

Mr. Obama wrote that when he worked in the business world, he felt like a “spy behind enemy lines.”

So it's no surprise that as President, he has appointed fewer people with business backgrounds to Cabinet positions than any other President in over a century, according to an analysis by J.P. Morgan. Maybe that explains why the President favors government control of the health care, energy, automobile, banking, insurance, and student loan industries.

Perhaps the administration has forgotten that without employers, there would be no employees, and that small businesses generate 65 percent of the new jobs in America. It is the private sector, not the government, that makes America productive and prosperous. Business owners are our friends, not the enemy.

RUNAWAY SPENDING

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

Mr. INGLIS. Madam Speaker, this week follows a surreal week last week. Last week, we did an omnibus bill that spends \$446.8 billion. That's on top of the \$634.2 billion from other discretionary spending. Those are increases of 7.6 percent over 2009 levels and 16.8 percent over 2008 levels. This is on top of the mandatory spending programs like Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

That is why this week the surrealness will continue as the majority will find it necessary to increase the debt limit from \$12 trillion, which is 20 percent of GDP. They will raise it by another \$2 trillion.

Madam Speaker, we must stop the runaway train. We must stop the runaway spending.

RECOGNIZING THE SACRIFICE OF OUR NAVY SEALS AND THE INJUSTICE CURRENTLY OCCURRING

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

Mr. BOOZMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the valor, sacrifice, and contribution of the United States Navy SEALs and to bring attention to a great injustice.

Our SEALs routinely defend our Nation in some of the most dangerous places in the world, sacrificing their lives for their mission and our country; yet recently, three of our SEALs have been forced to defend their honor.

The alleged mastermind of the brutal murder of four American security contractors claims that these SEALs punched him in the stomach while he was being detained under supervision. Despite reports that he was armed at the time, he was captured without the SEALs firing a shot. Because of the accusation, these SEALs opted to have a

court martial rather than a nonjudicial punishment that would have essentially been an admission of guilt.

Rather than a trial, we should be giving these guys a medal. I am pleased that these men will have the opportunity to defend their honor and confident that justice will be served. At this time, we must not waste the time and resources of our Armed Forces on political correctness and facts based on hearsay of terrorists and other people who wish our country harm.

GIVING A VOICE TO TEA PARTY ACTIVIST

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

Mr. McCAUL. Madam Speaker, tonight I want to give a voice to one of my constituents by the name of Jennifer Heiden. She is a TEA party activist. She wrote me a letter. She said, “My name is Jennifer Heiden. I am a wife, a daughter, a mother, a sister, business professional, and grassroots leader.

“We are dismayed at this Congress and its proposed health care legislation. You stress accountability and transparency, but fail to disclose to the American people that its 20-year costs are in the \$4.9 trillion price range once you cut through the budget gimmicks. You avoid town halls and citizen gatherings since you found that we had questions you could not or would not answer. And you draft bills in secret and give no one sufficient time to read them or understand them.

“The majority of Americans do not want this bill, and you know it. Do what this country elected you to do. Scrap this legislation and give us health care reform that will help—not hurt—this country and its citizens.”

WE MUST STOP UNNECESSARY SPENDING

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

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Madam Speaker, I rise once again to remind this body that we must stop the unbridled spending that continues to raise our deficit.

We have been reminded by Moody's that we are in jeopardy of losing our AAA rating by 2013 if we do not get our spending under control. Today, Bar-ron's echoed the same warning.

Our debt ceiling currently is \$12 trillion. It is my understanding we are going to be asked to raise it an additional \$2 trillion this week. Enough is enough. We must stop this unnecessary spending and stop it now before it is too late. We cannot spend our way into prosperity. I fear the results.

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SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of Jan-

uary 6, 2009, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO COACH BOBBY BOWDEN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. ALTMIRE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. ALTMIRE. Madam Speaker, I rise tonight to pay tribute to Bobby Bowden, who will coach his last game on January 1. Coach Bowden will retire following the Gator Bowl, ending an amazing career as one of college football's most successful coaches.

Many of us may not realize that Bobby Bowden was an outstanding football player in his own right. He graduated from Woodlawn High School in Birmingham, and he achieved his dream of playing quarterback for the University of Alabama before transferring to Howard College, now Samford University.

After college, Bowden worked his way up to becoming head coach for 4 years at Samford, and he later was head coach for 6 years at West Virginia, but it's his 34 years as head coach at Florida State for which he will most be remembered.

In 1976, he took the reins of his Seminoles team that had gone winless the previous season. From that unlikely beginning, he built one of the powerhouses of modern college football. During his 34 years at the helm of Florida State, he led his teams to 31 bowl games, including the past 28 years in a row, during which he once went 14 consecutive bowl games without a loss. He was named coach of the year six times, and is already a member of college football's hall of fame. From 1987 to 2000, Bowden's Florida State teams compiled a streak of 14 consecutive years in the season-ending top 5. During that time, he coached two Heisman Trophy winners, and his Seminoles played in five national championship games, winning two.

It was in the beginning of that streak in the late 1980s that I first encountered Coach Bowden. As he did with so many, he left upon me an indelible impression. As a walk-on on the Seminole football team, I had the good fortune to see firsthand Coach Bowden's rare skill on the practice field, but it was his kindness and generosity away from football that I will most remember.

While serious about winning, with the results to prove it, what most stands out about Bobby Bowden is his love of people. Known for his down-to-Earth colloquialisms and disarming Southern drawl, he can charm even the most intense personality. He is never at a loss for words, and sportswriters across the country will surely miss his quick wit and accessibility.

On the Seminole practice squad, I occupied, perhaps, the lowest possible position on the team, yet Coach Bowden treated me and every player with respect. When you crossed paths with