

for “Where are the jobs?” We need both parties to work together to promote small business job creation.

President Kennedy cut taxes and jobs grew. President Reagan cut taxes and more jobs were created. Republicans have offered positive alternatives using the proven policies from both parties which actually promote jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the Global War on Terrorism.

20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ADA

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

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, the Honorable Mr. LANGEVIN, I rise today to recognize the 20th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and offer my strong support for H. Res. 1504.

Twenty years ago, the ADA declared that the millions of Americans living with disabilities had a right to reasonable accommodations in the workplace and access to public buildings. In doing so, it acknowledged for the first time the civil rights of these Americans who live independently to fully participate in all aspects of our society, our schools, our businesses, our communities.

Today we extend that participation to the Speaker's chair, and I want to acknowledge our colleague, Congressman LANGEVIN. His place today managing debate over the people's House is long overdue.

When President George H.W. Bush signed the ADA in 1990, the late Senator Ted Kennedy said, “Equal justice under the law is not a privilege but a fundamental birthright in America.” I couldn't agree more. We must protect the rights of men and women regardless of ability, mental capacity, or physicality. By removing barriers for people with disabilities, we allow America to be a society where equal justice prevails.

I urge support for H. Res. 1504.

TAX INCREASES DON'T CREATE JOBS

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate you also today on this historic day, and also all those who have made this day possible by making the House much more accessible to everyone who serves in the House.

But, Mr. Speaker, I must change the subject and say that in 5 months, the hardworking taxpayers of America will get hit with the largest tax increase in American history if this Congress doesn't act to forestall it.

That's right. Unless Congress acts, taxpayers will see tax rates go up across the board. This is completely unacceptable. During this period of

economic difficulty and high unemployment, these tax hikes will fall especially hard on the small businesses that have already borne the brunt of this bad economy. These are the same job-creating small businesses that represent our best hope for emerging with strength from this recession. Increasing their taxes now would be an economic poison pill that would kill economic growth and job creation. After all, Mr. Speaker, what tax increase ever created a job?

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REPORT ON H.R. 5850, DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, AND HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2011

Mr. OLVER, from the Committee on Appropriations, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 111-564) on the bill (H.R. 5850) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2011, and for other purposes, which was referred to the Union Calendar and ordered to be printed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 1, rule XXI, all points of order are reserved on the bill.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6 p.m. today.

RECOGNIZING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 1504) recognizing and honoring the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1504

Whereas July 26, 2010, marks the 20th anniversary of the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990;

Whereas the Americans with Disabilities Act has been one of the most significant and effective civil rights laws passed by Congress;

Whereas, prior to the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, people with disabilities faced significantly lower employment rates, lower graduation rates, and higher rates of poverty than people without

disabilities, and were too often denied the opportunity to fully participate in society due to intolerance and unfair stereotypes;

Whereas the dedicated efforts of disability rights advocates, including Justin Dart, Jr., and many others, served to awaken Congress and the American people to the discrimination and prejudice faced by individuals with disabilities;

Whereas Congress worked in a bipartisan manner to craft legislation making such discrimination illegal;

Whereas Congress passed the Americans with Disabilities Act and President George Herbert Walker Bush signed the Act into law on July 26, 1990;

Whereas the purpose of the Americans with Disabilities Act is to fulfill the Nation's goals of equality of opportunity, independent living, economic self-sufficiency, and full participation for Americans with disabilities;

Whereas the Americans with Disabilities Act prohibits employers from discriminating against qualified individuals with disabilities, requires that State and local governmental entities accommodate qualified individuals with disabilities, requires places of public accommodation to take reasonable steps to make their goods and services accessible to individuals with disabilities, and requires that new trains and buses be accessible to individuals with disabilities;

Whereas the Americans with Disabilities Act has played a historic role in allowing over 50,000,000 Americans with disabilities to participate more fully in national life by removing barriers to employment, transportation, public services, telecommunications, and public accommodations;

Whereas the Americans with Disabilities Act has served as a model for disability rights in other countries;

Whereas all Americans, not just those with disabilities, benefit from the accommodations that have become commonplace since the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, including curb cuts at street intersections, ramps for access to buildings, and other accommodations that provide access to public transportation, stadiums, telecommunications, voting machines, and websites;

Whereas Congress acted with overwhelming bipartisan support in 2008 to restore protections for people with disabilities by passing the ADA Amendments Act of 2008, which overturned judicial decisions that had inappropriately narrowed the scope of the protected class under the Americans with Disabilities Act;

Whereas, 20 years after the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act, children and adults with disabilities continue to experience barriers that interfere with their full participation in mainstream American life;

Whereas, 20 years after the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act, people with disabilities are twice as likely to live in poverty as their fellow citizens and continue to experience high rates of unemployment and underemployment;

Whereas, 20 years after the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the largest income support and health care programs continue to operate in a manner that expects people with significant disabilities to be outside the economic mainstream and have limited income and assets;

Whereas, 20 years after the enactment of the Americans with Disabilities Act and 11 years after the Supreme Court's decision in *Olmstead v. L.C.*, many people with disabilities still live in segregated institutional settings because of a lack of support services that would allow them to live in the community;