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Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I would say to the leader, where are the jobs? I listened attentively. I pricked my ears up. I thought I was going to find out where the jobs are. I didn't hear that answer.

I looked back at what happened for the 108th and 109th Congress. Members of the Democrats came down on the floor and they said, Just put us in charge and we'll solve the problem. They won the majority, and we saw a hockey stick graph going downward of industrial investment. That's what happened to our economy; it reacted to the Democrat majority.

You elected President Obama. Now you don't have any excuses, and you are angry because we are asking, "Where are the jobs?"

There are 14.5 to 14.7 million unemployed, another 6.8 million that are simply looking for a job that don't fit into that category, 21.3 million people looking for jobs in the United States, all of this under Democrat leadership.

We had historically low unemployment and a growing economy because we lowered taxes, and we kept the pressure off of regulation. You are turning this into the nationalization of the private sector and the health insurance industry, and the American people don't want to live in the kind of countries that exist on the east side of the Atlantic Ocean or north of the 49th parallel.

Where are the jobs?

IMPORTANCE OF JOBS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR

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

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I hear a recurring theme about jobs: Where are they? Who has them? Who doesn't have one?

In a different life, I participate at a needs assessment in a community that I lived in that went through a process of looking at what needs were in families, in neighborhoods, and in the community. Once we distilled that list down to the top 10 needs for this particular community in Midland, Texas, if you looked at them, out of all 10 of those, nine of those needs would have been positively impacted by a job.

You cannot overstate the importance of jobs in the private sector, because when you have jobs in the private sector, individuals are better, families are better, communities are better, and this Nation, as a whole, is better.

I can tell you where the jobs aren't. Here is a list of 53 new boards, commissions, and bureaucracies that are created under the health care plan that is percolating its way through this system. That plan will cost 4.7 million private sector jobs, but it will do a good job of creating additional bureaucrat jobs that don't create wealth and don't

improve the overall economy of this country.

Mr. Speaker, where are those private sector jobs?

ALABAMA IS SUFFERING FROM A HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, in February, the administration assured us that if Congress would pass the stimulus bill, then we would see immediate relief and halt unemployment at 8 percent; yet it is now 9.5 percent on average, and it's rising. But the jobs have yet to appear. So where are the jobs?

This problem hits home for me because Alabama is suffering from a greater unemployment rate than the national trend. Mr. Speaker, the Alabama unemployment rate topped 10 percent in June. It is the highest level since July of 1984. The June rate of 10.1 percent is up from 9.8 percent in the previous month of May.

At this time last year, Alabama's jobless rate was half that at only 4.6 percent. The current unemployment rate is 10.1 percent. That represents over 215,000 unemployed Alabamians. The congressional district that I represent is suffering even more with an unemployment rate of about 12 percent, and that's on the average.

At a time when families are struggling to make ends meet, the unemployment rate is rising, further evidence that we cannot borrow and spend our way back to a growing economy.

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WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

(Mr. KING of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, 6 months after the Democratic administration came in with such promise, tens and tens of millions of Americans are asking, Where are the jobs?

Instead, during the past 6 months we've seen the systematic mismanaging and dismantling of the American economy. We've seen a stimulus bill which cost over \$1 trillion in new spending with almost no tax relief for small business, with almost no needed infrastructure, but again, money on top of money. The President said jobs would come almost immediately. Instead, the situation gets worse by the week.

We saw a cap-and-tax so-called energy bill which is going to result in millions of jobs going to China and India.

And now we see a health care bill which will ration medical care, at the same time, according to the CBO, increase medical costs, the worst of all worlds.

Mr. Speaker, it's time for the American people to tell this administration and this Democratic-controlled Congress to work together in a bipartisan way so we can say, here come the jobs, not seeing the jobs leave our country, not seeing millions of millions of people being unemployed because of failed liberal Democrat policies.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

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

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, America is facing an unemployment and mortgage crisis unlike anything we have seen since the Great Depression.

Only months ago, President Obama pledged that he would create 3½ million jobs by the end of 2010 and told us that the unemployment rate would stay below 8 percent if we passed the allegedly urgent trillion-dollar "economic stimulus" bill.

But, Mr. Speaker, since the President has assumed office, employment has dropped by over 2½ million jobs. We've lost 8 million jobs since the beginning of the Democrat-led 110th Congress, and half a million of those were in June alone.

The jobless rate stands at 9.5 percent, and the President himself admits that it's likely to climb over 10 percent.

This Congress and this administration must be reminded by the American people that what comprises true economic growth are jobs and economic productivity by the people. Higher taxes, increased regulation, reckless spending, bureaucratic selection of economic winners and losers and out-of-control deficit spending, these are the Democrat policies of the last five months, and they diminish productivity instead of encouraging it. They will kill jobs. And unless we change course, Mr. Speaker, this country faces an unprecedented economic failure.

WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

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

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today troubled about the Democrats' proposed government takeover of our health care system. The Congressional Budget Office has confirmed that this legislation will not reduce costs but, rather, drive health costs up higher for American families.

In addition to rising costs, according to the White House's chief economic adviser, Christina Romer, business tax hikes alone could destroy up to 4.7 million jobs.

Congress should consider free-market and Tax Code reforms to make our health care system better.

The President and his majority in Congress failed to produce jobs with the so-called stimulus. Where are the jobs?