

And yet what has been this administration's position in response to the biggest oil find in modern history in North Dakota, Slawson Exploration Co. of Wichita, Kansas, was charged under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act for killing 12 birds that—these aren't endangered species, they're migratory birds, like mallard ducks—after landing, allegedly landing in oil waste pits in western North Dakota.

So our Justice Department, which abandoned prosecution of funding of terrorism around the world against the United States and our friend Israel, it has abandoned that responsibility, they are purging their training records of any reference to radical Islam. They are refusing to go after the people that want to bring down this country. They're appointing people on the Homeland Security Advisory Council who have glowingly talked about Ayatollah Khomeini, or the Holy Land Foundation, that funneled money to terrorism, they're putting people like that on the Homeland Security Advisory Council, giving them secret clearance and letting them peruse our classified documents. That's what this administration has been doing.

But these energy resources could make us energy independent, and what are they doing? They're putting their foot on the throat of anybody that tries to produce them to the point that they will ignore the tens of thousands of birds that have been killed by windmills and go after the biggest oil find in modern history in America and charge them criminally because maybe there were 12 ducks that got into some of their oil.

It's incredible what this administration is doing—they think to help America. But, clearly, just as clearly in retrospect as President Carter hurt this country, hurt those who love liberty by recognizing the Ayatollah Khomeini as a man of peace, proudly proclaiming his coming back to Iran, and thousands and thousands and thousands of people have died because such a man was encouraged to come to power.

Just like this administration did in Egypt, like this administration has done in Libya, without really knowing who we were helping, and now the Muslim Brotherhood that is devout in pursuing an international caliphate that would put the lovers of liberty in this country under the shackles of following sharia law, it's a disgrace.

There is so much damage that this administration has been doing; the Justice Department going after people because they believe there is a God.

I will just close with what Ben Franklin said in the Constitutional Convention, 1787, toward the end of June:

How has it happened that we have not once thought of humbly applying to the Father of lights to illuminate our understanding? In the beginning of the contest with Great Britain when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayer in this room. Our prayers, sir, were heard and they were graciously answered.

He ultimately said:

If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We've been assured, sir, in the sacred writings that "unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." I firmly believe this.

He also said:

I firmly believe that without his concurring aid, we shall succeed in our political building no better than the builders of Babel.

He was right. We've had over 200 years of blessing as a result. It's time to acknowledge the result of our blessing and the source of our blessings.

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

HOUSE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills of the following titles:

June 29, 2011:

H.R. 2279. An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

August 3, 2011:

H.R. 1383. An Act to temporarily preserve higher rates for tuition and fees for programs of education at non-public institutions of higher learning pursued by individuals enrolled in the Post-9/11 Educational Assistance Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs before the enactment of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Improvements Act of 2010, and for other purposes.

August 5, 2011:

H.R. 2553. An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, to amend title 49, United States Code, to extend the airport improvement program, and for other purposes.

August 12, 2011:

H.R. 2715. An Act to provide the Consumer Product Safety Commission with greater authority and discretion in enforcing the consumer product safety laws, and for other purposes.

September 16, 2011:

H.R. 1249. An Act to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide for patent reform.

H.R. 2887. An Act to provide an extension of surface and air transportation programs, and for other purposes.

September 30, 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.

H.R. 2883. An act 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. 2943. An Act to extend the program of block grants to States for temporary assistance for needy families and related programs through December 31, 2011.

October 5, 2011:

H.R. 2608. An Act to provide for an additional temporary extension of programs under the Small Business Act and the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2646. An Act 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.

October 12, 2011:

H.R. 771. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1081 Elbel Road in Schertz, Texas, as the "Schertz Veterans Post Office".

H.R. 1632. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5014 Gary Avenue in Lubbock, Texas, as the "Sergeant Chris Davis Post Office".

October 21, 2011:

H.R. 2832. An Act to extend the Generalized System of Preferences, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2944. An Act to provide for the continued performance of the functions of the United States Parole Commission, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3078. An Act to implement the United States-Colombia Trade Promotion Agreement.

H.R. 3079. An Act to implement the United States-Panama Trade Promotion Agreement.

H.R. 3080. An Act to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement. November 7, 2011:

H.R. 489. An Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior with respect to the C.C. Cragin Dam and Reservoir, and for other purposes.

H.R. 765. An Act to amend the National Forest Ski Area Permit Act of 1986 to clarify the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture regarding additional recreational uses of National Forest System land that is subject to ski area permits, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1843. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 489 Army Drive in Barrigada, Guam, as the "John Pangelinan Gerber Post Office Building".

H.R. 1975. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 281 East Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena, California, as the "First Lieutenant Oliver Goodall Post Office Building".

H.R. 2062. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45 Meetinghouse Lane in Sagamore Beach, Massachusetts, as the "Matthew A. Pucino Post Office".

H.R. 3149. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4354 Pahoehoe Avenue in Honolulu, Hawaii, as the "Cecil L. Heftel Post Office Building".

November 9, 2011:

H.R. 368. An Act to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify and improve certain provisions relating to the removal of litigation against Federal officers or agencies to Federal courts, and for other purposes.

H.R. 818. An Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to allow for prepayment of repayment contracts between the United States and the Uintah Water Conservancy District.

November 18, 2011:

H.R. 2112. An Act making consolidated appropriations for the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2012, and for other purposes.

November 21, 2011:

H.R. 674. An Act to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the imposition of 3 percent withholding on certain payments made to vendors by government entities, to modify the calculation of modified adjusted gross income for purposes of determining eligibility for certain healthcare-related programs, and for other purposes.

November 23, 2011:

H.R. 398. An Act to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to toll, during active-

duty service abroad in the Armed Forces, the periods of time to file a petition and appear for an interview to remove the conditional basis for permanent resident status, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2447. An Act to grant the congressional gold medal to the Montford Point Marines.

November 29, 2011:

H.R. 3321. An Act to facilitate the hosting in the United States of the 34th America's Cup by authorizing certain eligible vessels to participate in activities related to the competition, and for other purposes.

SENATE BILLS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT

The President notified the Clerk of the House that on the following dates he had approved and signed bills (of the Senate) of the following titles:

July 26, 2011

S. 1103. An Act to extend the term of the incumbent Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

August 2, 2011:

S. 365. An Act to provide for budget control.

September 23, 2011:

S. 846. An Act to designate the United States courthouse located at 80 Lafayette Street in Jefferson City, Missouri, as the Christopher S. Bond United States Courthouse.

November 9, 2011:

S. 894. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase, effective December 1, 2011, in the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

November 12, 2011:

S. 1487. An Act to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security, in coordination with the Secretary of State, to establish a program to issue Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Business Travel Cards, and for other purposes.

November 21, 2011:

S. 1280. An Act to amend the Peace Corps Act to require sexual assault risk-reduction and response training, the development of a sexual assault policy, the establishment of an Office of Victim Advocacy, the establishment of a Sexual Assault Advisory Council, and for other purposes.

November 23, 2011:

S. 1412. An Act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 462 Washington Street, Woburn, Massachusetts, as the "Officer John Maguire Post Office".

November 29, 2011:

S. 1637. An Act to clarify appeal time limits in civil actions to which United States officers or employees are parties.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. EMERSON (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of attending her son's ceremony at Fort Stewart, Georgia.

Mr. SCHILLING (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of attending the funeral of PFC Adam E. Dobreiner, who was killed in Afghanistan.

Mr. SESSIONS (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of attending a funeral in the district.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, December 5, 2011, at noon 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:

4088. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Fenamidone; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0866; FRL-9325-4] received November 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4089. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Polyethylene glycol; Tolerance Exemption [EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0606; FRL-8892-1] received November 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4090. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Prohexadione Calcium; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0780; FRL-9326-4] received November 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4091. A letter from the Under Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting notice that the Department's Fiscal Year 2011 Agency Financial Report will be published electronically; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4092. A letter from the Principal Deputy, Department of Defense, transmitting a report on Redetermination Process for Permanently Incapacitated Dependents of Retired and Deceased Members of the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

4093. A letter from the Director, Directorate of Enforcement Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Procedures for the Handling of Retaliation Complaints Under Section 806 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as Amended [Docket Number: OSHA-2011-0126] (RIN: 1218-AC53) received November 15, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

4094. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Amendments to the Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Offset Lithographic Printing and Letterpress Printing [EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0603; FRL-9493-1] received November 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4095. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference [VA202-5203; FRL-9490-3] received November 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4096. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental

Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Determination of Clean Data for the 2006 Fine Particulate Standard for the Charleston Area [EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0474; FRL-9494-2] received November 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4097. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; North Carolina; Redesignation of the Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Nonattainment Area to Attainment [EPA-R04-OAR-2009-1010-201158; FRL-9493-5] received November 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4098. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; North Carolina; Redesignation of the Greensboro-Winston-Salem-High Point 1997 Annual Fine Particulate Matter Nonattainment Area to Attainment [EPA-R04-OAR-2009-1011-201159; FRL-9493-6] received November 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4099. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to the New Source Review (NSR) State Implementation Plan (SIP); General Definitions; Definition of Modification of Existing Facility [EPA-R06-OAR-2005-TX-0025; FRL-9489-8] received November 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4100. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases [EPA-HQ-OAR-2011-0147; FRL-9493-9] (RIN: 2060-AQ85) received November 16, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4101. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 11-48, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4102. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 11-40, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4103. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting Transmittal No. 11-41, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4104. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting proposed amendments to the International Traffic in Arms Regulations; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4105. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Certification and Determination with Respect to the Child Soldiers Prevention Act of 2008; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

4106. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report entitled "Report of