massive new health care entitlements.

Enough is enough. Create jobs.

JOBS, THE ECONOMY, AND THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, over 6 months ago, my Democrat colleagues and the Obama administration told the American people that if we passed the \$1.2 trillion stimulus package, it would create jobs, halt the growing unemployment rate, and turn our economy around; yet here we are today with a 9.5 percent unemployment rate—the highest in 26 years—and a record \$1.1 trillion deficit that is growing and expected to be \$2 trillion by year's end.

And yet this administration and Democrats want to push through another \$1.2 trillion health care package, a health care package that, according to the President's own economic adviser, will result in 4.7 million people losing their jobs.

Just a few weeks ago when talking about the stimulus package, Vice President BIDEN said for the Obama administration, Well, we just guessed wrong.

Mr. Speaker, I don't think that the American people can really afford for this Congress or this administration to guess wrong again. We need to make sure that we find the jobs in this country, not tax and spend.

DEAD WRONG ON HEALTH CARE

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

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, listen. Listen with me and see if we can hear the sounds of jobs. Shhh, shhh, shhh, shhh. You gotta listen real close. Quiet. Well, I'm not hearing anything.

The administration told us in this House months ago that if the American people stood in favor of the stimulus package that unemployment would peak at 8 percent, and yet here in Illinois, the State that I represent, we've now eclipsed 10 percent.

We were told that the cost curve would be broken if only we would follow the administration's health care plan and it would be the salvation of small business, and yet the Congressional Budget Office came into the Ways and Means Committee last week, Mr. Speaker, and said that was dead wrong.

The question that has to be asked and has to be answered is one that we've heard no answer today from the other side: Where are the jobs?

There are no jobs. This is an administration that has pumped sunshine for months and has failed to follow through, and we ought not follow these brake lights right over the cliff.

We know what we need to do, and that is stand for small business and vote against this plan.

BRING HEALTH CARE COSTS DOWN

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

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, rising health care costs are a serious problem, but the Democrat bill being advanced in the House proposes \$1.2 trillion in additional spending on health care coupled with massive tax increases that would hurt small business and middle class families.

The Democrat new 8 percent payroll tax will force employers to cut millions more jobs in the middle of the worst recession in decades while their surtax would push my State of California's top income tax rate to over 56 percent, higher than even that of France's. And those tax hikes won't even cover the full costs of this bill.

Mr. Speaker, we need real reform that brings down health care costs instead of pouring more money into a broken system.

HEALTH CARE PLAN SHOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH FOR EVERYBODY

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, on Friday I offered an amendment in the Appropriations Committee that failed because every Democrat voted against it. The amendment simply stated that Members of Congress and the administration should live by the laws they impose on the American people.

Specifically, if you vote for a government-run health insurance plan, you should get a government-run health insurance plan. If it's good enough to impose health care rationing on the American people, it's certainly good

enough for you. Because it's hypocritical to vote for a government-run rationed health care plan that will be forced on everyone else while retaining a private insurance plan for yourself.

If Members don't believe they should have to live under the rationed health care plan that they're pushing, they should explain why. Kansans are upset by the possibility that they're forced on a rationed public health care plan by this Congress. They believe if it's not good enough for the people who vote for it, it's not good enough for them.

Mr. Speaker, it's time for us to reform health care by addressing defensive medicine costs, by offering market-based principles for health care, and by keeping patients and doctors in control, not Washington bureaucrats.

HEALTH CARE AND ITS FAULTY PREMISES

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

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, where are the jobs? Well, they certainly aren't in the Democrats' job-killing health care plan. At a time when America is suffering the worst recession in a generation, it's utterly irresponsible to propose a government takeover of our health care system and destroy millions of private sector jobs in the process.

Since the Democrats passed their stimulus package, more than 2 million American jobs have been lost, and the chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisors, Dr. Christina Romer, has suggested that the tax hikes on businesses that will be required to pay for the Democratic health care plan will result in the loss of an additional 4.7 million jobs.

In addition, Mr. Speaker, the Democratic proposal will force drastic cuts in Medicare Advantage, causing millions of seniors to lose their coverage for prescription medicine, the cost of private health care will skyrocket, and the Lewin Group has estimated that nearly 114 million Americans will be forced out of their current private health care coverage and into government-run health care plans.

Mr. Speaker, the Democrats' job-killing health care proposal is the wrong prescription. It will cost millions of jobs. Americans need a second opinion.

AMERICANS WANT TO SEE WHAT WE'RE DOING FOR THEM, NOT AGAINST THEM

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

Mr. LATTI. Mr. Speaker, the people of the Fifth Congressional District of the State of Ohio of the United States all want a job. Last year at this time, the Fifth Congressional District, according to the National Manufacturers Association, had the ninth largest