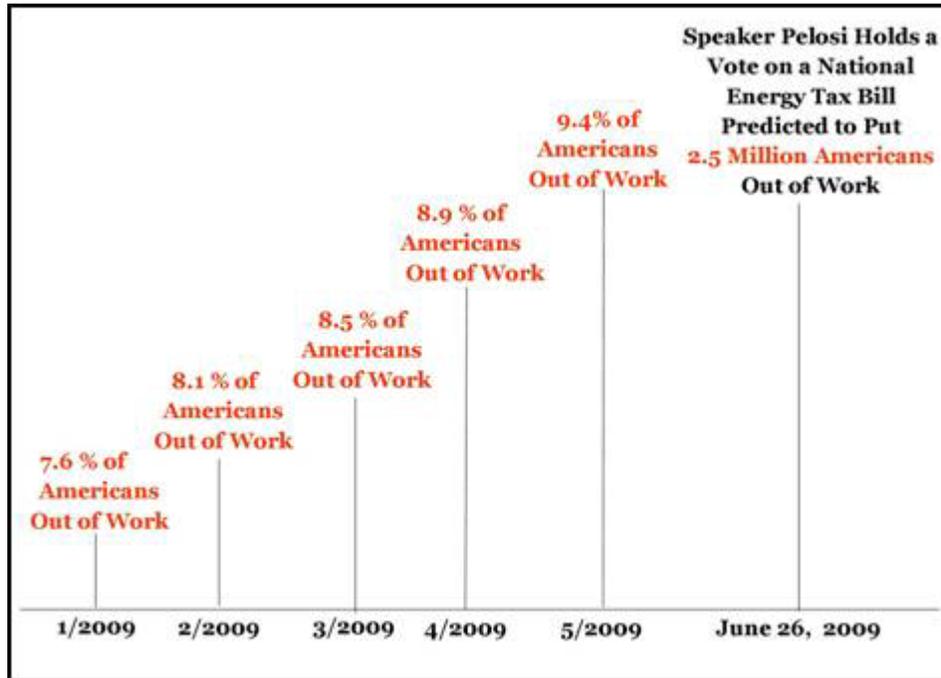


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A Vote of “Historic Proportions?” We Agree.

Today, President Obama said:

“Right now, the House of Representatives is moving towards a vote of historic proportions....”

We agree.

When Speaker Pelosi holds a vote tomorrow on the National Energy Tax bill (H.R. 2454) – it **will** be a vote of historic proportions.

Unfortunately, that’s because history will show that as America’s unemployment rate was rising, Democrats in Congress were voting for a cap and tax plan that will inflict even more economic pain upon struggling Americans.

Specifically, this bill is predicted to:

- Cost 2.5 million American jobs ([National Black Chamber of Commerce](#))

- Decrease America's Gross Domestic Product by 2.5 percent ([Brookings Institute](#))
- Raise inflation-adjusted gasoline prices by 58 percent ([Heritage Foundation](#))

After months of increasing unemployment, now is the worst time possible for the Democrat Congress to pass a National Energy Tax.

The good news is that Republicans have proposed a better way forward that will grow our economy, create new high-paying jobs, protect our environment, and provide affordable energy.

The [American Energy Act \(H.R. 2846\)](#) is an all-of-the-above plan that will develop all types of American-made energy. It promotes renewable energy sources, such as wind, solar, hydropower, nuclear and biomass, while also producing more American-made oil and natural gas.

Instead of implementing a National Energy Tax, Democrat Leaders should hold a vote on the American Energy Act.

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