

could work as a nurse in other capacities.

These insurers have access to medical records and know full well when their customers are unable to perform any job. Yet they mandate that all of their customers, even those who are only temporarily injured, apply for Social Security disability. This adds to the backlog and costs taxpayers millions of dollars, all because insurers want to delay paying legitimate claims.

My legislation would require that insurers play by the same rules that they require of individuals. If an insurer is going to mandate a policyholder apply for Social Security disability, that insurer should have to certify to the government that the claim is a legitimate, permanent claim.

This legislation will root out this practice so that bad actors won't be able to clog the system with frivolous claims. When frivolous claims are weeded out, access for legitimate applicants increases and the time to process legitimate claims decreases.

This is just one of the issues I am working on to benefit California's seniors. I look forward to working with my colleagues and passing this bill into law.

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

(Mr. MORAN of Kansas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION

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

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my thoughts on a matter of deep concern to me, small business job creation.

We have seen a lot of progress this year. Our economy has created over 500,000 jobs in 2010 alone. Last month, 290,000 jobs were created, with 231,000 of them in the private sector, the largest number of new jobs created in the last 4 years. While these are great statistics, we still have a long, long way to go. It will take time to recover the 8 million jobs lost over the course of this recession.

One positive thing that Congress could do to support jobs is to do all that we can to support small businesses. With two out of every three new jobs created by small businesses, they are the driving force of our economy. Unfortunately, they have also been the hardest hit by the recession, having lost over 2.4 million jobs.

As President Obama indicated in his meeting with the small business leaders, this is the Nation where anyone with a good idea and the will to work hard can succeed, and I agree with President Obama.

New York City is no stranger to good ideas, hard work, or small businesses. The city is home to over 200,000 small businesses which create hundreds of thousands of jobs, provide valuable goods and services, and help drive our local economy.

While the government can't get small businesses through all of the tough times, it can remove barriers that prevent businesses from growing and being able to succeed. We must do all that we can to support the work of the countless entrepreneurs that sustain our economy.

I encourage my colleagues in the House and in the Senate to work together to enact policies that will support small business job creation. We must work to eliminate these barriers and to permit people to be able to expand their businesses and to be able to create jobs.

We need to make certain that folks have an opportunity to work. We have people that have gone to college and are coming out with degrees and still cannot find a job. I think the time has come when the Congress must come together and create jobs and job opportunities for these young people in particular that want to work but are being denied the opportunity because they lack a job.

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 addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

YOU CUT

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

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, last evening I spoke on the House floor about the newly devised YouCut program and how it undercuts our representational responsibilities as Members of Congress.

I would like to revisit this theme, which has become a recurring one, given the Republicans' most recent efforts.

I repeat, government by referendum is not representation. Just because 81,000 people voted for a program in a Republican ploy doesn't mean that it is the will of the American people or informed policy.

Let me make it very clear: Referenda have their place, but in this, the world's greatest deliberative body, we are not in the position of needing to have that kind of ploy put forward here in this body. Republicans seem to think that online gimmicks are an effective substitute for good government.

What they fail to understand is that national policy cannot be made in a matter of minutes or within a few clicks of a mouse. Instead of worrying

about friend requests, Republicans should contribute to meaningful debate. If they did, then they would have known that according to the non-partisan Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, cutting funding for the Temporary Aid to Needy Families Program, as they attempted to do, would have resulted in 100,000 people losing their jobs.

This Chamber isn't going to be fooled or bullied or be controlled by the misguided ideological intention or misleading rhetoric of the few. Republicans have called for voter input on programs of national significance in the name of civic participation. But spreading misinformation is not in the best interests of the American people.

To the contrary, it is only in the best interests of the Republicans and their agenda. Not only are the summaries provided on YouCut, which I have called CutYou, inaccurate, they are specifically written to elicit a specific response.

As I have said, I do not fault my friends on the other side of the aisle for taking their upcoming election campaigns into consideration and doing those technological undertakings that they deem necessary for themselves. What I do fault them for is wasting the time of this Chamber with their ulterior motives and legislative tricks. They are playing with short-term decisions that have long-term consequences.

YouCut provides no effective way to change policy, does little to reduce our Federal deficit, does nothing to allow for people to talk about saving themselves, and hurts everyday Americans, especially the poor and the elderly, who probably, some of them, cannot participate in their poll for the reason that they don't have BlackBerrys and computers.

Instead of continuing to be the Party of No, Republicans should say "yes" to the American people and help pass the legislation that this Nation needs and deserves.

I urge my Republican friends not to undercut with their CutYou YouCut representational democracy and not just substitute selective, push polling, robotexting, tooting and tweeting for the work of the greatest deliberative body in the world.

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

(Mr. JONES addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

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

Ms. BEAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to recognize National Small