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Mr. Speaker, today this House will vote on the largest economic recovery package in this nation's history. After weeks of discussion and debate, we have come to a compromise bill that incorporates all points of view and makes the necessary hard choices.

Funding in this bill rebuilds our crumbling roads and bridges and locks and dams. It will improve security at our borders and our ports; repair and maintain our VA and military hospitals; and modernize our schools, labs and classrooms.

But most important, this economic recovery package will put people back to work and put money back in their pockets with a tax cut for 95 percent of working families. It will create jobs, get the economy moving again and leave this country with items of lasting significance to show for it.

Mr. Speaker, we simply cannot wait any longer to help our economy. Passage of this bill is a necessary step in that direction.