

Obama administration wants some of those taxes to increase. I think that that would inflict a body blow to our economy and prolong this recovery.

A recent study by the accounting firm Ernst & Young finds raising these taxes would cause the estimated loss of 700,000 jobs, wages would be reduced by 1.8 percent, and our economy would shrink by 1.3 percent.

My State of New Hampshire relies heavily on small businesses; they are the backbone of our economy. This tax hike would hit small businesses especially hard because at least 75 percent pay their taxes as individuals.

I think of the many job creators in my district, such as Hampshire Fire Protection in Londonderry. They face enough challenges without Washington imposing higher taxes and that burden on their small business. With the Nation's unemployment at 8.2 percent, we simply cannot afford to lose an additional 700,000 jobs. That is why I say we must stop this tax hike, Mr. Speaker.

#### AMERICA LOST A TRUE HERO

(Mrs. DAVIS of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, we lost a true hero in Sally Ride. Dr. Ride was a constituent, and I recall my excitement in first meeting her years ago.

At the age of 32, Sally K. Ride broke her first barrier when she flew on the space shuttle Challenger in 1983. She was the first American woman ever to fly in space. But her journey didn't end there. She went back to space in 1984, and later on became director of the California Space Institute at UCSC, as well as a professor of physics.

She was a trailblazer in every sense of the word. She cracked open the door for women to enter the fields of science and engineering and helped inspire countless young girls to follow in her footsteps. I think of what it will mean to my granddaughter Jane to see her in our history books.

Dr. Ride will be missed by all those who knew her and all those whom she touched and will continue to reach with her courage, her determination, and fearless spirit.

#### FARM BILL

(Mrs. NOEM asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. NOEM. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to bring up a subject today that's on the minds of people all across this country, and this is the drought that is hitting so many people and our economy.

I was recently in the northwest corner of South Dakota and had the chance to drive all the way across the State and visit with producers and communities that have been hit so hard. I'll tell you the facts are clear. We have feed shortages, stock dams are

going dry, and there are escalating feed costs that are hitting our producers every single day.

Our livestock producers undeniably take a great risk. They don't have the crop insurance programs that many of our commodity producers do have and that protects them and gives them a safety net. That's why our livestock disaster programs are so important.

I was proud of the fact that I introduced legislation that reauthorized this bill's programs earlier this year and that they were included in the committee version of the farm bill that came through the House Ag Committee earlier. That's why it's so important that we get our farm bill work done and that we bring it to the House floor and have a vote so that our livestock producers truly can have a safety net that our commodity producers already enjoy.

#### INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE

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

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. Speaker, this week, Washington plays host to the International AIDS Conference, a conference that brings together activists, scientists, and people living with HIV to mourn those millions who have been lost to that disease around this world but also to celebrate some very real progress made against that disease.

HIV is no longer a death sentence for those who are diagnosed. That's a very large accomplishment that the U.S. Government can claim some credit for through research at NIH, CDC, small things like the fact that the city of Washington can be host because the President's administration lifted the travel ban on people with HIV.

Mr. Speaker, there is also something for us to learn. The Bush administration—which I didn't always agree with—also can take enormous credit for PEPFAR, a program which saved millions of lives in Africa and Asia and which earned us the respect and the love of people around this planet. We should learn from that, to work together to end this disease, to make sure that those with it are treated and that we prevent it and ultimately end it. That should be our goal.

#### FEDERAL RESERVE TRANSPARENCY ACT

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

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as an original cosponsor of the Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2011, authored by my colleague from Texas, RON PAUL. I commend Congressman PAUL for his years of diligence in pursuing this issue. It has long since been time for the Federal Reserve to commit to an audit.

This legislation requires the Comptroller General to complete an audit of the Federal Reserve Board of Governors and of the Federal Reserve Bank. Many of my constituents have been calling and writing and asking me for this significant new transparency of the Federal Reserve. I agree with them on the urgent need for accountability. This legislation is an important step forward in achieving that goal.

I urge all of my colleagues to join me in supporting the Federal Reserve Transparency Act.

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#### LOOK AT WHAT'S REALLY IN THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Now that it's the law of the land, it's time for everyone in the country to take a deep breath and look at what really is in the Affordable Care Act, ObamaCare.

If you're a senior citizen, you're now receiving a 50 percent discount on brand name drugs if you fall into what is called the doughnut hole, the Medicare prescription drug coverage gap.

If you're a woman, you now have free coverage of lifesaving preventive services such as mammograms; and beginning on August 1, free coverage is going to include many additional preventive care services, so take a good look at that.

If you're a parent, if you have children under age 19, they cannot be denied coverage by an insurance company because they have a preexisting condition.

And if you're a young adult, you can now stay on your parents' health care plan until your 26th birthday, which is really important if you don't have a job that has health insurance coverage.

And if you're a small business owner, like my son is, there are millions now of eligible small business owners that are receiving tax credits if you choose to offer coverage to your employees.

So take a look. It's really good for most Americans.

#### MD ANDERSON CANCER CENTER THE BEST IN THE WORLD

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, last week I met with Dr. Loretta Williams, an oncology nurse from MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas. For 30 years, Dr. Williams has provided care to cancer patients, whether they have battled the disease for years or they are just beginning that fight. I was impressed by her compassion and her dedication.

People like Dr. Williams are why MD Anderson is the greatest cancer center in the world, named the top hospital