

CONTRADICTING INTELLIGENCE ON IRAN'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM

(Mr. KIRK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KIRK. The United States revealed a secret underground uranium enrichment facility near Qom, Iran. U.S. officials told us they were carefully observing it for "several years." But earlier this year, the Director of National Intelligence, Dennis Blair, provided written congressional testimony that the intelligence community has "no evidence that Iran has yet made a decision to produce highly enriched uranium."

There is a glaring contradiction between the administration's revelation and Blair's testimony. I urge Members to cosign the bipartisan Kirk-Berkley letter calling on Director Blair to account for contradictory testimony on the growing Iranian threat.

The 2007 National Intelligence Estimate on Iran downplaying the threat now appears to be a glaring Intelligence failure. According to the Wall Street Journal, the main authors of that NIE, Van Van Diepen, Tom Finger, and Ken Brill, should be accountable, too.

Congress should ensure that key officials get this right, especially on Iran.

ALERT DRIVERS ACT

(Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, distracted driving is a serious problem in our Nation. One study conducted by Virginia Tech University found that drivers are 23 times more likely to get into an accident when texting. A recent New York Times/CBS News Poll indicated 90 percent of adults agree that texting while driving should be illegal.

This is an issue that rises above political power. This is why the Department of Transportation has dedicated a 2-day summit here in Washington this week to address the rising concerns of distracted driving on our Nation's highways.

H.R. 3535, the ALERT Drivers Act, which I am proud to introduce along with my colleague, Nita Lowey from New York, would ban anyone from writing, sending, or reading text messages while operating a moving vehicle.

Already endorsed by Ford Motors and the Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, I ask that you join me in curbing preventable accidents on our Nation's roadways and cosponsor the ALERT Drivers Act.

Madam Speaker, we see these accidents all the time. We need to do something.

SMALL BUSINESSES AND HEALTH CARE

(Mr. BUCHANAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BUCHANAN. Madam Speaker, affordable health care is critical to our country, but let's not forget small business. They create 70 percent of the jobs in Florida. Ninety-nine percent of all businesses in Florida are small businesses, but yet in this debate we're looking at charging small businesses an 8 percent tax on payroll. That's like a fixed expense.

They're also looking to raise taxes up to 45 percent, with a 5.4 in sunseting President Bush's tax. So, again, 45 percent. A lot of that's pass-through income for many of our small companies.

These taxes will kill jobs. The 8 percent alone, they're talking, will put 20 percent of our businesses out of business in Florida. I know. I've been in business for 30 years.

Let's help our small businesses. Small businesses create the jobs. We can cannot afford to tax them to death. It needs to be about the economy and jobs.

SAVE THE OCEANS

(Mr. INSLEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. INSLEE. Madam Speaker, yesterday, the actor Sigourney Weaver showed a movie in the Capitol which was scarier than her movie *The Aliens* because it was fact, not fiction, and it was a movie documenting the acidification of the oceans caused by carbon dioxide that we burn that goes in the atmosphere, goes in the water, and makes the oceans acidic. This documentary showed that the waters off the Pacific coast soon will be so acidic that they can actually melt shell life.

The reason I mention this is that yesterday the EPA rolled out proposed rules to do something about these noxious gases. Some have said we shouldn't do that, but those are the same people saying we shouldn't pass a bill. They're saying we shouldn't regulate CO₂ here, there, or anywhere.

I urge all of us to move forward on a bipartisan basis to stop ocean acidification by passing the energy bill we passed in the House. We hope the Senate will pass it. That's a route to do it. But, one way or another, we've got to save the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.

NATIONAL MEDIA IGNORES MEDIA EVALUATION

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. POE of Texas. Madam Speaker, if a poll is conducted but no one hears about it, does that poll really exist? Sacred Heart University recently found out that five out of six Americans see

the national news media as "very or somewhat biased." But you aren't likely to hear about the Sacred Heart poll from the establishment media.

A search of *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and *USA Today* yielded zero articles about the poll. Network news programs have also intentionally ignored it.

It seems the establishment media believe that if they simply ignore the poll, it does not exist. It's no wonder that almost half of Americans have stopped watching a news outlet because of the media bias. By ignoring a poll that shows their bias, the establishment media has confirmed the poll's results that most Americans believe the national media is biased.

And that's just the way it is.

CORAL REEFS

(Mr. KLEIN of Florida asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Last week, the House passed critical legislation to protect one of Florida's most treasured national wonders. The Coral Reef Conservation Act Reauthorization and Enhancement, which I strongly supported, will be a key tool in protecting this endangered ecosystem.

The bill will support grants for coral reef conservation and scientific research at our outstanding institutions like the National Coral Reef Institute in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Coral reefs are integral to our safety and economy in south Florida. They act as a first line of defense against hurricanes and storm surges and they drive our tourist economy by bringing divers, snorkelers, and fishermen from all over the world to our community. In Broward County alone, coral reefs contribute over \$2 billion annually to our local economy.

Madam Speaker, this is not a Democrat or a Republican issue. Protecting our national treasures is something we can all agree on. I'm proud that my colleagues came together to pass this important piece of legislation.

MEDIA SLOW TO REPORT ON ACORN SCANDAL

(Mr. COBLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COBLE. Madam Speaker, in his latest column, *New York Times* Public Editor Clark Hoyt criticized the *Times* for its lack of coverage of the ACORN fraud and corruption scandal. Hoyt wrote that the *Times* showed "slow reflexes" and risks appearing "clueless" or "partisan" if it does not cover similar stories in the future.

The *Times* wasn't alone. The *Washington Post's* ombudsman admitted the *Post* was slow to cover the story as well and speculated that reporters' liberal leanings might have played a part.

Most other national news outlets ignored or downplayed the ACORN scandal. Days passed before the network news programs covered the story, and only one out of five Sunday news show hosts asked the President about ACORN last week.

The national media should report the facts instead of ignoring stories that don't fit their liberal agendas.

HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN VIETNAM

(Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. I rise today to call attention to the human rights situation in Vietnam, particularly because today Vietnam will be taking over the Presidency of the United Nations Security Council. I find this development shocking and appalling and unacceptable, especially when we look at Vietnam's human rights record.

Just this past Sunday, the police in Vietnam assaulted over 130 monks and removed them from the Bat Nha Monastery before destroying it. Recently, eight dissidents were imprisoned by the Vietnamese Government for practicing their rights to freedom of speech and expression.

Today, Secretary of State Clinton is planning to meet with the Foreign Minister of Vietnam. I would urge Secretary Clinton to address these ongoing human rights violations in Vietnam and to strongly urge the Government of Vietnam to uphold their promises to respect the rights of their citizens.

The United States must recommit itself to making human rights a diplomatic priority.

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NETANYAHU U.N. SPEECH

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Madam Speaker, last week at the United Nations, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu gave a powerful address, challenging those who would deny the Holocaust. Speaking from the podium, he held up the documents recording the Nazis' plan for the eradication of the Jews. He held up the original blueprints of the Auschwitz concentration camp, signed by Heinrich Himmler, the infamous head of the Gestapo. He called out those nations who sat by idly as President Ahmadinejad put forth vague insinuations that the Holocaust was just a phony pretext for the establishment of Israel. Ahmadinejad at other times has called the Holocaust "a lie based on an unprovable and mythic claim," and he's called Israel "a cancerous tumor that must cease to exist."

I applaud our diplomats and those of many other freedom-loving nations for

showing no tolerance for his hate speech by walking out during the Iranian president's tirade. Any nation that denies one of the most horrific and barbaric acts of hatred and murder cannot be trusted to peacefully develop nuclear capabilities.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES ON H.R. 2892, DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2010

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1 of rule XXII and by direction of the Committee on Appropriations, I move to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 2892) making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, and for other purposes, with a Senate amendment thereto, disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to the conference asked by the Senate.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I have a motion at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. Rogers of Kentucky moves that the managers on the part of the House at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the Senate amendment to the bill H.R. 2892 be instructed as follows:

(1) Recede to subsection (a) of section 567 of the Senate amendment (the Detainee Photographic Records Protection Act).

(2) Insist on subsections (b) and (c) of section 552 of the House bill (regarding the inclusion of individuals detained at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba on the No Fly list and the prohibition on the provision of immigration benefits for such individuals).

(3) Recede to the Senate position on subsections (a) and (d) of section 552 of the House bill (regarding certain threat assessments and the transfer of individuals detained at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to the United States).

(4) That they shall not record their approval of the final conference agreement (as such term is used in clause 12(a)(4) of rule XXII of the Rules of the House of Representatives) unless the text of such agreement has been available to the managers in an electronic, searchable, and downloadable form for at least 72 hours prior to the time described in such clause.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XXII, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. ROGERS) and the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky.

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

The motion to instruct conferees is very simple. Madam Speaker. It would prohibit the transfer of Gitmo prisoners to the United States. It ensures the detainee pictures are never made public, and it mandates the conference report is made public at least 72 hours before being considered on the floor. It's that simple. And that's exactly

what the Homeland Security appropriation bill is all about, protecting the American people from all threats, including the warped intentions of terrorists and radical extremists.

Let me state my sincere gratitude to Subcommittee Chairman DAVID PRICE for listening to the views of the minority during all of these proceedings, during our preconference deliberations especially over the last few weeks. I truly appreciate his bipartisanship and consideration of our concerns.

Madam Speaker, this motion strengthens the House bill's current restrictions on Guantanamo Bay detainees by ensuring their names have been put on the No Fly List and by clearly prohibiting their transfer to the United States for whatever reason. For 9 months, the Obama administration has insisted the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay be shuttered within the year. But what have we seen during that time in preparation for that? Absolutely nothing, no plan, no idea of how to proceed, no instructions to the Congress, no instructions to the public about where these prisoners would be moved to.

Now we read in the press that the administration is thinking of releasing up to 75 of the detainees there. Where will they go? Europe, Fiji, maybe somewhere closer. Maybe in Michigan, maybe in Kansas, maybe somewhere else in the U.S. Who knows. Certainly the Members in those districts in the U.S. don't know. So this motion prohibits the granting of any immigration benefit for any reason to these detainees. Without such a benefit, there is no legal way to bring these terrorists to American soil and in our constituents' backyards. That means these terrorists cannot be granted the same constitutional rights as American citizens. After all, these detainees are enemy combatants caught on the battlefield. They are not common criminals, and they should not be granted legal standing in our criminal courts by bringing them onto U.S. soil.

From my point of view, we can't waiver on this issue, nor can we be weak. There is no reason these terrorists, who pose a serious and documented threat to this Nation, cannot be brought to justice right where they are in Cuba at Guantanamo Bay. If we want to try them, there is the place. I certainly think that that is where the American people stand on this issue as well. They don't want these terrorists in their hometowns, inciting fellow prisoners in our prisons, abusing our legal system and terrorizing their communities.

In addition, Madam Speaker, this motion insists upon the Senate's language prohibiting the release of detainee pictures, language unanimously adopted in the Senate, supported by this Chamber in June and endorsed by President Obama himself by way of his letter to the Senate on July 29. In that letter, I think the President said it best himself: "Nothing would be gained