

A PLEDGE* TO AMERICA

SOME OF
FOLLOWING THROUGH ON OUR PROMISES
*RESTRICTIONS APPLY.

A Revised and Updated Democratic Reality Check on the GOP “Pledge to America”



❖ *WHERE ARE THE JOBS?*

*Republican Pledge: We have a plan that will help create jobs, end economic uncertainty, and make America more competitive.**

***300+ days of Republican control in the House, yet to put forward a clear jobs agenda**

***Rather, the House has held 170 anti-environment votes**

❖ *Advance Legislative Issues One at a Time*

*Republican Pledge: We will advance major legislation one issue at a time.**

*** House will consider several massive hundred-billion dollar minibuses to fund government**

***Didn't enact a SINGLE appropriations bill for the new fiscal year**

***HALF of the appropriations bills have not even been considered in the House yet**

❖ *Read the Bill*

*Republican Pledge: We will ensure that bills are debated and discussed in the public square by publishing the text online for at least three days before coming up for a vote in the House of Representatives.**

***Except the PATRIOT Act**

***and the Libya Resolutions**

***and the Debt Ceiling deal**

***and the CR considered in March 2011**

❖ *Openness and Transparency*

*Republican Pledge: to make government more transparent in its actions, careful in its stewardship, and honest in its dealings.**

***Three times as many bills considered under closed rules than at the same point last Congress**

***92% of rules have restricted amendment process in some way**

❖ *Crisis and Political Gain*

*Republican Pledge: We will fight efforts to use a national crisis for political gain.**

***Except when it comes to the debt ceiling, in which case all bets are off**

***The Dow plunged 1,200 points as a direct result of our self-inflicted crisis**

***And the US had its credit downgraded for the first time in the process**