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## Our Economic Recovery Is Stuck in the Senate

House Speaker John Boehner

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This week, as summer comes to a close, members of the House and Senate will return to Washington. But perhaps only one legislative body can accurately claim to be returning to work. While Democrats in the Senate have been dragging their feet this Congress, the House of Representatives has been busy proposing and passing solutions to America's most pressing problems.

In the last year and a half, the House has passed more than 40 bills aimed at creating jobs, supporting wage earners, and easing the financial pains that working families all over America are suffering with in President Obama's economy. Where are these bills now? They are stuck in the Senate. Why they are stuck, is a question for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

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These bills are not thousands of pages long, nor are they partisan attempts to slam massive, new, and unwanted federal government programs down the throats of the American people. We all remember the disaster that became Obamacare. Passing something before we know what's in it may be the Pelosi Doctrine, but it's certainly not a transparent way to govern.

Instead these common-sense jobs bills, many of them bipartisan, are aimed at strengthening small businesses, allowing working moms and dads to keep more of their wages, and helping our seniors and our veterans. But instead of working with Republicans on the American people's priorities in September, Senator Reid will instead focus on his obsession with the Koch brothers. This obsession is costing our economy jobs and has turned the United States Senate into a legislative graveyard.

The president likes to remind Americans he may use his fancy pen and phone, threatening undesired executive action. But if he really wants to use his pen to make

progress on any number of these issues, then he should pick up the phone and start dialing Harry Reid's number and tell him to allow a vote on these jobs bills. We have plenty for him to sign.

Even though the president and his party in the Senate have not been willing to deal with us, Republicans will continue to work and pass meaningful legislation this month.

Our American Solutions package will include several bills focused on creating jobs and kick-starting our economy.

Americans are looking for answers to the problems they face, and our solutions will help them find work, lower the cost of living, and restore opportunities.

This common sense legislation deserves to become law, but the House cannot do it alone. We need willing partners in the President and the leadership in the Senate. We also cannot afford any more delays. The Congressional Budget Office recently reported that our economy would grow by just 1.5 percent this year, much slower than

the Obama administration predicted. On top of that, 7.5 million workers remain in part time jobs while wanting a full time job, and a large majority of Americans believe we are headed in the wrong direction.

We do not have to wait until after Election Day to work together. If the administration and Senate Democrats change course, we can begin to make a real difference for American families right now.

This September the House will focus on providing solutions to address the American people's priorities, and that means jobs. It is time for the White House and Senate Democrats to put politics aside and start putting people first. They can start by following the House's lead.


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**Mary** · 6 days ago

Are you kidding me!!! You and the other Republicans can been sitting on your collective a\*\*es for years! Don't blame the President for your shortcomings.

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**Frugalone** → Mary · 6 days ago

He is blaming Senator Reid for sitting on these bills and not bringing them up for a vote. He is asking President Obama to pick up the phone and call Senator to act on these bills. Guess, Pres. Obama does not want to work with the House unless it is 100% of what he wants. We have far too many regulations and taxes on businesses and citizens.

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**Camelwalking** → Mary · 6 days ago

Mary, \*\*\*("ALL OF AMERICA's PROBLEMS")\*\*\* are 100% BARRACK HUSSEIN OBAMA aka ("BARRY SOETORO") FAULT. OBAMA is a HABITUAL LYING AZZ, EXTREMELY CROOKED, EXTREMELY WEAK, EXTREMELY INCOMPETENT, LAME DUCK, FORMER HOMOSEXUAL, RACIST, DEMAGOGUE, IDEOLOGUE, ANTI-CHRIST, ANTI SEMITE, UN-AMERICAN, MUSLIM SYMPATHIZER, SCANDALOUS, SOCIALIST, COWARD, WHO is on a MISSION to \*\*\*("DESTROY AMERICA & AMERICA's INFRASTRUCTURE")\*\*\*. MARY, YOU SHOULD FEEL \*\*\*("EXTREMELY DUMB and on a MENTAL RETARDATION LEVEL")\*\*\*, for VOTING & ELECTING THIS TYRANT OBAMA TWICE. LMAO.

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\*\*\*("GOOD DAY MR. SPEAKER, CONGRESS, & WELCOME BACK")\*\*\*, ATTN: \*\*\*("ALL OF AMERICA")\*\*\*, YOU WILL HAVE THE \*\*\* (PRIVILEGE)\*\*\* to \*\*\*("TAKE BACK AMERICA")\*\*\*, From BARRACK HUSSEIN OBAMA aka ("BARRY SOETORO") & HIS ENTIRE SOCIALIST REGIME of DEMOCRATS in THE UPCOMING NOVEMBER 4th, 2014 MID-TERM ELECTIONS BY \*\*\*("VOTING EVERY DEMOCRAT WHO is RUNNING for RELECTIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY \*\*\*("OUT OF THEIR SEATS")\*\*\*, & ESPECIALLY in THE 2016 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. SO GET OUT OF YOUR GEOGRAPHICAL AREA's \*\*\* ("AMERICA")\*\*\* & \*\*\*("VOTE: REPUBLICAN")\*\*\* on NOVEMBER 4th, 2014 in ORDER to \*\*\*("TAKE BACK AMERICA")\*\*\*. \*\*\*("AMERICA")\*\*\*, THE \*\*\*("REPUBLICANS")\*\*\* are THE \*\*\*("ONLY ONES")\*\*\* WHO CAN \*\*\*("RESTORE AMERICA BACK to HER GLORY of HONOR, RESPECT for OUR LAWS, & U.S. CONSTITUTION")\*\*\*, with a \*\*\*("U.S. BALANCED BUDGET, BORDER SECURITY, IMMIGRATION REFORM, TAX REFORM, AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE wt. (LOWER PREMIUMS & DEDUCTABLES, ALLOWED to REMAIN on PARENTS PLAN UNTIL AGE 26, ALLOWED to HAVE PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS, ALLOWED to

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**Marilyn Loscombe** → Sergey Molchanov · 4 days ago

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**Frugalone** → Sergey Molchanov · 6 days ago

English please!

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**Sergey Molchanov** → Frugalone · 5 days ago

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**Disgusted with DC/Give US Hope** → Frugalone · 6 days ago

Google translator says it's Russian, FYI.

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**Sergey Molchanov** → Disgusted with DC/Give US Hope · 2 days ago

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**Danny** · 3 days ago

I agree with the majority of you, if everyone could just put there pride and politics aside then we can all witness the America that we know turn back to its roots of the most greatest nation on earth. But if a kingdom fights against it's self, then how can it stand? God speed to all.

Shalom.. PEACE

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**Thankfulnote** · 5 days ago

Boehner is exactly correct. Pelosi's Doctrine of Huge Bills (ex, Obamacare) is irresponsible. There is no excuse to not write small bills.

IMO, Sen. Harry Reid's "issue" is not the Koch Brothers. Koch Brothers are Reid's excuse for being obstructive.

IMO, Sen. Harry Reid is racist and through his obstruction of only allowing a few bills to be voted by the Senate, leaves a poor legacy for President Obama.

There will be nothing that takes time for students to study or what Obama did. There is very little legacy for the first Black POTUS.

Why are Senators allowed to be racist to the point of obstructing the business of the people and cutting short the legacy of President Obama for six years? NOT RIGHT.

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**Paul Sa** · 6 days ago

Government by and for people: transparent way to govern with clear legislature - decision-making organization, transparent national government, see-through laws, transparent society. Transparency aids the combat against exploitation and dishonesty, for justice and truth, with good reforms for common sense, economic policy virtuous and moral.

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**Emk1000** · 6 days ago

The fact that you're not even trying to describe or explain all your great proposals says it all. It is exactly black and white blogs like this that created the grid lock in the first place.

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**Jaime** → Emk1000 · 6 days ago

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or if that's too hard here's a sampling:

The Hire More Heroes Act (H.R. 3474) passed the House on March 11, 2014, with support from 183 Democrats. The Senate has done nothing.

The Success and Opportunity through Quality Charter Schools Act (H.R. 10) passed the House on May 9, 2014, with support from 158 Democrats. The Senate has done nothing.

The Innovation Act (H.R. 3309) passed the House on December 5, 2013, with support from 130 Democrats. The Senate has done nothing.

The Cybersecurity Information Sharing and Protection Act (H.R. 624) passed the House on April 18, 2013, with support from 92 Democrats. The Senate has done nothing.

The American Research and Competitiveness Act (H.R. 4438) passed the House on May 9, 2014, with support from 62 Democrats. The

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**Emk1000** → Jaime · 5 days ago

Well, thank you for setting the tone. My point was merely to point out that in a long blog post Boehner doesn't even try to start a political discussion. Instead it's all mud-slinging from beginning to end.

I try to follow the policy debate in several countries and I can say that the debate is no where so broken as in the US. If you want to continue being the "greatest country on earth" as your presidents humbly put it, you should change gear! :)

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