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**SCHAKOWSKY: BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S MISSTATEMENT OF THE DAY -  
THE ECONOMY AND LOSS OF JOBS**

CHICAGO, IL - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) issued today's ["Bush Administration's Misstatement of the Day"](#) on the Bush economic plan that has cost millions of jobs.□□

During a speech in Milwaukee today, President Bush said:

*"We will continue to create the conditions for increased employment in America, so everybody can find a job. . Things are getting better."*□ (President Bush, 10/3/03)

However, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced this morning:

- 3.2 million private sector jobs have been lost around the country since President Bush took office.□□
  
- Nationwide, the unemployment rate is currently 6.1 percent, a figure that does not account for the more nearly 400,000 discouraged people who abandoned job searches because they believed no jobs were available.□□
  
- 5 million People are working part-time because they can't find full-time work.
  
- The number of long-term unemployed workers increased during the month of September by more than 150,000, for a total of 2.1 million people who have been unemployed six months or longer, the highest level since the last Bush Administration.