

We cannot allow them to have the keys to this car again. We are beginning to turn this economy around. We are rebuilding America, job by job, block by block and city by city.

We need to work together in this, but we can't go back to those failed and losing policies of the past.

DISCOURAGING PRIVATE-SECTOR JOB GROWTH AND DRIVING JOBS OUT OF THE UNITED STATES

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

Ms. JENKINS. Mr. Speaker, just last week the Haldex brake plant in Iola, Kansas, announced it was shutting down and taking 160 good jobs from American workers and sending those jobs to Mexico, where they won't have to deal with a government intent on hitting them with stifling tax increases and job-killing regulations. This administration is discouraging private-sector job growth and driving jobs out of my district and out of the United States.

But as for the 160 workers losing their jobs, they won't give up. In fact, Iola's mayor, Bill Mannes, is an employee at Haldex. Even though he is losing his job, he and the Iola City Commission and the Iola Chamber are initiating a plan to recruit a new manufacturer to town.

So if any business is out there looking to grow who needs a strong and ready workforce in a great Midwest community, Iola, Kansas, could be the place for you.

PROTECT THE PROMISE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. TEAGUE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to protect the promise made to more than 50 million Americans who depend on Social Security to keep a roof over their heads and food on the table.

Seventy-five years ago, in the wake of our country's worst economic crisis, we introduced Social Security as a pledge to stand by hardworking Americans, despite old age, disability, or the death of a loved one. And, as we emerge from hard financial times, we are still keeping this promise to our mothers and our fathers, to our grandparents and to our children.

Unfortunately, there are those who would like to break this promise. By privatizing Social Security, we would be gambling with this important safety net that many of our seniors rely on, subjecting people's entire life savings to the whim of the stock market and threatening our own financial stability.

We cannot allow America's retirement to be gambled away. I stand by this commitment I made to southern New Mexico, and I urge my colleagues to join me in protecting Social Security.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

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

Mr. GRAVES of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise again today to urge Democrats to hear the voice of the American people as they ask, where are the jobs? There is no budget, there is still no plan to create jobs to get this economy rolling again.

The Democrats have got to stop their crazy out-of-control spending and get serious about job creation. This will happen through the expansion of the private sector and not through the expansion of government.

We have got to encourage small businesses, not penalize them with more taxes and regulations. House Republicans have offered commonsense solutions to get our economy back on track. Rolling back taxes, cutting spending, cutting the deficit and the debt, removing regulations and balancing the budget, these crucial actions must happen to get this House in order and get Americans back to work.

So, Mr. Speaker, the American people want to know, where are the jobs? I want to know where are your solutions? We have offered ours.

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WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

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

Mr. ELLISON. Where are the jobs? Well, my friends in the party opposite should know; they're the ones who lost them. The fact is that, in Bush's last month in August, he lost 741,000 jobs, an amazing feat.

My friends in the party opposite talk about debt. Is this the same party that had two unpaid-for wars, \$700 billion in cuts for the wealthy unpaid for, a \$400 billion handout to big PhRMA? Do they speak of debt? My friends of the party opposite sat by and did nothing while foreclosures, predatory lending, and explosions in executive pay brought us the largest number of foreclosures since the Great Depression, refused to regulate in any particular way, and now they say, "Where are the jobs?" and they talk of debt. This is an amazing amount of audacity.

I wonder, where are the jobs? They should know; they're the ones who lost them. We're trying to find them, and we're being successful.

SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, a new USA Today poll reported that three-fourths of those 18 to 34 don't expect to get a Social Security check when they retire. They deserve much better. In '35—1935, that is—workers were told that the payroll tax would never exceed 2 percent of the first \$3,000 of earnings. Sadly, since then, Congress has raised the payroll tax 14 times, now at 12.4 percent, and the taxable wage base 10 times.

Time and history prove Congress cannot resist the temptation to raise taxes on Social Security. We've got to find a better way forward without raising taxes, without any changes to those in or near retirement.

Americans want action, not scare tactics. Let's start working together on fair, commonsense solutions so we can ensure Social Security will be there for those who need it most without raising taxes.

CELEBRATING THE 75TH BIRTHDAY OF SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. Speaker, this year we celebrate the 75th birthday of Social Security.

Since Democratic President Franklin Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act in 1935, Americans have known that they can rely on Social Security benefits when they retire.

Today, over 160,000 Hawaii seniors and millions of seniors in every other State receive monthly Social Security benefits, but Republican leaders in Congress have a new plan to privatize Social Security, balancing the budget on the backs of our seniors. Does this sound familiar?

George Bush and congressional Republicans fought to privatize Social Security in 2005. Seniors all across the country rose up in angry protest. If Republicans had succeeded then, seniors would have lost trillions in the stock market meltdown of the Bush recession.

Unbelievably, the Republicans still have not given up on their idea to privatize Social Security. You have to ask, what is it that makes them so deaf to what seniors in our country tell me loud and clear—preserve Social Security.

WE MUST PASS A CLEAN SUPPLEMENTAL BILL

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