

ever given treasure and life of that country's people to get freedom for other countries and other people of whom we ask nothing in return. That is unheard of in the history of the world, and yet this Nation has done it over and over. We have done it to help protect Muslims and give them freedom of choice, Christians, Buddhists. It did not matter. It was all about human rights, human dignity, and human freedom. And we see that slipping away every time we prop up some brutal dictator, every time we look the other way and pat cruel, evil people on the back and say, "Oh, we're so proud of you; we're glad to be your friend," when those like who have been repressed by Cuba say, "Please, do not give more credibility to the oppressors."

I yield to my friend for any final thoughts.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Well, I think you just made an articulate defense of why a consistent, transparent human rights, pro-freedom, pro-democracy foreign policy is absolutely essential if we want a world that is free of tyranny.

Pope John Paul II once said: If you want peace, work for justice. Then he said: If you want justice, work on behalf of the disenfranchised, unborn child, which I feel is a very good connection of human rights from womb to tomb.

But you made an excellent point about Ronald Reagan. Yesterday, Natan Sharansky, the great dissident—and FRANK WOLF and I actually got into the prison camp, Perm Camp 35, where he spent so many horrible days and nights in the ShiZO, which was the punishment cell. We were there in the late eighties right after he got out. And you remember, he didn't just walk in a straight line when the KGB said you walk right across. He did a zigzag, his ultimate final act of defiance to the KGB.

But he said just what you brought out, Judge GOHMERT, and that was that when Ronald Reagan talked about the Evil Empire, he said it again yesterday, they knew that we got it, that there was hope. And it gave him hope. It gave the other political dissidents hope. Jewish, Christian, whatever their denomination or religious belief, they said America understands the inherent failure of communism, the militant atheism which it represents, as Solzhenitsyn said it in his books, and he had hope.

Wei Jingsheng correspondingly, who is the father of the democracy war movement in China, a great leader, he told me when they let him out to get Olympics 2000—not the one they just had, Olympics 2000, and the Olympic committee didn't give it to them because they were such violators of human rights. Unfortunately, they capitulated some years later. He said, "When you kowtow, when you enable, when you pander to dictatorship, including the Chinese dictatorship, espe-

cially the Chinese dictatorship, they beat us more in prison. But when you are tough, transparent, you look the dictator in the eye and say we are not kidding; we want these people released, they beat us less." That is from a man who spent 20 years in the Chinese laogai. Harry Wu and all the others have said the exact same thing.

So when President Obama kowtowed for the better part of a week in front of Hu Jintao, it was, in my opinion, a shameless exercise of lack of commitment to human rights and they beat the dissidents more because, "They will tell us, America has abandoned you."

Thankfully, in a bipartisan way—because when Hu Jintao came right here on Capitol Hill, it was our Speaker, Speaker BOEHNER, who raised human rights and raised the inherent violation of human rights in the one child per couple policy, the missing girls, 100 million missing girls in China, the result of a one child per couple policy where brothers and sisters are illegal. And over the course of 30 years, since 1979, when that horrific policy, the worst crime against women ever, went into effect, they have systematically exterminated the girl child, and now many of them are not here even as young women.

Forty million men won't be able to find wives by 2020 in China because women have been forcibly aborted as part of this one child per couple policy. It's a huge gender disparity, which raises problems about potential war. There is a book called "The Barren Branches" that talks about this restless male population that can't ever get married because women are not there. It is also a magnet for human trafficking.

Our President should have stood boldly, I say diplomatically. FRANK WOLF and I met with Li Peng when he was Premier. We had a list of political prisoners. We talked about the one child per couple policy. We talked about religious freedom. We looked him right in the eye. Almost no one ever does that. You will do it. I will do it. Our President should do it. President Bush did it. He raised religious freedom robustly with the Chinese Government on his trips. Mrs. Clinton on her first trip to Beijing said, I am not going to let human rights, quote, interfere with global climate change issues and the issue of debt.

So it really is a very serious abandonment of the people who need it most, who will be the next Lech Walesa or Harry Wu or Wei Jingsheng. You bring up an excellent point, and I thank you for your leadership on human rights and the peace agenda, which is really the freedom agenda.

Mr. GOHMERT. It is certainly an honor to serve with you. And I don't know if you are aware, our friend TED POE, our colleague, has a bill that is trying to force all foreign aid to come to a vote country by country. That would give us the chance to discuss

these very things on each country, on whether or not we should give them assistance. Isn't that wonderful? So I look forward to that in the time to come.

Mr. Speaker, we appreciate the time to discuss this very important issue, and especially now that money is so critically needed and that we should not be wasting it to help those who repress others.

IT IS TIME FOR THE SENATE TO ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. NUNNELEE) is recognized for 30 minutes.

Mr. NUNNELEE. Mr. Speaker, it is time for the United States Senate to act. The Democrats in the United States Senate, the Democrat leadership in the United States Senate, have failed the American people.

Last year when the Democrats controlled the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the White House, their leadership failed to adopt a budget. In fact, for the first time since adopting the Budget Act of 1974, the House of Representatives failed to pass a budget. NANCY PELOSI and HARRY REID left our country in a mess. Today, we are operating without a long-term spending plan. It must stop.

Earlier this year, a new majority came in to the House of Representatives; and under the leadership of JOHN BOEHNER, this new majority adopted a long-term spending plan that would outline the priorities of our government through September 30 of this year.

In this very Chamber, we stayed up late at night for four nights in a row. We debated and we hammered out a long-term spending plan. That plan included the largest cut in spending in American history.

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We defunded Planned Parenthood, we defunded NPR, we defunded ObamaCare. We placed significant restraints on regulatory agencies that have gone out of control, such as the EPA. And then the bill moved down to the Senate, and the Senate has failed to act.

Since then, in order to give them more time, we have granted two budget extensions, one for 2 weeks and then earlier this week we extended it for 3 more weeks. But included in those budget extensions were \$10 billion worth of spending cuts. While we have offered those temporary extensions, the permanent plan that has passed this Chamber still languishes in the Senate. The leadership of that body has not passed our spending plan, or, for that matter, any spending plan.

We are waiting. But, more importantly, the American people are waiting. We cannot negotiate with silence. If they don't like our spending plan,

then let them put forth one of their own. But it is time for the Senate to act. These temporary extensions are no way to run a business, and they are certainly no way to run a country.

Earlier this week our negotiators asked for 3 more weeks. Since we have only been in office for a little over 10 weeks, I thought it was wise to grant that extension and I voted for it.

Here the House has been doing the work of the American people. We have passed H.R. 2, the bill that repeals ObamaCare. We have defunded ObamaCare in its entirety, including the \$105 billion of preapproved spending; and we are moving forward. In fact, I don't think we should stop until ObamaCare is completely defunded. The House is working on legislation that will eliminate permanently that mandatory slush fund, and I hope we will vote on that in the upcoming weeks. But it is time for the Senate to act.

America wants real spending reform so that we can give businesses large and small the confidence they need, the predictability they need, and they can go out and be about the business of creating jobs that will grow our economy. It is time for the White House and the Senate to listen. House Republicans can only do so much. We only have control of one-half of one-third of the government, so we cannot act by ourselves. It is past time for the Senate to act.

Over the next 3 weeks we will be waiting, and we will be watching, to negotiate a long-term solution that will get us out of this mess that they left us in when they concluded last year.

CONDITIONAL ADJOURNMENT TO FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2011

Mr. NUNNELEE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today on a motion offered pursuant to this order, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 18, 2011, unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in House Concurrent Resolution 30, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.J. Res. 48. Joint Resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2011, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. NUNNELEE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the order of the House of today, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, March 18, 2011, at 10 a.m., unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 30, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

903. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's report entitled, "2010 Packers and Stockyards Program Annual Report", pursuant to the Packers and Stockyards Act of 1921, as amended; to the Committee on Agriculture.

904. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting a report of a violation of the Anti-deficiency Act in an account of the Department of Veterans Affairs, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; to the Committee on Appropriations.

905. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Preservation of Tooling for Major Defense Acquisition Programs (DFARS Case 2008-D042) (RIN: 0750-AG45) received February 28, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Armed Services.

906. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a report that the Department is taking essential steps to award a Joint Service Multi-Year Procurement (MYP) contract; to the Committee on Armed Services.

907. A letter from the Executive Director and Designated Federal Officer, Military Leadership Diversity Commission, transmitting a report entitled From Representation to Inclusion: Diversity Leadership for the 21st-Century Military; to the Committee on Armed Services.

908. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2010-0003] [Internal Agency Docket No.: FEMA-B-1143] received March 2, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

909. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Changes in Flood Elevation Determinations [Docket ID: FEMA-2010-0003] received February 24, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

910. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Notice of Availability of the Proposed Models for Plant-specific Adoption of Technical Specifications Task Force (TSTF) Traveler TSTF-423, Revision 1, "Technical Specifications End States, NEDC-32988-A", for Boiling Water Reactor Plants Using the Consolidated Line Item Improvement Process [NRC-2009-0403] received February 23, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

911. A letter from the Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's Strategic Plan for

fiscal years 2011 through 2015; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

912. A letter from the Inspector General, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting the 2010 Consumer Product Safety Commission Improvement Act Report to Congress; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

913. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Interior, transmitting Annual Operating Plan for Colorado River System Reservoirs for 2011, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 1552(b); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

914. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic [Docket No.: 001005218-0369-02] (RIN: 0648-XA195) received March 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

915. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting sixth annual report on crime victims' rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

916. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting the granting of the application for a one-year extension of the District of Arizona's declaration of a judicial emergency; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

917. A letter from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting the Office's report entitled, "Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States" for the September 2010 session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

918. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Copayments for Medications After June 30, 2010 (RIN: 2900-AN65) received February 18, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

919. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule — Updating Fire Safety Standards (RIN: 2900-AN57) received February 18, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

920. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Industry Director's Directive #3 on Super Completed Contract Method (LB&I Control No.: LB&I-4-1010-029) received March 2, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

921. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — 10 Tax Sheltered Annuity Contracts (Rev. Rul. 2011-7) received March 2, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

922. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Determination of Issue Price in the Case of Certain Debt Instruments Issued for Property (Rev. Rul. 2011-6) received February 23, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.