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RISING UNEMPLOYMENT

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

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I sat here and listened to perhaps as many as 10 Democrats do their 1-minute. And at least three of them said something that astonishes me. They said we have already created more new jobs than were created in all 8 years of the Bush administration, or some version of that. I have no idea how that could be true.

Now, I didn't check the Obama-sycophant-talking-points-dot-gov Web site, but I did everything else, and I couldn't quite find this data. Here is what I know: Last week, unemployment new claims were up to 470,000. The week before it was 478,000. The monthly average was 456,250. We have growing unemployment, not shrinking unemployment. And you don't have a category for jobs created. You have a category for jobs saved or created. That didn't exist until President Obama created that phrase.

Now if you get down to 3½ million jobs left, the President could always claim, well, that's the 3½ million I saved. Government doesn't create jobs. It gets out of the way so the private sector can, Mr. Speaker. We need a budget, and we need a budget now.

ENACT WALL STREET REFORM

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my strong support for the work being done to crack down on Wall Street and enact reform to prevent another economic collapse. We absolutely must create an environment in which corporations are held accountable to shareholders, employees, and customers.

That's why I plan to reintroduce the Federal Employees Responsible Investment Act, to add a socially responsible investment option to the Thrift Savings Plan. Making an investment in companies that are committed to corporate responsibility will have a positive impact on our financial system, and empower individuals to reward companies that share their values.

We absolutely must do everything in our power to move our economy forward, and I urge all my colleagues to support good corporate governance and legislation that ends Wall Street's gambling with our hard-earned dollars.

PASS A BUDGET

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

Mr. BOEHNER. Yesterday, President Obama asked for a new law to give him specific authority to force Congress to vote on spending cuts. He already has the ability to force Congress to consider spending cuts immediately, and we've been asking him to do it for months. With our national debt nearing some \$13 trillion, Democrats are on the verge of adding \$140 billion more this week. Why can't we start cutting spending now? And why don't we see a Democrat budget here on the floor?

President Obama and the Speaker continue to put off this important work, missing a critical opportunity to stop out-of-control spending that economists say is hurting our economy and slowing the creation of new jobs in America.

The President's fiscal commission, that won't even report until December, is a prime example of this lackluster, kick-the-can-down-the-road approach. Americans want immediate, decisive action to end Washington's out-of-control spending spree.

If President Obama is truly committed to fiscal responsibility, he will use the authority that he has under current law to force the Congress to vote immediately on his spending cuts. He should also call on Democrats in Congress to pass a real budget that reins in out-of-control Federal spending. The House has never failed to pass a budget in the modern era. And every family knows that the budget is more important, not less important, in times of a tough economy.

PASS THE AMERICAN JOBS AND CLOSING TAX LOOPHOLES ACT

(Ms. LEE of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, today the Congressional Black Caucus, which I chair, the Asian Pacific American Caucus, the Progressive Caucus, along with the Jobs Task Force conducted a forum with the Campaign for Community Change and the Lawyers Committee on Civil and Human Rights. We had a forum to discuss a comprehensive legislative strategy to create jobs, especially for the chronically unemployed.

For example, the national unemployment rate is still way too high, over 9 percent. Yet, in the African American community it is over 16 percent. African American and Latino teens are unemployed at nearly 40 percent.

It is critical that we pass H.R. 4213, the American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act. This bill includes a summer youth jobs provision, which will put over 350,000 young people to work this summer. Our young people now are helping their families pay the rent and put food on the table. Also, summer youth jobs programs give them the essential jobs and life skills to be productive workers and employees.

Under the Obama administration, we are beginning to see signs of hope in

the economy, but we must do our part and invest in putting people back to work and pass H.R. 4213. This puts us on the right track.

DEMOCRATS' BUDGET FAILURE; REPUBLICAN SOLUTIONS

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

Mr. HARPER. Mr. Speaker, spending will reach a record \$3.8 trillion for fiscal year 2011, with \$1.6 trillion of that being money that we don't have. This same White House budget proposes \$1.8 trillion in tax increases by the year 2020.

Yet for the first time in more than 35 years, the House will fail to produce a budget. The failure of the Democratic leadership to responsibly construct a budget resolution threatens job creation, explodes spending and deficits, and intensifies America's debt crisis.

The majority must produce a budget if it is going to govern properly. House Republicans will continue to reach out to Democratic Members with solutions to boost our economy. Unfortunately, the President and his Democratic allies in the House have failed to engage Republicans on the principal issues facing our country.

My faith is in the American entrepreneur and our small businesses, not in the Federal Government, to create jobs. Give the taxpayers what they deserve, a fiscally responsible budget that spends much less, cuts taxes, and reduces our national debt.

IN HONOR OF R.H. "BOB" GOLDBERG

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

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, as Memorial Day approaches, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the brave men and women who have served in our Armed Forces and to honor the cherished memories of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of our precious democratic way of life.

I also want to take a moment to honor a veteran who not only fought for his country, but returned from war and dedicated his life to helping veterans here at home. R.H. "Bob" Goldberg celebrated his 75th birthday just a few months ago, on October 8. I rise today to wish him a belated happy birthday, and thank him for his service to our Nation and for his tireless efforts on behalf of his fellow veterans in southern Nevada.

Bob has served as commander of Post 711 of the Jewish War Veterans of America, and worked for many years as an Indian Affairs Officer for the State of Nevada. Bob personified valor on the battlefield and devotion on the home front.