

market going up in some cases, not very regularly, and so they get tax cuts because they are in the upper 1 or 2 or 5 percent income brackets. So the economy is going well for them. But unfortunately, it is simply not going well for so many others in this country.

I am not here to criticize and to throw cold water on their birthday party, but what I am here for is to say let us change direction, because those economic plans and programs have clearly not worked. For 3 years, the President has gotten whatever he wanted from this Congress in terms of tax cuts, in terms of cutting spending on education and health care and veterans benefits, but the economy and the country are worse off than they were 3 years ago.

In my State, we have lost one out of six manufacturing jobs since George Bush took office. Let me explain sort of what happened. There is a company in Ohio called Timken, T-I-M-K-E-N. It is a major employer and has been a good company for northeast Ohio and Canton, Ohio. It is President Bush's favorite company everyone says. The CEO of Timken, fourth generation, very wealthy family, are some of George Bush's biggest contributors and fund-raisers. A year ago President Bush came to Timken and spoke to assembled workers and mostly management and applauded the company because the workers are 10 percent more productive, a year ago 10 percent more productive than they were the year before, and congratulations to them and to that company for that.

But then earlier this year, Timken put out a news release saying that they enjoyed record sales for the first quarter, all-time record sales for Timken, and they said that they had a 60-some percent increase in earnings per share from a year ago. A week later Timken announced, we are building another factory in China and we are closing our three factories in Canton where the corporate headquarters is and laying off 1,300 well-paid Ohioans.

So that is what we are seeing. We are seeing on this side of the aisle, my Republican friends sort of parroting what George Bush is saying, saying this economy is really great; and we are hearing people on this side tell stories, with facts backing it up, about how we need change because these policies are not working. Clearly the policies are working if you are in the upper 5 or 10 percent, because corporate profits are up, dividends are up, tax cuts are being enjoyed by the 1 or 2 or 5 percent wealthiest people.

But in the case of so many others, there are more people that are receiving, going to food pantries, there are more people who are seeing their college educations going through the roof, the increases in college tuition, there are more people who have seen their drug benefits pulled back or scaled down or eliminated; and it is time that we take a different direction.

In this country when you criticize, you need to say, what do you do in place? We should pass the Crane-Rangel bill, which will reward American companies that manufacture here rather than abroad; instead of giving tax cuts abroad, pass unemployment benefits, and pass a better prescription drug bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to claim the time of the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. BURTON).

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

There was no objection.

RESTORING FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS TO SPIRITUAL LEADERS OF AMERICA ON POLITICAL AND MORAL ISSUES OF THE DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am on the floor tonight because recently we remembered the 60th anniversary of D-Day, World War II. We remembered, we had Memorial weekend, Memorial Day, and then we had the funeral of President Reagan. I think we all remember the price of freedom from those who served in World War II and in all of our wars; and certainly Mr. Reagan led this great Nation as we tried to create freedom for other countries, and he certainly distinguished himself in that way.

I am here tonight to talk about what I consider a real threat to the morality of America, and that is that the spiritual leaders of this great Nation are prohibited from expressing their first amendment rights to speak out on the moral and political issues of the day.

Many people know the history of this. Some do, some do not. The history is that from the beginning of this great Nation, until 1954, a spiritual leader could speak in his church, synagogue, or mosque on any issue of the day and not feel that there would be any retribution from the Internal Revenue Service. Well, one might say, what do you mean the Internal Revenue Service? Well, in 1954, Lyndon Baines Johnson, a United States Senator, offered an amendment on a revenue bill going through the Senate that was never debated. In fact, the Republican majority accepted Senator Johnson's amendment on unanimous

consent, so there were no hearings, no debate, or anything. And basically what Mr. Johnson was trying to do at that time was the H.L. Hunt family in Texas was adamantly opposed to his reelection, and they had a couple of 301 think tanks, and so he wanted to quiet those think tanks. So, therefore, he put an amendment on a revenue bill going through the Senate that was never debated.

The unintended consequences of Mr. Johnson's amendment was and is the fact that churches that are 501(c)(3)s are prohibited from having any type of sermons that might be interpreted as being political at all. I do not know how one can uphold the teachings in the Bible if one does not talk about certain moral issues of the day.

This Nation was built on Judeo-Christian principles; and if this Nation is going to remain strong, then it must remember the Judeo-Christian principles that are the foundation of this great Nation.

The reason I wanted to come to the floor tonight, Mr. Speaker, is the fact that the bishop of Colorado Springs issued a pastoral letter to all of the Catholics in his diocese, and I will submit this entire letter for the RECORD.

The reason I bring this tonight to the floor is that the Bishop Sheridan of Colorado Springs has a responsibility to the teachings of Jesus Christ as well as the teachings of the Pope. Being a Catholic leader, he does feel very strongly about the pro-life issue; he does feel very strongly about stem cell research; he does feel strongly about euthanasia, the protection of our elderly. So he issued this pastoral letter reminding the Catholics in his diocese that in this year's election they should look carefully at those running for political office.

Now, he did not mention Democrat or Republican, he did not mention anything of that nature or the name of the candidates. But what he did was to issue this pastoral letter. And then Barry Lynn, who is the leader of the Americans for Separation of Church and State, noted in his letter of complaint to the Internal Revenue Service that Bishop Sheridan used "code words." Code words like pro-choice, pro-life, liberal, conservative, Democrat or Republican.

Mr. Speaker, this bothers me in this great Nation that we would have an agency that because of the Johnson amendment is to enforce the law, but this was not part of the Johnson amendment. There is nothing in the Johnson amendment that talks about code words. That was an administrative decision by the Internal Revenue Service that if you as a religious leader, whether you be Protestant, Catholic, Jew, or Muslim, if you have these types of sermons and you might mention these words like pro-life or pro-choice, then you could have your 501(c)(3) status jeopardized.

Mr. Speaker, I am of the firm belief that this Nation, I do not believe that