

Floor Statement

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“Where are the Jobs?”

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Mr. Speaker, my state of Georgia now has an unemployment rate in excess of 10%. As you've heard other states are in worse condition. We are asking today the question “Where are the jobs”? We've spent millions and billions and perhaps even now trillions of dollars throwing money at the problem and yet the job losses continue. The legislative agenda that has been adopted by this administration and by this House has primarily two pieces of legislation. First is the Cap and Trade, a bill that is setting us on a path that has already been followed by some of our European countries, Spain in particular. They set out on this path of green jobs over a decade ago. The result is 17 ½ % unemployment, the green bubble burst, and for every job they created they lost 2.2 jobs. The second major approach of this House has been the new healthcare reform bill. A bill that will tax employers 8% of their payroll amounts if they do not provide health insurance for their employees. What does that mean? New jobs? No, it means losing jobs that we already have. Mr. Speaker it is appropriate to ask... “Where are the jobs?”