

IT IS TIME FOR THE SENATE
MAJORITY TO ACT

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

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, last month, prior to Thanksgiving, the House passed the Economic Security Recovery Act. The other body has yet to act on this important legislation.

The Associated Press recently quoted the Senate majority leader as saying an economic growth bill is "not as front burner an issue" as other important business.

I beg to differ. The House has done its work. We passed a solid bill to jumpstart America's economy, create jobs, and restore consumer confidence; and that spending puts more money in the pockets of working Americans.

Mr. Speaker, President Bush has asked the Congress to get to work and get something done on this important issue. So far the leaders in the Senate majority have failed to heed the call and are refusing to act on this legislation.

To ignore the plight of millions of Americans who are hurting right now because they are unemployed is wrong and irresponsible.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GUTKNECHT). The Chair would once again admonish Members that it is a violation of House rules to disparage action or inaction by the other body.

LET US PASS A REAL ECONOMIC
STIMULUS PACKAGE WHICH
HELPS HARD-WORKING AMERICANS
AND THEIR FAMILIES

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I could not help but join my colleagues in asking that the Local Law Enforcement Hate Crimes Prevention Act of 2001 be brought to the floor of the House immediately. There is a need for this Nation to stand up against hateful acts.

But I come this morning to speak about something that I think is overwhelming to many Americans. It is the season to be jolly, but not for all. Unemployment is at a 6-year high.

I want to join the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MOORE) in asking for an immediate freestanding bill to help the now 8 million unemployed Americans, families like those in my district, whose only breadwinner earned \$75,000. He took care of a family of eight. Now he earns zero because he has lost his job.

We need a bill now that extends unemployment insurance benefits, that provides help for health insurance coverage. We do not need the Republican large corporate tax cut of \$26 billion. Let us pass a real economic stimulus package that stimulates the economy for hard-working Americans who have now lost their jobs.

Let this truly be a season to be jolly for all of the children and hard-working Americans that have made this country great.

WE MUST PRIORITIZE SPENDING
TO AVOID LEAVING A BIGGER
DEBT FOR OUR CHILDREN

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

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, this is a great opportunity for me to talk about spending because one of this body's most capable chairmen of the Committee on Appropriations, BILL YOUNG, is here before us. I see a great challenge facing us next year. With revenues down and spending for the aftermath of Sept. 11 up, it is going to be a challenge to hold the line on a budget. Increasing our debt means that we are leaving a larger mortgage to our kids and our grandkids.

With any emergency, whether a business, or a family, or a government, we should start prioritizing. The family or business would reduce unnecessary spending so as to have money for the emergency.

Here in Washington we should look at some less-important expenditures of the Federal Government or those that can be delayed. Use the money saved for the important things Congress should do to help strengthen the economy and fight the war on terror.

Mr. Speaker, I would conclude by reporting that our current debt is \$5.879 trillion; our debt limit is \$5.95 trillion. If we do not prioritize, we are going to be increasing our debt and leaving a greater burden for our kids.

AMERICA IS FIRING THE STARTING GUN ON A NEW ARMS RACE

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

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. Speaker, this Administration has Arms Control Amnesia. The President has decided to unilaterally withdraw from the Anti-ballistic Missile Treaty. He and his administration do this without really fully understanding what the response from China will be.

In fact, if we decide that we are going to attempt to deploy a system, by the way, one on which we have already spent \$50 billion without any real success, then there is a very high prob-

ability that there will be a dramatic increase in Chinese expenditures on their missiles that will be pointed at the United States. We have already been through that arms race for generations. It is time for us to end that race.

The ostensible justification for pulling out, however, is September 11. That event was not caused by the absence of a missile defense; it is because we did not have a policy of thinking about thoroughly the terrorist threats that could in fact jeopardize the lives of ordinary Americans.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. J. Res. 78, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2002

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the previous order of the House, I call up the joint resolution (H. J. Res. 78) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The text of House Joint Resolution 78 is as follows:

H.J. RES. 78

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Public Law 107-44 is further amended by striking the date specified in section 107(c) and inserting in lieu thereof "December 21, 2001".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of Wednesday, December 12, 2001, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG) and the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. OBEY) will each control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. YOUNG).

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the legislation before the House, House Joint Resolution 78, will extend the current continuing resolution until December 21, at which time we hope to have all of the appropriations bills completed and on the President's desk.

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Mr. Speaker, this is a noncontroversial CR. The terms and conditions of the previous continuing resolution will remain in effect. All ongoing activities