

our Nation. In fact, 41 million Americans right now have no health insurance. Many of them are Hispanics.

The Bush budget cuts funding for Medicaid coverage for children, low-income seniors and the disabled. The budget also eliminates funding for programs that increase the number of minority health care providers, desperately needed in communities like mine, where we need linguistically and culturally appropriate health care providers.

It is also important to note that the President's budget will only create 190,000 jobs this year, less than the number of jobs that we lost this February. The Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that the U.S. economy lost 308,000 jobs this past month. Latinos are also particularly heavily impacted. In my own district, unemployment rates are far beyond the 9 percent, way above what the national level is at 5.6.

These unemployment rates are outrageous, and our President's solution to create only 190,000 jobs is not even nearly enough where we need to be. The President should focus his budget on funding important Federal programs that create opportunity or self-sufficient jobs for the 8.5 million unemployed Americans, and instead, the President's budget cuts job training and employment programs for dislocated workers. It fails to extend unemployment benefits for the 1 million Americans who cannot access Federal assistance, but are still jobless.

As bad as the President's budget is, I am even more disappointed by the budget that the Republicans want to offer, and the Republican budget resolution requires that almost every authorizing committee cut spending within its jurisdiction, and it fails to explain which programs those will be that will be on the chopping block. I think it is questionable that we somehow implement a 2.9 percent across-the-board cut in these programs without giving us specifics. In reality, what it means is there will be more cuts for veterans, our children and the elderly.

For example, the Republican budget fails to provide any specific funding for a Medicare prescription drug benefit. It provides only \$28 billion in new funding over 10 years for all the programs under the jurisdiction of two committees that are responsible for this, for Medicare, the Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Energy and Commerce. From my own home district it would actually translate into \$233.2 million of cuts in Medicare over the next 10 years, and the State of California would lose more than \$18 billion.

Let us take a closer look at the Republican's budget and how it will impact education. Republicans, running on the assumption that every program harbors substantial waste and fraud, are requesting the Committee on Education and the Workforce to cut out \$10 million from their budget. So what is it going to be, school lunch programs for kids or student loans?

We need to be responsible in our budget deliberations.

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COMMUNICATION FROM THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BONNER) laid before the House the following communication from the Attending Physician of the House of Representatives:

U.S. CONGRESS,

Washington, DC, March 12, 2003.

Hon. DENNIS J. HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House, that I have determined that the grand jury subpoena for documents and testimony issued to me by the Superior Court for the District of Columbia is not consistent with the privileges and rights of the House. Accordingly, I have instructed the Office of General Counsel to move to quash the subpoena.

Sincerely,

DR. JOHN EISOLD,
Attending Physician.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR, HUMAN RESOURCES, OFFICE OF CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Kathy A. Wyszynski, Associate Administrator, Human Resources, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer:

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, March 17, 2003.

Hon. DENNIS J. HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to formally notify you, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House, that the Office of Payroll and Benefits has been served with a subpoena duces tecum issued by the Superior Court of San Bernardino County, California.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

KATHY A. WYSZYNSKI,
Associate Administrator, Human Resources.

RESPONSIBILITIES IN WAR AGAINST IRAQ

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. MCINNIS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, Members who were not here during the first Persian Gulf War, the next few days will probably be some of the most serious time that we have served in the House. The consequences of the action of our Nation will be consequences that will go down in history. I think it is a good

time this evening for us to sit back and take a look at what are our responsibilities.

What are our responsibilities as Republicans? What are our responsibilities as Democrats? On what issues should we act in a bipartisan fashion? On what issues should we go out and be willing to stand up for the issues, for the very standards that this country stands for? I think in the next 48 hours or so, our country, it is pretty obvious, will engage in a military conflict; and I think it is for the right reasons.

President Bush's speech last night was simple, not a lot of fancy language. It was straightforward. He did not mince any words; but more than anything else, it was appropriate. It spoke of the responsibility of the Commander in Chief. It spoke of the responsibility of the United States of America. It spoke of the responsibility of the allies and the willing coalition that has the gumption, has the foresight to stand up to one of the most vicious men and one of the most vicious regimes in the history of the world. It is time for us to stand united.

When we speak about responsibility, let us talk about what another President thought about responsibility. Let us talk about Bill Clinton, the former President of the United States. He recognized, and whatever issues Members have with Bill Clinton, he recognized what Iraq was about and what Saddam Hussein was about. Unfortunately, in the last few days I think the former President has violated kind of an unspoken rule and that is past Presidents do not interfere or try to interfere or play politics on foreign matters especially at a time of war. But President Clinton and, of course, former President Jimmy Carter have decided to speak out.

But I want to relate to Members and show exactly what President Clinton recognized; he recognized what the responsibility of this Nation was against the horrible regime of Saddam Hussein. This is what Bill Clinton said about it on February, 18, 1998. President Clinton on Saddam Hussein and Saddam's threat: "What if Saddam Hussein fails to comply and we fail to act, or we take some ambiguous third route which gives him yet more opportunities to develop his program of weapons of mass destruction and continue to ignore the solemn commitments that he made? Well, he will conclude that the international community has lost its will. He will then conclude he can go right on and build an arsenal of devastation and destruction." Bill Clinton 1998.

That President recognized the responsibility of this country, and President Bush and his team at the White House have correctly recognized and stood up for the responsibility of this country and our willing allies. I want to talk about what are the responsibilities of the United Nations; what can the United Nations do and what should we expect from the United Nations; and