American family will lose a tax break worth $1,000 and our economy will lose $30 billion as the unemployed will lose much needed assistance.

Now is not the time to play risky games with our economy. We must pass a clean extension of the payroll tax and continue assistance for the unemployed.

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, as my colleague from west Georgia, Congressman GRAVES, just said, the House took action yesterday to boost our economy and create jobs. And I stand before you now to implore Senate Democrats and President Obama, follow suit and to support the Keystone pipeline project. The pipeline, which has been delayed for more than 3 years by the administration, would be a critical step towards energy independence and job creation in the United States.

This pipeline would transport 1.4 million barrels of oil per day from Canada down to the gulf coast refineries, drastically reducing our reliance on Middle East imports and create, yes, more than 100,000 jobs nationwide. This does include Georgia, where Keystone fuel would be shipped by existing pipelines to terminals in Atlanta, Rome, Augusta, Athens, as well as to other east coast customers.

The time to act is now, Mr. Speaker. I urge my colleagues in the Senate and President Obama to allow production to begin.

Mr. SPEAR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary American, fishing Captain James Henry from the town of Mystic, Connecticut.

Captain Henry has just published his first book, “In a Fisherman’s Language,” at the age of 98.

What’s even more extraordinary is that Captain Henry was illiterate until the age of 91. But after learning the inspiring story of George Dawson, the grandson of a slave who taught himself to read and write, and a beacon of hope for those struggling with their own literacy.

I urge my colleagues to read this amazing book, and I salute Captain Henry for his amazing accomplishment.

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, throughout this year, House Republicans have been fighting for job creation, working to prevent the Federal Government from damaging our economy and job growth.

The present administration has tried to downplay the effect new regulations will have on companies struggling in the weak economy. Today’s Wall Street Journal documents efforts of the White House Office on Information and Regulatory Affairs to muddy the waters about regulations.

The official Obama administration compilation of regulations ignores significant institutions such as the National Labor Relations Board and the Securities and Exchange Commission, yet the number of economically significant rules at all stages has risen to 149, a historic high.

Vast sections of industry are waiting to hear how the Federal Government will change the way they have to do business. How on earth can we expect them to hire new workers when they can’t plan with this regulatory uncertainty?

The administration can try to manipulate the numbers, but there can be no doubt that the Federal regulatory juggernaut is holding back job growth.

Mr. SCHRAEDER. Well, folks, your Congress is at it again. Republicans have been talking about debt and deficit for the last year, and here we’re going to add nearly $200 billion in new spending to the deficit. Well, we’re going to use a bunch of pay-fors that we’re setting aside for the original deficit.

This is the most disingenuous group of folks that I’ve seen in a long time; and to be honest, a little bit on our side of the aisle. We’ve been railing about doing anything that would re-

THE ANCIENT CHRISTIAN HERITAGE IN TURKEY

Mr. SARABANES. Mr. Speaker, I am saddened to report that the ancient Christian heritage in Turkey is being threatened with extinction.

When a government compromises the right of its citizens to peaceably assemble, the right of expression, and the right of independent thought, the people of such a country are not fully free.

When the government takes the property of citizens without just compensation and due process of law, the people of that country are not free. And when a