

are created. These jobs go not just to scientists but to research assistants, electricians, technicians and construction workers.

We need to provide a comprehensive set of jobs in this package so that our new roads and bridges built with the funds lead to research facilities and high tech start-up companies that will provide the foundation for the economy of the 21st century.

The ideal project is one that keeps on giving, and that is exactly what scientific research projects do. In his inaugural address, President Obama said, "We will restore science to its rightful place." The legislation we have been considering places science in an important place in short-term job creation and long-term economic growth.

HONORING THE WOMEN OF TOMORROW MENTOR AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I would like to commend a wonderful organization in my congressional district, the Women of Tomorrow Mentor and Scholarship Program. Founded in 1997 by veteran TV journalist, Jennifer Valoppi, and Telemundo President Don Browne, the program has been a pioneer institution for inspiring at-risk young women to achieve their fullest potential through education and job training.

The participants of the Women of Tomorrow program receive mentoring and guidance from highly accomplished professional women in our community. These women share their experiences and techniques for achieving academic and professional success, and their efforts bear fruit, as the high school graduation rate of Women of Tomorrow participants is 90 percent, well over the national average.

Thanks to the Women of Tomorrow organization, under the leadership of its executive director, Bianca Erickson, countless at-risk teenagers are given the encouragement to dream big for the future. Nearly all of the program's high school graduates pursue a college education.

I am grateful to all the individuals who have dedicated their time to this tremendous organization, and I ask that the names of the board of directors be inserted in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD: Dr. Diane Walder, Marisa Toccin, Donna Feldman, Jamie Byington, Judge Judith Kreeger, Betty Amos, Katherine Fernandez-Rundle, Don Browne and Jennifer Valoppi.

THE GOVERNMENT'S TRIPLE BOGEY

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, we are being told by the administra-

tion that unless America plays this stimulus package game, "the country may never recover." Once again the politics of fear and intimidation are on Capitol Hill.

If we open up this \$835 billion package and look inside, we see all types of goodies for special interest groups that is nothing more than government waste.

There are millions in the package for grant money for neighborhood electrical vehicles that go to government workers. Here's one of these \$7,500 vehicles right here. It looks like a golf cart to me. Why should the taxpayer be forced to buy these contraptions?

Does anyone really think this will help the economy?

Well, the taxpayers are yelling "fore" while being left out in the rough, and Congress keeps adding strokes to the scorecard.

This bill is supposed to get the economy back on the fairway, but it's just one bogey after another.

Want to stimulate the economy? Let Americans keep more of their own money.

No golf carts for government workers. The government is millions of strokes over par by playing this stimulus game.

And that's just the way it is.

WHAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW

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

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, the American people should know the \$800 billion stimulus bill is not the only spending bill coming. In 2 weeks, we will consider a \$410 billion omnibus with 4,000 earmarks in it, followed by a \$100 billion supplemental. Americans should know that these three spending bills will trigger a need to borrow \$2.6 trillion in just the next few months. That's five times more than the United States has ever borrowed.

Each taxpayer now owes \$56,000 on this debt, and after these bills pass, you will owe \$76,000 each. The cost of this debt will rip the cost of a college education from each family.

Last week I was the first Member of Congress to bother even to visit the Bureau of Debt. They will attempt to borrow \$2.6 trillion over the next few months to try to pay for these three spending bills.

ASSISTANCE FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

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

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, America faces an unambiguously dramatic economic downturn. And Americans are hurting in this very difficult economic time.

But Republicans in the House are still waiting for an opportunity to

bring our ideas for economic recovery to the table. So far we've been shut out of negotiations. For instance, Republicans have proposed real assistance for the unemployed by slashing Federal taxes on unemployment benefits, but our suggestions for economic recovery have been ignored.

The result? A bill that does little to stimulate the economy and lots to stimulate the Federal Government and our national debt.

We must pass a bill that helps struggling workers get back on their feet, and that encourages entrepreneurs, the real engines for job creation, to take risks again.

Madam Speaker, we cannot borrow and spend our way back to prosperity.

SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO STIMULATE OUR ECONOMY

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

Mr. SHUSTER. President Obama said that something must be done to stimulate our economy, and I wholeheartedly agree. Unfortunately, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle must have thought President Obama said spend \$1 trillion of our children's and grandchildren's money on programs that drive up the national debt and do little to stimulate the economy.

The fact is, little of the dollars spent in the Democratic stimulus actually creates jobs. But for every \$1 billion we spend on infrastructure, 30,000 jobs are created; however, the Democrat stimulus package has less than 10 percent that they are spending on a proven job creator.

Instead of accepting a bill that is long on waste and short on substance, House Republicans have an alternative that provides lasting long-term tax breaks to help hardworking families, home buyers and small businesses through these difficult times.

Basic economics teaches us that high Federal spending will dramatically increase inflation.

Madam Speaker, the American people do not need Congress to add to their list of economic problems. We must address the true problems at hand and fix our economic crisis, not quench the Democrats' thirst for more big government.

The Republican approach will work to pull our economy out of this recession. It's time to put politics aside and put Americans first. It's time to adopt the Republican alternative.

DEFICIT SPENDING

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

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, last night I sat here for much of an hour listening to Democratic colleagues across the aisle decrying how terrible deficit spending was. And the tax cuts brought us record revenue into the U.S.