

*Transcript of Press Availability Before House Democratic Caucus Meeting*

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□ – *Congressman John B.*

**Congressman Larson:** □

Good morning and I'm ho

We start by noting that tomorrow will mark the four-hundredth day that Congress has been meeting with

How do we do that? We do that by creating jobs for the small businessman, for the entrepreneur to crea

How do we that? By providing ladders of opportunity that they can reach through greater skill sets in edu

We do that by making things here in America with a focus on manufacturing.

Nobody knows this better than our guest today, who is going to address our conference, let me give the

**Robert Baugh, Executive Director Industrial Union Council, AFL-CIO:** Thank you, Congressman

I'm very honored to be here today to speak to the Caucus about this, but I think our message is very clear

So we have dug ourselves a very deep hole and we have to have a long-term focus on revitalizing manu

I think that's our message here: it doesn't have to be this way. We can be smart. We can be strategic as

**Congressman Larson:** Thank you very much, Ro

We also know that the sands are sifting through the hourglass on the payroll tax initiative and we feel ve

Let's make the tough decisions that have to be made here in the United States Congress. People need t

**Q:** In terms of the payroll tax

**Congressman Larson:** Listen, I think one of my c

What we need to do is provide the American economy and, more importantly, the American citizens with

**Q:** I didn't actually hear you

**Congressman Larson:** Well, we're in the minority

I get it, with respects to these guys. For God's sake, the Speaker had to tell the Conference the other day

You want to put people back to work in this country. We still have 14 million out. Yes, we're making steady

Clint Eastwood's got it right: it's halftime. Now, let's kick the ball off and let's take it down the field on behalf

And I apologize, but we have to go in....

**Q:** One quick question...

**Congressman Larson:** Sure.

**Q:** I know the other issue that

**Congressman Larson:** I think, again, there is a very

We need solutions and answers. It's over four-hundred days. They've had a lot of time to ponder on this

Thank you.

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