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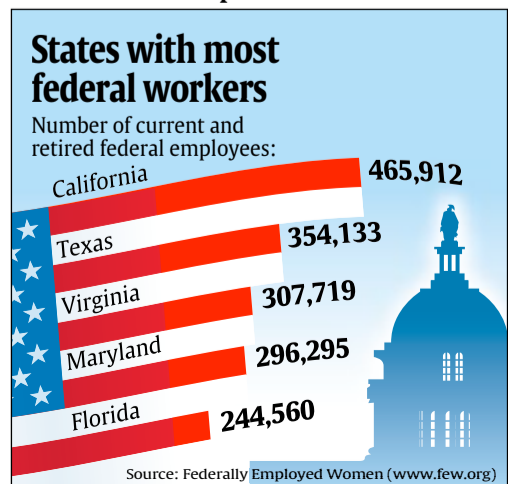
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'THIS MOMENT IS UP TO US'

Obama urges bipartisanship to 'win the future' in global fight for jobs



By Jack Gruber, USA TODAY

Grand entrance: President Obama, flanked by Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., greets members of Congress on Tuesday night.

By Mimi Hall
USA TODAY

WASHINGTON — Issuing a plea for a new era of American innovation, President Obama on Tuesday urged a politically divided Congress to invest in education and technology to help the nation compete in an exploding global marketplace. "At stake is whether new jobs and industries will take root in this country or somewhere else," Obama said in his second State of the Union Address.

He invoked the space race with the Soviets a half-century ago, noting the United States began behind and ultimately triumphed. "This is our generation's Sputnik moment," he said.

The president, who congratulated the new Republican House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio, said reinforcing the nation's slow economic recovery will be difficult and insisted the only way to make progress is to bring an end to the partisanship in Washington. "What comes of this moment will be

determined not by whether we sit together tonight, but whether we can work together tomorrow," he told lawmakers. Dozens of Republicans and Democrats sat side-by-side in a show of comity after this month's shooting in Tucson of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., who received an ovation when Obama noted her absence.

Republicans, many of whom were elected on promises to make deep spending cuts and tackle the ballooning deficit, stayed focused on that task.

"We face a crushing burden of debt. The debt will soon eclipse our entire economy, and grow to catastrophic levels in the years ahead," House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan, R-Wis., who delivered the GOP response to Obama's speech.

In what the White House called a down payment on annual deficits, Obama proposed extending to five years the partial spending freeze he proposed last year. He said the freeze, which would not affect entitlement and national security programs, would save \$400 billion. Obama added that his proposed

fiscal 2012 budget, due mid-February, will include "painful cuts" including "tens of billions of dollars" from the Defense department.

Boehner dismissed the spending freeze. "Simply inadequate," he said of Obama's proposals.

Even some of Obama's friends griped a little. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., didn't like Obama's pledge to veto bills with earmarks, the money lawmakers include for special projects. "It's a lot of pretty talk," Reid said.

Obama, however, stayed optimistic. He said the government must build on its economic progress through targeted spending aimed at better educating the nation's children, developing clean energy sources, building a high-speed rail network across the country and helping businesses provide wireless Internet service to 98% of Americans. "The steps we've taken over the last two years may have broken the back of this recession," he said, "but to win the future, we'll need to take on challenges that have been decades in the making."

Obama's proposals

Drive job creation



Invest in research, transportation, education to stimulate employment.

Freeze spending



Five-year freeze on domestic spending; GOP wants deeper reductions.

Change corporate taxes



Simplify taxes, end loopholes; use savings to cut corporate tax rates.

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How Challenger brought NASA down to earth

25 years after tragedy, lessons still hang over space program

By Traci Watson
Special for USA TODAY

Twenty-five years ago Friday, the space shuttle Challenger vanished from the blue Florida sky, leaving only white corkscrews of smoke hanging in the air.

Challenger's disintegration 73 seconds after liftoff took the lives of high-school teacher Christa McAuliffe and six fellow astronauts, who perished in front of their families, friends and schoolchildren watching at Cape Canaveral and on live television across the nation.

Afterward, President Reagan told a shocked and grieving nation that the legacy of the accident would not be curtailed ambition for the space program, but accomplishments that would have made Challenger's crew proud.

"To reach out for new goals and ever-greater



AP file photo by Bruce Weaver

Jan. 28, 1986: Challenger disintegrates 73 seconds after launch.

achievements — that is the way we shall commemorate our seven Challenger heroes," he said.

A quarter-century later, however, that promise seems no more enduring than the smoke from Challenger that hovered over the Florida coast that chilly morning in January 1986. Some experts con-

tend that the loss of Challenger gave America's human space program a significant push toward its twilight status today.

In the years after Challenger, America's human space program "has limped along," says Joan Johnson-Freesee of the Naval War College in Newport, R.I., who has written several books about space policy. "There have been great plans that have been barely met, if at all."

The Challenger loss shrank America's fleet of shuttles from four to three, and forced important shuttle missions to be put on hold or canceled. As directed by President George W. Bush, NASA is about to retire the shuttle this year, even though it has no replacement in the wings. NASA succeeded in building a huge space station in orbit, but proposals by various presidents to send crews to the moon and Mars have come to nothing.

Challenger's legacy is more complex than what

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