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**SCHAKOWSKY: BUSH ADMINISTRATION MISSTATEMENT OF THE DAY -
JOBS**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) issued "The Bush Administration Misstatement of the Day" on jobs.

According to a [transcript on the White House webpage](#) , Commerce Secretary Don Evans stated that he was *optimistic about the continued strength of our economy,* and added that he believes that *"the job market is strong and will continue to get stronger."*
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- However, [job figures in many states](#) tell a different story.□ For example:
- Illinois has [lost 223,300 jobs](#) since the beginning of the Bush Administration.
 - Illinois has [lost 142,200 manufacturing jobs](#) since the beginning of the Bush Administration, including 1,100 jobs in July.
 - Number of unemployed workers has [risen in 46 states](#) since the beginning of the Bush Administration.