CONGRESSIONAL RECORD — HOUSE

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Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns on Friday, March 5, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday next for morning-hour debate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on the Budget:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,


Hon. Speaker PELOSI,
United States Capitol,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI, Given the increased commitments I have made to my state, I resign, effective immediately, from the Committee on the Budget. It has truly been a pleasure to work with Chairman Spratt and the many dedicated members that care passionately about getting our nation’s fiscal house in order. Fighting for fiscal responsibility as a member of the Blue Dog Coalition home in order. Fighting for fiscal responsibility as a member of the Committee on the Budget:

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, in January, Georgia’s unemployment rate hit a record-high level of 10.4 percent. There could be no clearer mandate for the House to address the issue of getting America back to work.

There was no objection.

JOBS FOR URBAN SUSTAINABILITY ACT

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this is a question of jobs, and I don’t want tomorrow’s numbers, if they happen to be showing that we have not reached the goals that we want to reach, to in any way distract from the work the Democrats are doing and that we should be doing together.

I have concerns about what we just passed as the small jobs bill, but it was a start. This country needs to work on jobs. This week, I introduced an Urban Sustainability Act to direct $10 billion of TARP money into cities with populations of 600,000 or more and with unemployment rates of 10 percent or more to put in public works projects and job training.

It is important that we realize that urban America is suffering and suffering in a disproportionate way, and it is important that they get paid particular emphasis. I encourage other cosponsors—we have 9 or 10 already—to join with me, and I encourage the administration and the leadership to look at urban cities and the need for job training programs and public works programs.

Last week, Senator BERNIE SANDERS and I introduced a bill on solar for 10 billion solar photovoltaic panels on roofs and 10 billion gallons of solar water. We need to invest in solar to protect our country, our mother Earth and our resources so that we don’t have as many soldiers protecting lines of transportation that are there to bring oil from the Middle East.

I urge the strong consideration and adoption of that bill. Solar is the future, and it can protect our Nation and our mother Earth.

A QUESTION OF JOBS

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share a letter that I received from my friends at the Houston Citizens Chamber of Commerce. The Houston Citizens Chamber of Commerce is the oldest and largest African American Chamber of Commerce in Houston. They are strongly in support of efforts to preserve NASA’s Constellation human spaceflight program.