

possibly provide, helping them help their families and their employees provide stability in their health care situation.

#### WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

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

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, as I travel across my district, whether I'm talking to our good farmers, small business owners or manufacturers, what they're asking me is, What are you doing to bring back jobs to Ohio? What are you doing to save jobs? What are you doing to turn this economy around?

Mr. Speaker, the stimulus bill certainly has not yet improved our economy. This chart next to me shows what the administration projected would happen with unemployment numbers as a result of the stimulus. And what's really happening, as you can see, the dark line is what would happen with the stimulus package; the light line without the stimulus package; and most importantly, this dotted line, which is what's really happening and that is skyrocketing unemployment.

In Ohio our unemployment rate has reached 11.1 percent in June, the highest it's been in decades; and this is unacceptable. Now if we don't do this health care reform package correctly, it could hurt small businesses and may cost jobs. We're going in the wrong direction.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you, Where are the jobs?

#### WE MUST PASS HEALTH CARE REFORM NOW

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

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because we cannot wait another moment to pass health reform. We need health care, and we need it now. The American people cannot wait. Health care delayed is health care denied. It is our moral obligation to lead the way. Every day that we wait, 14,000 Americans lose their health insurance. People losing their health, their homes or their very lives because our health system does not work for them. This is not right. It is not just. It is not fair.

And we can do better. We can do much better. At the March on Washington 46 years ago, I said, "They tell us to wait. They tell us to be patient." We cannot wait. We cannot be patient. I say, today, we want health care reform, and we want it now. We must answer the call of history and pass health care reform, and pass it now.

#### 100,000 SUPPORT HOUSE RESOLUTION 615

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

Mr. FLEMING. Mr. Speaker, a couple of weeks ago I launched House Resolution 615 that simply says that if you vote for a government-run system, you should be willing to sign up for it. So far I've had a number of Republicans sign up, but not one Democrat. Since launching H. Res. 615 that calls for Members of Congress to sign up for government health care if they vote for it, it has received tremendous grassroots response. We now have over 100,000 Americans who have signed up in support, and the signatures represent all 50 States with supporters of the bill adamant about its demand for accountability of congressional lawmakers to the people.

This message has resonated across America for one simple reason, and the people of this country are sick and tired of being the victims of bad laws while their elected Representatives are exempt from the same laws. It is obvious that nobody in Washington wants for themselves a bureaucrat standing between them and their doctor, nor an expensive, inefficient health care delivery system, and certainly not to be abandoned when thought to be too sick, too old or too expensive to care for.

So why should Americans? I ask that Americans continue to hold us accountable by signing up to support House Resolution 615 by going to my Web site at [fleming.house.gov](http://fleming.house.gov).

#### YOU CAN'T BEAT SOMETHING WITH NOTHING

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

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, our current health care system—and it really is not a system—is not up to the standards of America. I want to address the issue of cost. Our wages have been going down a black hole of health care costs. Health care costs are rising two to three times faster than our wages. If we want to know why we're having trouble making ends meet, it's because our money is going into health care much faster than our wages are improving.

Now what does the other party have to solve this problem? Nothing. We are offering some suggestions on ways to have higher quality health care costs, reduce the cost, and reduce the rate of medical inflation. There is one principle that we ought to have on a bipartisan basis: you can't beat something with nothing. I am encouraging our Members across the aisle to join us to bring change to this system so we can restrain the rate on medical inflation and pass health care reform.

#### NO LOAN GUARANTEES TO CONSTRUCT THE AMERICAN CENTRIFUGE PROJECT IN PIKETON, OHIO

(Mrs. SCHMIDT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask a simple question: Where are the jobs? My constituents along with folks from all over Ohio and the Nation want to know where are the jobs. In my home State of Ohio, unemployment has risen to more than 11 percent. We have the seventh highest in the Nation. Every single county in my district has unemployment equal to or higher than the national average, and Pike and Adams Counties have above 15 percent.

Last night I was given even more devastating news: the Department of Energy has determined that it will not provide loan guarantees to construct the American Centrifuge Project in Piketon, Ohio. While campaigning last fall, then-candidate Obama pledged to support those loan guarantees. He wrote, "Under my administration, energy programs that promote safe and environmentally sound technologies and are domestically produced, such as the enrichment facility in Ohio, will have my full support. I will work with the Department of Energy to help make loan guarantees available for this." I guess that promise is equivalent to the promise to save or create 3 million jobs.

Mr. Speaker, I am asking you, Where are the jobs?

#### LET'S COME TOGETHER TO REFORM HEALTH CARE

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, let me tell you very clearly: Medicare in 1965 saved lives. Can you believe it has been six decades, 60 years, since we have been able to come together around the common goal of getting a public option with health care reform? Now six decades later, America has debated this broken system, but we're closer than we've ever been before, and the American people understand 83 percent, high numbers. They want a public health insurance option. They get it.

Premiums have doubled over 9 years. You ask yourself the question, Can I afford to pay \$1,800 a year more every year for a family of four? Health care reform will keep Americans from financial ruin. Go to the bankruptcy courts. Catastrophic illnesses have shoved Americans into these courts. They've lost all that they have. We have to stop it now. We want to leave doctors in charge of their patients and not the insurance companies, whose main opportunity is to say, N-O, no.

The American people get it. The public health insurance option, that is what we're doing; and we're doing it now.