

and duties: security, our Nation's infrastructure. There are certain things we're responsible for. We're not against those things. We just think they need to be done in a smart and efficient fashion.

When you look at the last time the stimulus, giant amounts of money were spent before this most recent round of stimulus spending under the Obama economy, the last time we got things out of it like the Hoover Dam. We got something for it.

Out of the stimulus spending, which was sold primarily as a jobs bill because it was going to create transportation infrastructure, less than 7 percent of that \$800 billion stimulus bill actually went to transportation and infrastructure.

So it's not that Republicans don't support making sure those things take place. We're here to require some accountability. We're not going to throw money at it and hope that that works. We recognize there's something broken here in Washington. We have now passed well over 15 bills to get jobs growing to fix that thing that's broken. And we just need some help from folks on the other side of the rotunda.

Mrs. ROBY. I would just say this, too: I think the American people ought to be begging the question to the Senate as it relates to the tardy 22 bills that they have sitting over there on their side that we know will create jobs. They need to ask them specifically, their Senators, why are you opposed to this? What is your sound objective? What is your reasoning? We want to create jobs. We're out of work.

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Earlier, I said another word for "forgotten" because the forgotten 15 has slipped our minds. It has just slipped our minds. We need to remind these Senators over there. All Americans do. They need to pick up the phone and ask, What's your opposition to these 22 bills that will create jobs and put America back to work so that we can be a thriving economy once more?

Mr. GARDNER. America's job creators, the plan that we have come up with to get this economy moving forward again, it's embodied in the forgotten 15, and the other bills that we have passed to join the forgotten 15 are piling up in the United States Senate, all these bills with the simple goal of empowering small businesses and reducing government barriers to job creation.

Fix the Tax Code to help job creators. Nobody opposes these ideas. Nobody opposes these ideas. If you go to Americans around this country and ask them, should we be encouraging entrepreneurship and growth, they're going to say "yes," and that's exactly what these bills do.

I'm sure that you're hearing the same thing in your meetings.

Mrs. ROBY. The private sector is sitting on trillions of dollars. We know that. The money is there to jump-start our economy, but because of all this

uncertainty, no one is spending these dollars to reinvest in their private businesses.

Mr. KINZINGER of Illinois. Yes.

How many times is Washington going to be dishonest with us and just say, I know it didn't work in the past, but it's going to work this time? The President himself said the shovel-ready jobs—chuckle, chuckle—weren't so shovel-ready after all.

That's fine—because it doesn't work.

This plan right here, this will work. The American people are our jobs recovery plan. The American people doing what they can do best, that's the recovery plan. It's not another \$500 billion.

Mrs. ROBY. And getting the government out of the way so that they can thrive.

Ms. HERRERA BEUTLER. Absolutely.

I think, for those controlling this time, it's important to recognize, if you want more details about these jobs, the forgotten 15, jobs.gop.gov is a good place to go. If you want pick up the phone and call your Senators, there's the Reducing Regulatory Burdens Act, there's the EPA regulation bill, and there are several more bills that the other side needs to hear from the folks from home on.

Mr. GARDNER. I want to thank everybody for participating in tonight's discussion about our plan for jobs, about what we're going to do to get this country back to work. For 32 months, this country has faced unemployment of over 8 percent.

I want to share a story that happened just a couple of weeks ago when I had the opportunity to sit down with some employers around the State of Colorado. We were in a restaurant, and had the opportunity to discuss what regulations are doing to our economy—over-regulations, as mentioned here tonight. We all believe in smart regulations, in those regulations that make sense but that aren't overly burdensome to job creators. As we had this conversation, we talked about what burden we were placing on future generations, the high unemployment rate, with nearly 14 million people who are out of work, and what we were going to do to help America's working families make ends meet once again.

We had a waitress who was coming in and helping everybody, taking orders and working very hard that morning. After we were done, we walked away, walked out. The conversations were going, and I was the last one to leave this meeting. Just then, the waitress who was working in that room came up to me and grabbed me by the shoulder.

She said, Hey, I liked what you guys were talking about, because this is my second job. This isn't my only job. I'm trying to start a business, and I'm trying to work here while that business gets off the ground. We're trying to make ends meet so that I can get that business going, and I'm trying to work here.

As to what you talked about, the regulations that are hurting businesses, the taxes that are giving an uncompetitive advantage to people right here, that's hurting her ability to get her job going, and there she is, working a second job, and there are people out there with third jobs and trying to make ends meet.

I want to thank everybody for participating tonight, and I encourage people who may be interested in the Republican jobs plan to visit jobs.gop.gov.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

#### FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 818. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1487. An act to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards, and for other purposes.

#### THE PROGRESSIVE MESSAGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. ELLISON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. ELLISON. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for recognizing me for this hour.

I am going to speak for a time, and then I am going to yield my time to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. JACKSON), who has an important message, but I would like to start by just talking to the American people about the Progressive message.

You can sit at your television sets and you can watch this broadcast. For the last hour, what you would have heard is people claiming that you can get jobs by just taking away our health and safety rules, by just getting rid of regulation—and magically, we're going to get jobs. Well, we've had the Clean Air Act in place since the early seventies; we saw record job growth in the 1990s; and we have seen the Bush era, which was when the Republicans had the House, the Senate and the White House—the lowest job era in modern memory. They have tried their way, and they got us into this mess.

I will never forget that it was January 2009 when this country lost 741,000 jobs in that month alone, and the