

acquire or make nuclear weapons for at least 10 years. According to the commission, al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden's associates "thought their leader was intent on carrying out a Hiroshima." In 1988, bin Laden called it "a religious duty" for al Qaeda to acquire nuclear weapons.

Madam Speaker, if Iran gains nuclear capability, they will give it to terrorists the world over. No wonder the Nation of Israel is concerned. Ahmadinejad has said, "Anybody who recognizes Israel will burn in the fire of the Islamic nation's fury."

He has consistently denied the existence of the Holocaust, calling it a myth or a fabrication.

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He has repeatedly called for the destruction of the Jewish State and has also promised to "wipe out Israel in a sea of fire."

I am speaking to the intent. A 50-kiloton warhead on an Iranian Shahab-3 missile would only be 12 minutes from Israel. In less than 15 minutes Tel Aviv could be ashes. Israel would have only a 50/50 chance of knocking even just the first missile down.

Israel has very few options and no margin for error. Iran is currently ruled by a regime that thinks it is a will of God to annihilate the Jewish state. Any responsible Jewish leader understands that a terrorist state like Iran that desires to see Israel erased from existence must not be allowed to obtain or develop nuclear weapons capabilities.

For that reason, Israel has said it rejects to option to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons. A nuclear Iran is an existential threat to human peace and freedom everywhere, not just Israel. The world is derelict to place Israel in the untenable position of having to act unilaterally to protect themselves and humanity from the threat that a nuclear Iran would present to the entire civilized world.

Israel has been our truest friend and ally in the Middle East now for 60 years. During that entire time it has faced unthinkable threats from enemies who would desire to see its absolute annihilation.

Now, more than ever, the United States of America must stand with the Nation of Israel against the threat of a nuclear Iran and against those who would see our two nations and all those who love human freedom eradicated from the face of the Earth.

Let me just remind all of us that the very first purpose of human government is to protect its people. As a member of the Armed Services Committee and the Strategic Forces Subcommittee, I received many briefings regarding Iran's nuclear ambitions, and now more than ever before, I am absolutely convinced that Iran is a growing threat to the stability of the world and to humanity itself. The recent anniversary of that tragic, horrific day that we all remember as 9/11 should also re-

mind every one of us that we face a jihadist ideology that motivates terrorists to kill their own children for the sake of being able to kill ours.

At the risk of sounding political, I, at the willing risk of sounding political, I am convinced that BARACK OBAMA does not understand this mindset of terrorism. Terrorist organizations like Hezbollah, Hamas and the terrorist state of Iran have all openly endorsed and supported BARACK OBAMA for President because they understand that he does not understand.

Senator OBAMA has been quoted as saying, "I don't agree with a missile defense system." He has suggested that we can cut the program by \$10 billion, but, apparently, he doesn't seem to realize that the entire missile defense budget of the United States is only \$9.6 billion. He also does not seem to understand the unspeakable danger of allowing this country to be vulnerable to nuclear weapons in the hands of jihadist terrorists.

Congressman JOHN DINGELL of this body, a supporter of BARACK OBAMA, has said "I don't take sides for or against Hezbollah, or for or against Israel." That kind of mindless, moral relativism, which deliberately ignores all truth and equates merciless terrorism with free nations defending themselves and their innocent citizens, is more dangerous to humanity than terrorism itself. It is proof that liberal Democrats like BARACK OBAMA and JOHN DINGELL simply underestimate and misunderstand the enemy we face. They do not realize what the price to humanity, what it would be, if Islamist fascism, ideology, spreads unabated throughout the world. They do not understand the price it will exact from future generations.

As much as I sincerely believe we should pursue diplomacy, negotiations, sanctions, political pressures and everything short of military action to prevent Iran from becoming a nuclear state, ultimately I believe only two things will prevent Iran from becoming a nuclear power. I believe that we need to consider this very carefully.

I believe that those two things are either a direct military intervention on the part of the United States or someone else or the conviction in the mind of the Iranian leadership that military intervention will occur if they continue to develop nuclear weapons capabilities. Our greatest hope to prevent war with Iran is to make sure their leaders understand that America will respond militarily before we allow them to threaten the world with nuclear weapons.

President Ronald Reagan gave an address in 1983, when the world faced a similar threat in the growing strength and nuclear ambition of the Soviet Union.

He said; "I urge you to be beware the temptation . . . to ignore the facts of history and the aggressive impulses of an evil empire, to simply call the arms race a giant misunderstanding and

thereby remove yourself from the struggle between right and wrong and good and evil."

There were those in 1938 who would have deemed ambitions of Adolf Hitler and the Third Reich a giant misunderstanding. The free nations of the world once had opportunity to address the insidious rise of the Nazi ideology in its formative years when it could have been dispatched without great cost, but they delayed. The result was atomic bombs falling on cities and 50 million people dead worldwide, and the swastika shadow nearly plunging the planet into Cimmerian night.

I think it's time that the world's free people resolve once and for all, for the sake of our own children, and for the children of the world and for all generations, that we of this generation will not stand by and watch a similar dark chapter of history be repeated.

I actually believe that freedom will ultimately and beautifully prevail, but we must not rest until it does.

ADJOURNMENT TO THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2008

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Thursday, October 2, 2008.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BROWN of Georgia) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GOHMERT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. COHEN, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Ms. Lorraine C. Miller, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 3229. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the legacy of the United States Army Infantry and the establishment of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center.

H.R. 5265. An act to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research

with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy, including Becker, congenital, distal, Duchenne, Emery-Dreifuss facioscapulohumeral, limb-girdle, myotonic, and oculopharyngeal, muscular dystrophies.

H.R. 5872. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Thursday, October 2, 2008, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

8956. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; International Aero Engines AG (IAE) V2500 Series Turbofan Engines [Docket No. FAA-2007-28058; Directorate Identifier 2007-NE-08-AD; Amendment 39-15610; AD 2008-14-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 19, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

8957. A letter from the Director, Office of Agency Management and Budget, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Annual Report From Federal Contractors (RIN: 1293-AA12) received September 26, 2008, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. OBERSTAR: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2701. A bill to strengthen our Nation's energy security and mitigate the effects of climate change by promoting energy efficient transportation and public buildings, creating incentives for the use of alternative fuel vehicles and renewable energy, and ensuring sound water resource and natural disaster preparedness planning, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 110-904). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 554. Referral to the Committees on Agriculture and the Judiciary extended for a period ending not later than October 2, 2008.

H.R. 948. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than October 2, 2008.

H.R. 1717. Referral to the Committee on Energy and Commerce extended for a period ending not later than October 2, 2008.

H.R. 1746. Referral to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Oversight and Government Reform, and the Judiciary for a period ending not later than October 2, 2008.

H.R. 5577. Referral to the Committee on Energy and Commerce extended for a period ending not later than October 2, 2008.

H.R. 6357. Referral to the Committee on Ways and Means extended for a period ending not later than October 2, 2008.

H.R. 6598. Referral to the Committee on Agriculture extended for a period ending not later than October 2, 2008.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California (for himself and Mr. ISSA):

H.R. 7216. A bill to amend section 3328 of title 5, United States Code, relating to Selective Service registration; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. considered and passed.

By Mr. MOORE of Kansas (for himself and Mr. DUNCAN):

H.R. 7217. A bill to amend title 40, United States Code, to enhance authorities with regard to real property that has yet to be reported excess, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. considered and passed.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi:

H.R. 7218. A bill to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize funding for emergency management performance grants to provide for domestic preparedness and collective response to catastrophic incidents, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Homeland Security, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MCHUGH (for himself, Mr. ARCURI, Mr. KUHL of New York, Mr. WALSH of New York, Mrs. LOWEY, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. HINCHEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, and Mr. TOWNS):

H.R. 7219. A bill to impose a moratorium on the implementation of a Medicaid regulation related to the outpatient clinic and hospital facility services definition and upper payment limit; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. RANGEL (for himself, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. HERGER):

H.R. 7220. A bill to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin (for herself, Mrs. BIGGERT, Ms. WATERS, Mr. DAVIS of Kentucky, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. CARSON):

H.R. 7221. A bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to reauthorize the Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. RANGEL (for himself, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. HERGER):

H.R. 7222. A bill to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means. considered and passed.

By Mr. HENSARLING (for himself, Mr. PEARCE, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr.

DOOLITTLE, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. JORDAN, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Mrs. SCHMIDT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. PRICE of Georgia, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. DAVID DAVIS of Tennessee, Mr. BROWN of Georgia, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. KUHL of New York, Ms. FOXX, Mr. MCCOTTER, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. CARTER, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr. PITTS, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. RADANOVICH, Mr. PENCE, Mr. FEENEY, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, Mr. MCHENRY, Mr. AKIN, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. LINDER, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. GOODLATTE, and Mr. SCALISE):

H.R. 7223. A bill to suspend the capital gains tax, schedule the government-sponsored enterprises for privatization, repeal the Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment Act, and suspend mark-to-market accounting requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, the Budget, Education and Labor, and Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CANNON:

H.R. 7224. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to create an offense for misuse in communications of a registered mark; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEWIS of Georgia (for himself, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. STARK, Ms. BORDALLO, Mr. FILNER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. GRJALVA):

H.R. 7225. A bill to establish a National Parents Corps Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. SHADEGG (for himself, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. ROSKAM, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. FORTENBERRY, Mr. GINGREY, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mrs. BACHMANN, Mr. SALI, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. GOHMERT, Ms. FOXX, Mrs. DRAKE, Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. PEARCE, Mr. AKIN, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, Mr. FLAKE, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BRADY of Texas, Mr. CARTER, Mr. MCCAUL of Texas, Mr. TIBERI, Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. FEENEY, Mrs. BIGGERT, and Mr. DOOLITTLE):

H.R. 7226. A bill to direct the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to create a "net worth certificate" program along the lines of what Congress enacted in the 1980s for the savings and loan industry; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. SCOTT of Virginia:

H.R. 7227. A bill to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland:

H.R. 7228. A bill to provide an unlimited amount of insurance on accounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to provide unlimited protection of principal in