(*Washington*) – At a rally of House Democrats today at the U.S. Capitol, **Congressman John B. Larson** made the following statement on the House Republicans decision to keep Congress in recess over the next seven weeks. The 112th is the least productive Congress in modern history and the Republican leadership has decided to break for the election earlier this year than it has in over 50 years:

"I'm proud to stand with our Members who are prepared to stay and work at the job they were sent here to do on behalf of the people that we're sworn to serve. This is personal. People back home cannot understand the work ethic of this Congress. They don't understand why we're not staying here to get the job done.

"They've seen [the GOP] over the last several week perpetuate a myth that President Clinton so successfully debunked at the Convention about work requirements. The only requirement for work is that Republicans stay here and work instead of cutting and running! We're ready to do the job that we're sent here to do! We're here to get a jobs bill in front of the American people!

"We want to work and get the job done!"

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