

The American people cannot wait on the politics of this institution. Let's bring a jobs bill to the floor today.

#### AGAINST THE PRESIDENT'S JOBS BILL

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

Ms. HAYWORTH. Madam Speaker, on September 14, 2011, this year, Mark Prosachik from Hopewell Junction, New York, sent the following letter to me, and I quote:

"Dear Congresswoman Hayworth, I have been unemployed for over 18 months and my unemployment insurance ran out, reducing my eligibility for extended benefits. You would think I would be fuming mad . . . and demanding the government make companies hire me. But, no. Instead I'm against President Obama's jobs bill. It is guaranteed to add to the country's bloated debt. It will require taxes to be raised. It will waste money training people when there are many with the skills who are unemployed."

Mr. Prosachik, I think you're absolutely right. Spending more of your hard-earned dollars or anybody's else's on projects like Solyndra or other efforts that unfortunately have not grown our economy will not work. I commend the Senate for rejecting a jobs bill that was a job-killing bill.

We in the House majority have passed bills throughout this year, joined often by our Democratic colleagues, that will grow jobs, that will revive our economy. I urge all of our colleagues in the Senate to pass that agenda immediately.

#### HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

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

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, as Hispanic Heritage Month comes to a close, let us all take a moment to celebrate the Hispanic community and their contributions throughout the United States.

The story of Hispanic Americans is truly the story of America and all its groups. Their dream is the American Dream.

In America, if you work hard and play by the rules, dream big, there is absolutely no limit to what you can achieve. Hispanics have succeeded in every walk of life, and the success of their community strengthens the very fabric of our Nation.

Let us all recommit ourselves to working on issues that are important to the Hispanic community, which, after all, are the same issues important to all Americans: creating good jobs, expanding access to higher education, and mending our broken immigration system. When we reflect upon America's history, we are a Nation of immigrants from the past and present.

Let us work together today as Democrats and Republicans so that every citizen in America can achieve the American Dream.

#### MORTGAGE FRAUD

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

Mr. MARCHANT. Madam Speaker, in my district and across America, mortgage fraud is a serious crime that's hurt homeowners, businesses, and the economy.

The exact amount of losses attributed to mortgage fraud is unknown, but some estimates state that \$10 billion of loans were originated with fraudulent applications in 2010. Major contributors to mortgage fraud are carried out by nonresident aliens and illegal immigrants.

HUD's Office of Inspector General noted that one loan officer gave fraudulent documents to undocumented immigrants in order to obtain FHA-insured mortgages. HUD then realized \$3.2 million in losses.

To correct this problem, I've introduced H.R. 695. The purpose of my bill is to cut down on such waste. It does so by requiring E-Verify checks with mortgage applications where the mortgage is guaranteed by an agency of the Federal Government. This will help stop the fraud in our mortgage system.

Please join with me in ending this mortgage fraud and help me support H.R. 695.

#### TIME TO END THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN

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

Ms. HAHN. Madam Speaker, over the weekend I visited Arlington West on the beach in Santa Monica, a beautiful memorial to the men and women in uniform who have lost their lives in the 10 years of war.

As I walked through hundreds of crosses in the sand marking the lives of thousands of young people who've given everything they had to give, on the weekend that marked the 10th anniversary of the start of the war in Afghanistan, I held these heroes and their families in my thoughts and my prayers.

I want this war to end, and I want to speed up the timetable so our President brings our troops home. We are simply losing too many lives and spending too many resources abroad. We cannot afford to spend \$190 million a day on this war when we have crumbling schools and infrastructure here at home that needs fixing.

Just think what we could build with \$190 million a day in this country. Think of the jobs we could create with projects rebuilding America.

And when our heroes come home, we should do everything we can to help them reenter their families and their workforce.

Let's put people to work building an American future worthy of the sacrifices of our brave young people in uniform.

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#### CALLING FOR A BALANCED AMENDMENT

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

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, if our Nation's debt crisis has taught us anything, it's that we need a permanent spending solution to keep America the permanent land of the free. There's only one way to bind Congress to such a commitment, and that is through a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution.

House Republicans have already changed the debate from how much to spend to how much to cut, yet our extraordinary crisis still demands extraordinary action.

Washington Democrats went on a record spending binge and left America in an economic hangover. New taxes, as the President proposes, would only punish the Nation and reward the spenders with more money to waste.

We need to stop spending money we don't have and begin living within our means like every American family and business is expected to do. We need a permanent constitutional amendment. For the sake of tomorrow's generations, let's get it done today.

#### CURRENCY REFORM FOR FAIR TRADE ACT

(Mr. PRICE of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, China's policy of undervaluing its currency is undercutting American manufacturing and American jobs by giving China an artificial and unfair advantage. In this time of economic uncertainty and high employment, we need to take direct, commonsense action to protect the American worker from unfair Chinese trade practices.

The Senate has passed a bill to investigate currency cheating by China and other countries and to impose tariffs if they are found guilty. Yesterday, Democrats attempted to offer a similar bill, which has 61 Republican cosponsors, but 235 Republicans voted against it. Moreover, House Republican leaders have indicated the Senate bill will never see the light of day if they have their way. Speaker BOEHNER says the fair trade bill with China is "dangerous."

The American people don't think there is anything dangerous about protecting American workers from schemes that burden our exports, subsidize their imports, and kill jobs. Republican leadership should bring the China currency and fair trade bill to