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CURRENT EVENTS

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

Mr. GOHMERT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

I know my friend from the Virgin Islands and I have differences on political issues, but she was very gracious to me personally and I will always be grateful, very grateful. Thank you.

We do differ on some of the issues. And hearing my friend across the aisle from Michigan (Mr. CLARKE), he wants what's best for his constituents. He wants them to have jobs. He wants them to have less taxes. He wants them to be able to revitalize their city. And that is what people want on both sides of the aisle. We just have a difference of opinion on the best way to go about it.

My friend from California said that the Tea Party really didn't want anything that will raise revenues. And I know she believes that, but the contrary is actually true. And what we have seen historically is, when you create jobs, even if the tax rate is lowered, if you do something that creates jobs, then the tax rate increases.

Some people have tried to vilify me because I'm advocating getting rid of a rather insidious—I sometimes think it is the most insidious tax we have because it has convinced rank-and-file folks across America that they don't have to pay this tax, some greedy, nasty corporation will pay the corporate tax, when the truth is the corporations are nothing but collection agents. If they don't collect the tax by adding on price to the cost of their product, to the price of their services, they don't stay in business. They're a collection agent. So the fact is, if you were to drop that tariff that we lay on our own products—it's a 35 percent tax. It's really a tariff. You eliminate that and jobs come rushing back into America.

The number one reason you get when you travel around the world—whether it's Africa, China. Others tell me from South America, Hey, we had to move because America has the highest cor-

porate tax of any country in the world, 35 percent. China is 17 percent. So you lower that tariff that corporations have to collect on their goods, jobs would come flooding back, and we could see Detroit become the car capital that it once was and that it should be. We would see those jobs come back.

In first questioning CEOs overseas, the number one answer I would get on why they moved was too much regulation. Well, that was a problem. Difficulty in dealing with unions or too high wages compared to what people get around the world, that was a problem.

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It wasn't the number one problem. The number one problem was the 35 percent corporate tax, a tariff we put on all American-made goods.

I've had people who, apparently, with degrees, are educated beyond their abilities, say, but if you lowered or got rid of the corporate tax, where would all that tax money come from? Because they don't understand how jobs are created. They think that money, it's a zero sum balance. It just would go away, and there would be no more tax. We'd lose that much tax.

And, in fact, the liberal Congress that existed in 1974 when they set up CBO and set up their rules for scoring bills does not allow the Congressional Budget Office to score based on reality. They are forced to score under archaic, unrealistic rules that are not allowed to take into consideration past history in calculating future performance. Huge mistake. But the Democrats in charge in 1974 knew what they were doing.

So you drop that tax. And, like I've said, the American Jobs Act is my bill. After the President beat up on us for 6 days, and it became very obvious he was more concerned about making speeches about American Jobs Act than he was actually getting one filed and getting one pushed through, then I felt like, if he's going to criticize me and our friends here for not passing the American Jobs Act, by golly, there ought to be one. So I did file one, and that's what it does.

I'm negotiable. If the President would like to come up zero in corporate tax, I'm flexible. But the fact is, jobs would come rushing back into this country if the manufacturers, if the companies knew no corporate tariff is put on those products. They could compete around the world; we would retake the world.

I know there are people in this country, good folks, smart folks, that think we are better off as a service-oriented society in America, rather than a manufacturing society. The trouble with that is, and as I heard from people in West Africa last year, we're their hope for freedom. If we don't remain strong, as one elderly gentleman told me, they have no chance of enjoying freedom in this life.

Well, you can't be an international power and protect freedom, not here,

not anywhere, unless you can produce the things that are needed in the event of war. That's why I'm an advocate for natural gas being used to power cars. We need to make sure it's safe, but it's cleaner burning.

Some people say, no, we've got to get cars that run on electricity. They don't apparently realize that electricity has to be generated somewhere, and it's obvious that Solyndra's not going to be producing it for us. Maybe if we give them several trillion dollars instead of just 600 billion, maybe eventually they could come up with a product that would compete, but that hasn't happened.

So mistakes have been made. Mistakes get made on both sides of the aisle. Republicans made a mistake in '05 and '06, my freshman term here, and I have to say that our friends across the aisle rightfully beat up on us back in 2006 for spending \$160 billion more than we took in. We shouldn't have done that. And they promised they would get spending down under control and would not run a deficit like that if they were simply given the majority. They were for 4 years, and the spending went through the roof.

Republicans made a mistake by spending more than was coming in by \$160 billion. And then our friends across the aisle made a mistake over the last 4 years as they got that spending up over \$1 trillion, \$1.5 trillion more than we were bringing in. Major mistake.

But I want to spend the remainder of my time tonight in talking about another problem that we've had here in the United States and with the Federal Government. There's been a lot of talk the last few days about the death of Anwar al-Awlaki. And it is important to note the things that we were told in past years about Mr. Awlaki.

Pajamas Medium, that's a funny name, but Patrick Poole has done a good job doing some research on some of the old articles. For example, back in November of 2001 The Washington Post—let's see, I think they're going after our Governor from Texas right now.

Well, that same Washington Post had a wonderful blog back in November of 2001 and featured none other than Imam Anwar al-Awlaki. And he was allowed to use The Washington Post to try to convince people of what a man of peace he was. And you get the impression, certainly, The Washington Post said he was a good guy.

You can look back, again, November 19, 2001. And I printed this off of the Internet from The Washington Post. Understanding Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting. And they featured Imam Anwar al-Awlaki.

Now, obviously, The Washington Post doesn't care much for the Governor of Texas, but they certainly had a great appreciation for the man that was killed recently, featuring him in their publication to explain things for us. And they featured him explaining

that, about Ramadan. Isn't that wonderful that The Washington Post would reach out to someone who it turns out wanted to destroy America, our way of life, thought it was a good idea to kill Americans, believed that actually it would be a good thing to bring down America. It was good The Washington Post would give him that much time because they're so open-minded, honorable people. So are they all, all honorable people, as Shakespeare had Mark Anthony saying.

All those folks at The Washington Post, they're honorable people. I mean, why else would they give their paper, their moniker, to a man that they judged to be a man of peace?

New York Times had a good article, October 19 of 2001, and they mentioned Imam Anwar al-Awlaki, spiritual leader at the Dar al-Hijrah mosque in Virginia, one of the Nation's largest, which draws about 3,000 worshippers for communal prayers each Friday.

"In the past we were oblivious. We didn't really care much because we never expected things to happen. Now I think things are different. What we might have tolerated in the past we won't tolerate anymore. There were some statements that were inflammatory and were considered just talk, but now we realize that talk can be taken seriously and acted upon in a violent, radical way," said Mr. Awlaki, who, at 30, is held up as a new generation of Muslim leader capable of merging East and West, born in New Mexico to parents from Yemen, who studied Islam in Yemen and civil engineering at Colorado State University.

So they featured what they believed to be a man of peace. And, certainly, The New York Times is full of honorable people. So are they all at The New York Times, all honorable people that had such nice things to say about the man who would destroy America.

Of course, Fox News published an article on May 20, 2011, that said:

With the recent death and, again, this was May of this year, of Osama bin Laden, the life of another al-Qaeda-linked radical Muslim cleric—well, that seems pretty hurtful of them, Fox News, to say about someone that The New York Times and The Washington Post thought so highly of. I'm sorry that Fox News was so mean to somebody that The Times and The Washington Post liked so much.

The article goes on:

Documents obtained exclusively by Fox News and its special unit shed new light on his stint as a guest speaker at the Pentagon just months after the September 11 terror attacks. American cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, the first American on the CIA's kill or capture list, which seems a little mean of the CIA. I mean, The Washington Post and The New York Times thought he was okay back in 2001.

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Again, the article says:

American cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, the first American on the CIA's kill or

capture list, is still considered a grave threat to U.S. national security. He now is hiding out in Yemen, where earlier this month a U.S. missile attack tried to kill him and his followers.

The scene was much different on February 5, 2002, when the radical imam was invited to and attended the Pentagon event.

Fox News obtained new documents through a Free of Information Act request as part of a year-long investigation called "Fox News Reporting: Secrets of 9/11." An internal Department of Defense email that announced the event with Awlaki also laid out other details, like a proposed menu including pork, which is prohibited for Muslims. The email states "the chef will create something special for vegetarians."

The documents show that more than 70 people were copied on the invitation, which originated in the Defense Department's Office of the General Counsel. It is home to the Pentagon's top lawyer.

"I have reserved one of the executive dining rooms for February 5, which is the date he, Awlaki, preferred," a Defense Department lawyer wrote in the email announcing the event.

"He will be leaving for an extensive period of time on February 11."

The email states that New Mexico born al-Awlaki was the featured guest speaker on "Islam and Middle Eastern Politics and Culture."

The Defense Department lawyer who vetted the imam wrote that she "had the privilege of hearing one of Mr. Awlaki's presentations in November and was impressed by both the extent of his knowledge and by how he communicated that information and handled a hostile element in the audience."

The article goes on and points out that al-Awlaki, a dual U.S. and Yemeni national, was interviewed at least four times by the FBI in the first 8 days after September 11 because he had ties to the three hijackers involved. They were three of the five hijackers of American Airlines Flight 77, which was flown into the Pentagon. Apparently none of the FBI's information about Awlaki, his ties to the hijackers or his history of soliciting prostitutes, was shared with the Pentagon.

Another article published in Andrew Breitbart Presents Big Peace, November 9, 2010, points out that al-Awlaki was involved in the training of the Defense Department's Muslim chaplains and lay leaders as an instructor at the Institute for Islamic and Arabic Sciences in America, IIASA, in the Washington, D.C., area.

It goes on to say:

Controlled by the Saudi Embassy and operating under the kingdom's Ministry of Higher Education, the IIASA served as the branch campus of the al Imam Muhammad Ibn Saud Islamic University in Riyadh. The institute was certified to train the Pentagon's Muslim chaplains until 2003. Many of the faculty members, who held diplo-

matic passports, had their visas revoked in January 2004, and the institute itself was raided by the FBI, Customs, and the IRS the following July.

It goes on to say:

Awlaki's role in the program was reported by Glenn Simpson at The Wall Street Journal back in December 2003 but hasn't been mentioned since. Writing about the IIASA's controversial role in the military chaplain program, Simpson noted:

"Anwar al-Awlaki, the former imam at a mosque in San Diego, also has lectured at the institute. A congressional report on September 11 released this July said Mr. Awlaki counseled two of the hijackers while they stayed in San Diego and then transferred to a mosque that both hijackers attended in northern Virginia shortly before the attacks. Mr. Awlaki, who is now believed to be in Yemen, has denied knowing of the hijackers' plans."

The article goes on:

More is now known about Awlaki's relationship with the 9/11 terror plot. Time magazine reported that the cleric held closed-door meetings with two of the hijackers in San Diego, and the pair followed Awlaki to the D.C. area when he moved there in early 2001. Hani Hanjour, who flew American Airlines Flight 77 into the Pentagon, joined them there. The three hijackers attended the Dar al-Hijrah mosque in Falls Church, Virginia, where Awlaki served as imam.

Well, isn't that interesting?

Also, a report, this is a Rewind: Anwar al-Awlaki leads prayers inside U.S. Capitol for congressional Muslim staffers.

This is from Pajamas Media:

Anwar al-Awlaki's appearance leading Friday afternoon prayers inside the U.S. Capitol following the 9/11 attacks. As Fox News later reported, Anwar al-Awlaki was not the only terror-tied al Qaeda cleric leading prayers for the Congressional Muslim Staff Association.

Then it goes on and points out that there is footage of Awlaki leading prayers for congressional Muslim staffers (which also included then-CAIR official and now convicted terror operative Randall "Ismail" Royer) shot for a PBS documentary called "Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet."

Interesting stuff.

Of course, National Public Radio, that receives so much of our taxpayer money, reported November 1, 2001, that Awlaki was contrasted to Osama bin Laden as one of the, quote, moderates who want to solve the problems without violence, unquote, and someone who could, quote, build bridges between Islam and the West, unquote.

Interesting stuff. It just doesn't seem that we seem to learn our lessons very well.

We also know that this Attorney General not only had a Justice Department-involved, which obviously included ATF involvement in selling guns to criminals, Mexican drug cartels who we know killed at least one,

and there may be others, but this Justice Department dropped the charges against the individuals and the groups that were named coconspirators in the Holy Land Foundation trial that was tried in Dallas, Texas, first to a hung jury. As I understand, there was an 11-1 verdict. One person held up the verdict, so they tried it again, and the Bush administration's Justice Department intended if they got a conviction of the five people charged with aiding terrorism that they would then move forward. In fact, the Assistant U.S. Attorney involved filed pleadings with the court, the District Court in Dallas, Texas, the Federal Court, and also with the Fifth Circuit in New Orleans in response to some of those groups that were named coconspirators to supporting terrorist activity with money and basically said there's a *prima facie* case here. There's enough evidence to keep them in as named coconspirators.

The conviction occurred, I believe it was November of 2008, five defendants, 105 counts, as I recall. Then, rather than going forward as they should have based on the evidence, the stacks and stacks, the boxes and boxes of evidence, this Justice Department decided to drop the matter.

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It's understandable given some of the relationships that are involved.

Of course, CAIR, mentioned in one of the articles, was one of the named coconspirators to financing terrorism in the Holy Land Foundation trial. We know that ISNA was one of the named coconspirators, the Islamic Society of North America, and the head of ISNA, Imam Magid. Actually, Imam Magid was the leader of a named defendant in sponsoring terrorism in the Holy Land Foundation trial, which this administration refused to pursue further. Then we find out that Imam Magid, a year ago, was at the White House, leading the White House in the Iftar celebration at the conclusion of Ramadan.

Then, of course, we know that the second-highest person in the National Security Agency, Deputy National Security Advisor Denis McDonough, was invited and spoke, and thanked Imam Magid there for the wonderful prayers at the White House and also for the wonderful introduction. They have a wonderful relationship.

Well, isn't that special.

In the wake of Mr. Anwar al-Awlaki being killed in Yemen for his role in having declared war on the United States, I can't help but reflect back on something that sets our country apart. In a new democracy visited earlier this year, I had a leader there say, We're constantly worried about the military trying to take over because we never had a George Washington who did what no one has ever done before or since: led the Revolution—a military revolution—won the Revolution, resigned, and gone home. Nobody has done it before or since. What a man.

In his resignation that was sent to the 13 Governors, Washington, at the

end—and there's a painting of him tendering his resignation—included a prayer. He says in the prayer—and we have his own words, but I won't read the whole thing—"I now make it my earnest prayer that God would have you and the State over which you preside in His holy protection."

He goes on and says, "And finally, that He would most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with charity, humility and pacific temper of mind, which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion, and without an humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy Nation."

"I have the honor to be, with great respect and esteem, Your excellency's most obedient and very humble servant, George Washington."

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, I can't help but wonder if Mr. Al-Awlaki ever knew the divine author of our blessed religion, who George Washington says, "without an humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy Nation."

With that, I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for Monday and Tuesday on account of official business in the district.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore Mr. HARRIS on Thursday, September 29, 2011:

H.R. 2005. An act to reauthorize the Combating Autism Act of 2006.

H.R. 2017. An act making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2012, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House reports that on September 27, 2011 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 2883. To amend part B of title IV of the Social Security Act to extend the child and family services program through fiscal year 2016, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2646. To authorize certain Department of Veterans Affairs major medical facility projects and leases, to extend certain expiring provisions of law, and to modify certain authorities of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 2943. To extend the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families and related programs through December 31, 2011.

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House also reports that on September 29, 2011

she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills:

H.R. 2017. Making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 2005. To reauthorize the Combating Autism Act of 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 34 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, October 4, 2011, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3297. A letter from the Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Emergency Restoration Plan (ERP) (RIN: 0572-AC16) received September 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3298. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility [Docket ID: FEMA-2011-0002] [Internal Agency Docket No. FEMA-8191] received August 18, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

3299. A letter from the Director, Division of Regulations, Legislation, and Interpretation, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers Under Service Contracts (RIN: 1215-AB69; 1235-AA02) received August 31, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3300. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Rate Increase Disclosure and Review: Definitions of "Individual Market" and "Small Group Market" [CMS-9999-F] (RIN: 0938-AR26) received September 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3301. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Effective Date of Requirement for Premarket Approval for Three Class III Preamendments Devices [Docket No.: FDA-2010-N-0412] received September 1, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3302. A letter from the Regulatory and Policy Specialist, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Indian Trust Management Reform-Implementation of Statutory Changes [Docket ID: BIA-2009-0001] (RIN: 1076-AF07) received August 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

3303. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final