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ARCADIA — Congressman Vern Buchanan (R-13) discussed jobs, the national debt, health care, government spending and other hot topics at a town hall meeting in Arcadia Saturday afternoon. Throughout the question and answer forum, Buchanan's message was consistent: the American government needs to get its priorities straight.

"We've got to start thinking about Americans and America first and not everybody else around the world," he told the group of about 20 that attended the meeting at the Board of County Commissioners chamber. "We can't be the policeman for the rest of the world, either, and the bottom line is we've got to get our own financial house in order."