

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address January 20, 2012

“Obama Puts Politics Over Jobs”

Hello this is your Congressman Michael Burgess. Next Tuesday Congress will gather in the House chambers, and President Obama will give his sixth address to Congress and the American people since taking office. Tuesday will also coincidentally mark the one-thousandth day since the Senate has passed a budget.

Americans all over this country will listen to President Obama’s speech during the State of the Union. What Americans will want to hear is that the recession is over, that the government spending spree will stop, and that the Obama administration will stop holding up legislation that would create jobs and lessen the regulatory burden on the American people.

People want leaders to take action and they want to see results. In 2011 House Republicans passed over twenty jobs bills and the vast majority of them have yet to come up for a vote in the Senate. The president and Senate Democrats have talked about putting Americans back to work, but have failed in implementing programs, or even voting on legislation, that would actually accomplish this.

Just this week, the Obama administration formally rejected the permit for the Keystone XL pipeline proposal that actually has been in the works for over three years. Even the Obama administration’s Jobs Council stated that we need to optimize all of our natural resources if we are going to compete and accelerate job creation. By rejecting the permit for the Keystone pipeline, President Obama is preventing the creation of twenty-thousand jobs, and you know what, a lot of those would be Texas jobs.

The House has and will continue to deliver job creation legislation. Unemployment has grown and stayed above eight percent for thirty-five months, the American people are past frustration. They want to know that all of Washington will pass bills that focus on putting people back to work. The jobs bills the House passed in 2011 are just the beginning.

I believe we can do even more. We must cut spending. Households all across America are seeing where they can save money, and Washington needs do the same. I am committed to moving America forward. To do this we must continue to focus on job creation legislation and cut wasteful spending.

Thank you for taking the time to listen. Please visit my website, burgess.house.gov, to learn more about this issue and other issues before the United States Congress. God bless you and your family. And as always, may God bless Texas.