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New figures released Friday by the Bureau of Labor Statistics show the economy added 103,000 new jobs in September. But the increase was not enough to move the nation's unemployment rate downward, which remains at 9.1 percent.

With a staggering 14 million Americans unemployed, the Obama administration is continuing to press Congress to pass the American Jobs Act.

Congressman David Price has said the \$447 billion package will improve the economy by cutting payroll taxes for employees and employers, helping states retain teachers and firefighters, and creating jobs through much-needed infrastructure projects.

Price, who appears on News & Views this weekend, says it's troubling that Republicans are allowing "blind ideology" to stand in the way of many of the bipartisan proposals included in the jobs plan.