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ECONOMIC GROWTH DEADLINE

"ZERO CONGRESS" PRODUCES ZERO GROWTH, ZERO JOBS, LOTS OF TAXES

TODAY IS D-DAY FOR CONGRESS. TODAY, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL FIND OUT IF CONGRESS CAN MEET A SIMPLE DEADLINE. TODAY OUR CALENDAR COMES UP ZERO. AND FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, CONGRESS IS COMING UP WITH A BIG GOOSE EGG, TOO.

53 DAYS AGO, PRESIDENT BUSH ISSUED A REASONABLE CHALLENGE TO CONGRESS: PASS AN ECONOMIC GROWTH PACKAGE THAT DOESN'T BUST THE BUDGET AND DOESN'T RAISE TAXES. THAT CHALLENGE SOUNDS EASY ENOUGH, ALTHOUGH JUDGING BY ALL THE TROUBLE SOME MEMBERS HAVE BEEN HAVING BALANCING THEIR CHECKBOOKS, MAYBE IT WAS TOO MUCH TO ASK AFTER ALL.

THE TRUTH IS, FOR THE PAST 53 DAYS, WHEN CONGRESS COULD HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH THE PRESIDENT TO GET THE JOB DONE, DEMOCRATS WERE WORKING AGAINST HIM EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

FOR THE PAST 53 DAYS, INSTEAD OF SURPRISING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WITH RESPONSIBLE ACTION, DEMOCRATS HAVE DEMONSTRATED ONCE AGAIN THAT THEIR ONLY ANSWER TO EVERY ECONOMIC CHALLENGE IS A TAX INCREASE. NOW, THEY MAY CALL IT "FAIRNESS", OR A "MIDDLE CLASS TAX CUT", BUT WHEN WORKING AND EARNING AMERICA SEES THE DEMOCRATS' TAX BILL THEY'LL CALL IT SOMETHING ELSE -- A DISASTER.

\$78 BILLION DOLLAR TAX HIKE

SO IT'S TIME FOR SOME TRUTH IN ADVERTISING: DEMOCRATS CAN TALK ALL THEY WANT ABOUT HELPING THE MIDDLE CLASS, BUT MOST AMERICANS KNOW BETTER WHEN THEY SEE A \$78 BILLION TAX HIKE COMING THEIR WAY.

DEMOCRATS CAN TALK ALL THEY WANT ABOUT SOCKING IT TO THE RICH, BUT MOST AMERICANS WON'T BE FOOLED WHEN THEY FIND OUT THE DEMOCRATS HAVE NOW KILLED ONE OF THE BEST FEATURES OF PRESIDENT BUSH'S 7-POINT PACKAGE -- THE \$5,000 TAX CREDIT FOR FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS. HOW IS THAT FAIRNESS? APPARENTLY SOME DEMOCRATS BELIEVE THAT BUYING A NEW HOME SHOULDN'T BE PART OF THE AMERICAN DREAM ANYMORE, AT LEAST IF YOU'RE IN THE MIDDLE CLASS. OF COURSE, THE RICH DON'T NEED INCENTIVES TO BUY A NEW HOUSE, BUT THE MIDDLE CLASS COULD SURE USE A \$5,000 TAX BREAK. BUT NO, IF YOU'RE IN THE MIDDLE CLASS, THE DEMOCRATS WANT YOU TO STAY PUT -- DON'T MOVE OUT, OR MOVE UP.

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TAXING AMERICA'S EMPLOYERS

THE DEMOCRATS MAY TALK ABOUT STIMULATING THE ECONOMY, BUT BUSINESSMEN AND WOMEN WON'T BE TOO STIMULATED WHEN THEY FIND OUT THAT 80% OF THE DEMOCRATS TAX HIKE IS ABOUT TO BREAK THEIR BACKS. MORE THAN 80% OF THE REVENUE COMES RIGHT OF THE POCKETS OF SMALL BUSINESS. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE ARE THE PEOPLE OUT IN THE REAL WORLD CREATING JOBS, KEEPING THE DOORS OPEN AND KEEPING PEOPLE OFF THE UNEMPLOYMENT LINES. THE DEMOCRATS SAY THEY'RE GOING AFTER WALL STREET, BUT WHAT THEY'RE REALLY DOING IS HELPING CLOSE DOWN MAIN STREET.

WHEN THE HOUSE DEMOCRATS PROUDLY UNVEILED THEIR TAX BILL, THEY CLAIMED IT WOULD HELP 90 MILLION AMERICANS. NOW, ON D-DAY, THEY SAY IT WILL HELP 78 MILLION. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE 12 MILLION AMERICANS THEY DON'T WANT TO HELP ANYMORE? LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE JUST BEEN KICKED OUT OF THE MIDDLE CLASS.

PROTECTING THE "RULING CLASS"

LET'S FACE IT, THESE NUMBERS AREN'T IMPORTANT. THE ONLY NUMBER THAT REALLY COUNTS IS 324, THE NUMBER OF DEMOCRAT INCUMBENTS ON CAPITOL HILL. WHEN DEMOCRATS PLAY THEIR CLASS WARFARE CARD, THEY'RE NOT OUT TO PROTECT THE MIDDLE CLASS, WHETHER IT'S 90 MILLION OR 78 MILLION OR WHATEVER, THEY'RE OUT TO PROTECT THE "RULING CLASS", THE 324 DEMOCRAT INCUMBENTS ON CAPITOL HILL.

BUT THE RULING CLASS STILL DOESN'T GET IT. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE FED-UP WITH THE RULING CLASS AND ITS BIG TAX, SELF-PROTECTION AGENDA.

THAT'S WHAT VOTERS SAID THIS WEEK IN ILLINOIS AND MICHIGAN - - BY ALMOST TWO-TO-ONE MARGINS, DEMOCRATIC VOTERS SAID THEY WERE MORE INTERESTED IN GROWTH INCENTIVES THAN SOME KIND OF DOLLAR-A-DAY TAX CUT.

ZERO

NOW, THE DEMOCRATS WILL TELL YOU THEY'VE MET THE DEADLINE. BUT THE FACT IS, THEY NEVER LEFT THE STARTING LINE. AS THE CALENDAR HITS ZERO, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE KNOW WHAT CONGRESS HAS REALLY PRODUCED -- ZERO. ZERO GROWTH, ZERO JOBS, BUT LOTS OF EXCUSES, AND EVEN MORE TAXES.

IT'S LITTLE WONDER CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL RATINGS ARE HITTING ALL TIME LOWS -- AT THIS RATE, THEY'LL BE PRETTY CLOSE TO ZERO, TOO. LET'S FACE IT, ZERO IS WHAT THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO CALL A CONGRESS THAT HAS PUT TAXES FIRST AND AMERICA LAST.

SO, I HOPE THE "ZERO CONGRESS" WILL TAKE A CLOSE LOOK AT THIS BIG ZERO AND UNDERSTAND THAT THE PRESIDENT, AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, DESERVE BETTER.

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