

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

him, he never failed to ask about your schoolwork, your family, your hometown or about some other personal facts about you that he somehow remembered. I used to think that this was just coincidence or somehow related just to me, but what you quickly learn in spending time around Bobby Bowden is that he is like that with everyone, not just on the team or on campus but anywhere he goes in the country, whether it be to an alumni meeting, to a business luncheon, or to a church service. He has that rare ability to make a personal connection with everyone he meets. It is why the National Citizenship Award, presented annually by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, now bears his name.

So, for all of his success as a football coach, the true legacy of Bobby Bowden is the impact he has on people and on the lives he has touched. Just as much as his coaching record, the relationships that he built and the friends he made during his 80-plus years and counting will long be remembered. My best wishes and congratulations go out to Bobby and Ann Bowden as they now embark on this next chapter of their lives together.

CLIMATE CHANGE IN IRAN

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, the whole world has been watching what has taken place in Copenhagen, Denmark last week and this week. All the talk is about climate change and how man is affecting the climate, but what we need in this world is a climate change in Iran. That's right. We need to change the atmosphere in Iran with what has taken place with the little man from the desert, Ahmadinejad.

Last week and even this week, thousands of students—and here is a photograph of some of them—have taken to the streets to protest the regime of Ahmadinejad and how oppressive it is. They are complaining in this peaceful protest against the tyranny against the people of Iran. Not only Ahmadinejad, but they are protesting the radical mullahs and the Iranian military.

You see, these young people want what everybody throughout the world wants—freedom. Somewhere down in the way that we are made there is this spark; there is this flame of freedom. The people in Iran don't have that, so the young people have taken to the streets—the sons of Iran, the daughters of democracy—and they are protesting the oppressive government. They are protesting the fraudulent elections that got Ahmadinejad elected last summer. They are protesting the fact that they have no freedom in their own country. They have suffered the consequences for these protests. They have been beaten. They have been teargassed. They have been hauled off to jail.

The press has been oppressed as well. In fact, what has occurred is that the Internet has been closed, and cell phones have been blocked—all in the name of preventing young people and others from protesting this oppressive regime.

We all remember this past summer how numerous students were murdered in the streets just because they complained to their government about what was taking place. Already 80 of those protesters, political prisoners, have been tried by the star chamber—in secret, away from anybody in a public trial—and 80 of them have received sentences in an Iranian prison of 15 years or more, and 5 of them have received a sentence of the death penalty.

Why? What is their crime?

Their crime is objecting to the oppression of their own government, and for that, they are punished. Of course, others have been shot in the streets just because they have taken to the streets to protest their government.

You know, the students aren't the only ones who have been arrested. Journalists have been arrested. Clerics, who call themselves "reform clerics," and other people—all for the same reason—objecting to their government. They object to what has taken place.

By blocking the cell phones and Internet access, the government had hoped to keep the word from getting out to the rest of the world about this pollution, about this horrible climate in Iran, but the word has gotten out—photographs such as this one here. Here is another one of a young Iranian student having been beaten for taking to the streets to protest his government last week. This one also escaped the controlled press of the Iranian Government.

You know, Iran violates its own constitution by not allowing its people to protest and to lawfully assemble. They are standing for basic human rights. That's right—the right to peaceably assemble and to object to your government and what it's doing to you. It's the right of free speech—a basic human right. It's the right of a free press, which is a right we take for granted in this country.

So we need a regime change in Iran. The way to do that is to help these young people and the people who want to change their regime. We must support them. This country should support them in any way that we can.

Yes, President Ahmadinejad is the pollution of the world, and we need a change of climate in Iran. The students are sending a message to Iran's rogue government that you can beat us, you can arrest us, you can imprison us, but you will not stop us, and you will not intimidate us because we are not going away.

Good for them. We should be proud of those students. We should support them. We should have a climate change in Iran.

And that's just the way it is.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

THE LOSS OF AMERICA'S HEROES AND OF AMERICA'S ECONOMY

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

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF UNITED STATES MARINE CORPORAL XHACOB LATORRE

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, before I address the issue which has brought me to the floor tonight, I want to recognize the ultimate sacrifice made by a young man from my district in the service of the United States Marine Corps.

I am sad to report that my office received news last week that Marine Corporal Xhacob LaTorre, from Waterbury, Connecticut died due to wounds received in combat in the Helmand province of Afghanistan. Corporal LaTorre's fatal injuries were the result of a roadside bomb.

I speak for myself and for my constituents in expressing my appreciation for this young man's service in the defense of his country. Corporal LaTorre, who would have turned 22 last weekend, is one of America's heroes. I send my prayers and my condolences to his family; to his wife, Frances; to his son; and to his brother, Corporal Daniel LaTorre, on this tragic loss. We will never forget the sacrifice he has made for us.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. I ask those in this Chamber this evening to join me in a brief moment of silence. Thank you.

THE AMERICAN ECONOMY IS BEING SENT OVERSEAS

Mr. MURPHY of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I have come to the floor tonight to speak about an issue important to my home State. As you can see by the 1-minute speeches given here earlier tonight to this entire Nation, Connecticut pioneered America's shipbuilding and aerospace industries. Shops which were once bustling with workers are now silent. When those shops went away, thousands of good-paying jobs for hardworking people in my State went away with them. We just learned recently that Connecticut will lose another 1,000 jobs when a major defense supplier shuts two of its facilities and moves its operations to Singapore and Japan.

At this moment, 158,000 people in my State and almost 16 million across this country are out of work—many of those as a result of the transfer of military manufacturing jobs overseas. At the same time, the Department of Defense and other Federal agencies have created thousands of waivers of our domestic sourcing legislation, like the