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## **RSC Update: The World Is Competing for American Jobs. Are We?**

### **From the Chairman**

If you were designing a new tax system for the federal government, you'd be hard pressed to come up with something less job-friendly than what we have now. Take business taxes, for one example. With Japan's recent reduction, the U.S. now boasts the highest business tax rate in the industrialized world. France, Denmark, Sweden, Canada ... even Russia and China! We've fallen behind them all.

Of course, volumes and volumes of special credits, deductions, and loopholes mean similar companies often pay very dissimilar tax bills. It's natural for people and businesses to use every means available to hang onto the money they earn. We wouldn't be an entrepreneurial nation if we didn't. But the more time and money we spend navigating our ridiculously complex tax code, the less we produce of real value.

With chronic joblessness still a huge problem, we'd be stupid not to build a stronger platform for job creation by throwing out the current system for one that's simpler, flatter, and fairer – like the proposals in the [Jobs Through Growth Act](#) and our [plan to balance the budget in 5 years](#).

Your tax bill should be determined on the same basis as everyone else's, not by the number of lobbyists you have. And certainly no American family or business should have to surrender more than a quarter of their earnings to the federal government.

The rest of the world is competing for American jobs. We'd better do the same.

God Bless,

Congressman Jim Jordan  
Chairman, Republican Study Committee

**RSC Media Activity – RSC members work hard to ensure that the conservative viewpoint is well-represented in all corners of the media. Visit our [Media Center](#) for more.**

- Rep. Steve King (IA-05) has put together a [timeline of ObamaCare](#) since January 2011.
- Rep. Doug Lamborn (CO-05) & Rep. Cory Gardner (CO-04): [Is the Obama Administration's Energy Policy Credible? No](#); The Denver Post, March 26.

- Rep. Patrick McHenry (NC-10): [5 Reasons to Repeal ObamaCare](#); Hickory Daily Record, March 26.
- Rep. Paul Broun (GA-10): [ObamaCare: Costs Double in Two Years](#); Washington Times, March 27.
- Rep. Michele Bachmann (MN-06): [Ripping Out ObamaCare by the Roots](#); Washington Times, March 27.
- Rep. Cliff Stearns (FL-06): [ObamaCare's Waivers for Cronies](#); Washington Times, March 27.
- Rep. Sam Graves (MO-06): [Micro-unions and Ambush Elections: Two Very Bad Ideas from Labor Regulators](#); Kansas City Star, March 31.
- Rep. David Schweikert (AZ-05): [Now or Never: We Must Lower the Corporate Tax Rate](#); Human Events, April 1.

**RSC Member Activity – RSC members make it a priority to introduce productive, conservative solutions for America’s future.**

- Rep. Justin Amash (MI-03) introduced [H.R. 4268](#), the *Export-Import Bank Termination Act of 2012*, which would abolish the Export-Import Bank of the United States.
- Rep. Chuck Fleischmann (TN-03) introduced [H.R. 4237](#), the *Employees of America Streamlining for Your Savings Act of 2012* (the *EASY Savings Act of 2012*), which would expand current law by allowing agencies to create an employee suggestion program to include rewards for identifying unused or unnecessary funds.
- Rep. Jeff Duncan (SC-03) introduced [H.R. 4301](#), the *Energy Exploration and Production to Achieve National Demand Act* (the *EXPAND Act*), which would contribute to the growth of the American economy and the strength of American national security by streamlining regulatory permitting procedures and increasing domestic production from all energy sources.
- Rep. Louie Gohmert (TX-01) introduced [H.R. 4322](#), the *Fracturing Regulations are Effective in State Hands Act* (the *FRESH Act*), which would grant the State sole authority to regulate hydraulic fracturing on Federal lands within the boundaries of itself.
- Rep. Mick Mulvaney (SC-05) introduced [H.R. 4256](#), the *Pool Safety and Accessibility for Everyone Act* (the *Pool SAFE Act*), which would support safe access to public pools for all Americans.
- Rep. Robert Hurt (VA-05) introduced [H.R. 4278](#), the *Preserving Rural Resources Act*, which would protect the property rights of our farmers and foresters by preserving the natural resources they depend upon for their normal economic activities.
- Rep. Marsha Blackburn (TN-7) introduced [H.R. 4295](#), the *Consolidate Heavy-handed and Outdated Programs Act of 2012* (the *CHOP Act*), which would consolidate the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) into a new, single agency called the Department of Energy and the Environment (DOEE).

- Rep. Allen West (FL-22) introduced [H.R. 4294](#), the *Limited End Strength Reduction Act of 2012*, which ensures our Army and Marine Corps have the financial resources they need for a responsible drawdown in Afghanistan, while continuing to meet our National Security objectives.

### **House Floor Activity – The following key legislation came through the House of Representatives recently.**

- On March 27, the House approved [H.R. 3309](#), which will improve the way the FCC operates by increasing transparency, predictability, and consistency to help ensure the commission's work encourages job creation, investment, and innovation.
- On March 29, 2012, the House approved [H.Con.Res. 112](#), the House Budget Committee's Budget for Fiscal Year 2013. The [RSC's plan to balance the budget in 5 years](#) received the support of 136 House Republicans and 0 Democrats.
- Also, on March 29, the House approved [H.R. 4239](#), to extend federal highway and surface transportation programs through June 30, 2012.

### **Outlook – A quick look at what's on the horizon.**

- The House will be out of session until April 16.
- The U.S. Department of Labor will publish March unemployment data this Friday.
- This Friday is Good Friday and the beginning of Passover. This Sunday is Easter Sunday.

### **RSC Reports**

- Looking for one of our recently released charts and graphs? Click [here](#).
- Stay up to date on budget and spending news with [reports](#) from the RSC Budget and Spending Task Force.
- Check out the [RSC Sunset Caucus'](#) work to shrink the size of government and the [Repeal Task Force's](#) work to eliminate bad laws and regulations.
- House rules now require sponsors of legislation to provide a Constitutional Authority Statement that explains how Congress has the constitutionally-derived authority to enact their proposals. Click here to see liberals' [highly questionable attempts](#).
- Read the [RSC Money Monitor](#) to track how bills passed by the House affect budget authorizations, mandatory spending, and federal government revenue.

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