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GOP AMENDMENT SUPPORTS DEFENSIBLE SPENDING & PAYS FOR IT: AMERICAN PEOPLE COUNTING ON GRIDLOCK TO PROTECT THEM FROM "GREED-LOCK"

THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF DOUBLE-TALK LATELY ABOUT THIS SO-CALLED "JOBS" BILL.

WELL, LET ME TELL THE AMERICAN PEOPLE EXACTLY WHAT THIS BILL REALLY STANDS FOR: IT STANDS FOR EVERYTHING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE VOTED AGAINST LAST YEAR; IT'S EVERYTHING THEY DETEST ABOUT WASHINGTON -- BIG DEFICITS, BIG SPENDING AND BIG PROMISES FROM A CONGRESS THAT STILL REFUSES TO EXERCISE A LITTLE DISCIPLINE WHEN IT COMES TO SPENDING THE TAXPAYERS HARDEARNED DOLLARS.

THAT'S NOT "CHANGE". THAT'S SHORT-CHANGING THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. IF YOU'RE LOOKING TO STIMULATE THE DEFICIT, VOTE FOR THIS BILL.

EMERGENCY FOR THE TAXPAYERS

OF COURSE, THIS IS NOT A JOBS BILL. OH, IT DOES PROVIDE SOME TEMPORARY MAKE-WORK JOBS, BUT THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS PACKAGE THAT WILL CREATE LONGTERM JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICANS LOOKING FOR REAL JOBS AND REAL HOPE.

SOME OF THE DOUBLE-TALK WE'VE HEARD LATELY HAS ALSO TRIED TO DESCRIBE THIS BILL AS SOME KIND OF "EMERGENCY". WELL, IT IS AN EMERGENCY -- IT'S AN EMERGENCY FOR THE TAXPAYERS; AND IT'S AN EMERGENCY FOR OUR ECONOMY, WHICH CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE DEFICIT SPENDING BY THE WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS.

IN MY OPINION, A VIBRANT PRIVATE SECTOR WILL CREATE FAR MORE GOOD, LASTING JOBS THAN THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN TO SEND A \$19 BILLION I.O.U. TO FUTURE GENERATIONS OF AMERICANS.

THE GRIDLOCK GIMMICK

THE CLEVER SALESMEN BEHIND THIS PLAN'S FALSE ADVERTISING HAVE ALSO TRIED TO HIDE THE TRUTH BEHIND THE "GRIDLOCK" GIMMICK. WELL, LET'S MAKE ONE THING CLEAR -- WHEN IT COMES TO WASTING ANOTHER \$19 BILLION, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE COUNTING ON GRIDLOCK TO SAVE THEM FROM THE TAX AND SPEND CROWD THAT CAN'T WAIT TO GET THEIR HANDS ON THE TAXPAYERS' WALLETS.

HOWEVER, WHILE MY REPUBLICAN COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH MUCH OF THE PRESIDENT'S PACKAGE, WE ARE READY TO OFFER AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN THAT CONTAINS THE BETTER ELEMENTS, AND SAVES THE TAXPAYERS FROM HAVING TO PAY FOR ALL THOSE SWIMMING POOLS, GYMNASIUMS AND THAT INFAMOUS "ICE SKATING WARMING HUT".

REPUBLICANS SUPPORT KEY ELEMENTS

OUR PLAN INCLUDES SUPPORT FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, SUMMER JOBS, IMMUNIZATION, AND HIGHWAY AND MASS TRANSIT FUNDING. THESE FIVE ITEMS ARE ALL EITHER TIME SENSITIVE, GENUINELY CREATE JOBS,

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OR ARE LEGITIMATELY NEEDED.

THIS LEANER, MEANER ALTERNATIVE PUTS THE GOVERNMENT ON A HEALTHIER DIET BY CUTTING OUT THE PORK AND THE FAT -- NO PORK, NO POLITICAL FAVORS, NO FOOLING AROUND WITH THE TAXPAYERS DOLLARS. I HOPE MY DEMOCRATIC COLLEAGUES WILL EMBRACE THIS PACKAGE. FORGET THE GRIDLOCK GIMMICK. WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS "GREED-LOCK," THE WASTEFUL PORK BARREL PROPOSALS THAT HAVE PUT THIS TERRIBLE BILL IN JEOPARDY, WHICH IS EXACTLY WHERE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE HOPING WE PUT IT.

OUR ALTERNATIVE SUPPORTS SUMMER JOBS, IMMUNIZATION, HIGHWAY AND MASS TRANSIT FUNDING -- AND HERE'S THE BEST PART -- AND IT PAYS FOR THEM WITH ACROSS THE BOARD CUTS IN GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. IT'S A FAIR AND EQUITABLE WAY TO PAY FOR PROGRAMS.

IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT FUNDING TO EXTEND UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION WILL NOT BE OFFSET ELSEWHERE IN THIS AMENDMENT. THAT IS BECAUSE THE MOST RECENT EXTENSION BILL PASSED BY CONGRESS CONSIDERS ALL FUNDING TO EXTEND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS EMERGENCY SPENDING. I VOTED AGAINST THIS APPROACH, BUT IN THIS CASE, I HAVE LITTLE CHOICE BUT TO ABIDE BY THE STATUTE PASSED BY THE MAJORITY OF MY COLLEAGUES.

STOP DIALING LEGISLATIVE "911"

LET'S FACE IT, DIALING THE LEGISLATIVE EQUIVALENT OF "911" HAS BECOME A MAJOR LOOPHOLE THAT NEEDS TO BE CLOSED. EVERYONE IN THIS CHAMBER KNOWS THAT SIMPLY SLAPPING THE "EMERGENCY" LABEL ON CLEARLY QUESTIONABLE SPENDING IN A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL WON'T STOP IT FROM ADDING TO THE DEFICIT. IF WE NEED SOMETHING, WE SHOULD BE HONEST ENOUGH TO PAY FOR IT WITHIN THE SPENDING CAPS SET IN THE 1990 BUDGET AGREEMENT.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE DEMANDING CHANGE AND AN END TO BUSINESS-AS-USUAL. WHAT BETTER WAY TO GIVE IT TO THEM THAN BY PAYING FOR NEW SPENDING RATHER THAN TAKING THE EASY WAY OUT AND JACKING UP THE DEFICIT.

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