

project was given 60 days for its outcome. However, despite this attempt, the very same month a squadron of Chilean armed police, or “carabineros,” arrived on Easter Island, signaling the beginning of a 6-month-long violent conflict between the local inhabitants and the police forces that the Chilean Government sent to Easter Island.

On September 7, the troops forcibly evicted the Hito clan from the Hotel Hanga Roa grounds. The evictions that took place on September 7 are well documented. And I must say, Mr. Speaker, not a very pleasant experience in reading some of the experiences of some of these young people. For example, these four children, ages 9, 7, 5, and 3; Mr. Eddie Hito, the father. And the children stated, “My family was all sleeping at 5 in the morning when I heard a loud noise. Then 20 armed policemen entered into our room and held both my wife and I at gunpoint. I heard one officer radio that there were children, but his superior radioed back to proceed on with no mercy. In jail, they made us register all the children and forced us to sign forms.”

Another testimony. A nine-year old daughter said that when she awoke, police were aiming their guns at her and her younger brother. “They overturned my mattress where I was sleeping with my brother, making me hit my head. The police threw me from the bed. They pulled my arm and threw me outside into their truck.”

The mother stated, “The police didn’t even give me a chance to dress the children nor myself. In that little time I took the two little ones. And without shoes, we were rushed and thrown into the police trucks and taken to the jails.”

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“Only 2 weeks prior to this, the police had come to the children’s school to present themselves as helpers and protectors. Now my kids are presented with the complete opposite. They see it as the police abusing their family. Now they don’t want to go back to school or even to leave their homes. They don’t want to go to school. They are worried. Every night they ask me if everything is locked up because they are afraid that the police will break in again and hurt them.”

Another testimony from Mr. Claudio Hito with his two children, ages 12 and 8 months. The mother made this statement:

“There were at least three policemen holding us at gunpoint. Claudio took the baby, and they still held us at gunpoint. My boy was at the other end of the room. The police were shining a light in his face and hitting his chest with their beating stick. They hit him until he woke up. He woke up disoriented and they ordered him to hurry up.

“The police physically threw us out, while threatening us. I had to change the baby in the police truck. I was

using my cell phone light to change her, and they started to yell at me to turn off my phone, so I had to use the little light that seeped through the doors. And through the crack in the door I saw tons of policemen gathered outside.”

After the September 7 incident of last year, more evictions were conducted. The picture here is showing a man with a forehead wound.

Susan Hito made this statement in terms with her children, the same thing, being physically abused and physically assaulted by the police. These natives, Rapa Nuians, were completely taken by surprise in terms of the action taken by the police forces of the Chilean Government.

Mr. Speaker, this past Thursday, last week, Senator DANIEL AKAKA and I issued a joint letter to the President of Chile, Mr. Sebastian Pinera, expressing our concern over the situation unfolding in Rapa Nui or Easter Island, citing the failure of the Ministry of the Interior to seriously consider the legitimate land ownership claims of the people of Rapa Nui; the criminal prosecutions of Rapa Nui political leaders for their involvement in peaceful demonstration; and the ongoing disproportionate use of force by Chilean Special Forces against the people of Rapa Nui.

Mr. Speaker, the point is this: This is the year 2011, and this type of treatment should not be happening. But unfortunately, Mr. Speaker, it is happening. As I stated before, Chile’s current relationship with Easter Island is disputed, unclear, and highly questionable. However, there is a choice to be made in how to address the many legal, policy and human rights issues that have stemmed from this unfortunate relationship.

I appeal to the Government of Chile to begin a dialogue for ways to help the Rapa Nui people achieve self-determination, economic self-sufficiency, and preservation of culture. We can learn, for example, how the Government of Nicaragua treated its people, the indigenous people of the Miskito tribe. We can learn from government-to-government relations how our own government has treated some 600 tribes here in the United States and in the same way that we ought to learn how we could better treat the people of Rapa Nui.

Mr. Speaker, just a few weeks ago, the President of the United States, Barack Obama, gave the State of the Union message in which he mentioned Chile twice. First of all, he mentioned the efforts of an American who owned a small company that helped develop a special machine that helped save the lives of these 33 Chileans who were stuck in the mines. This man used his skills to save a group of people whom he had never met. In fact, even to the time when these 33 Chileans came out of mine, he took off for the United States, never bothered wanting to be recognized. President Obama also mentioned that in an effort to strengthen

our ties with Latin America, he will visit three countries next month to discuss business relations and trade, one of which is Chile. This effort on the part of President Obama in Chile is geared towards strengthening our Nation’s relationship with Latin America, and particularly our bilateral relations with Chile.

I appeal to President Pinera to advocate for a more positive approach for partnership and dialogue with the indigenous people of Easter Island or Rapa Nui. The Rapa Nui people are in danger of being exterminated from their own lands.

Mr. Speaker, this seemingly peaceful island, which is known throughout the world for its mysterious moai stone statues, is no longer so peaceful. Let me conclude my remarks by making this special appeal, personal appeal to the Minister of Interior, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chile and more especially to the Honorable President of Chile, His Excellency Sebastian Pinera, to address the problems affecting the people of Easter Island or Rapa Nui.

It is my honest belief that the indigenous people of Easter Island do not wish to do any harm against the some 17 million people living in Chile. In fact, there are only 2,500 Easter Islanders who remain on the island. Nor is there ever a possibility that the people of Easter Island will ever pose a threat to the military and strategic or national security interests of the Chilean Government or its people.

So, Mr. Speaker, I make this personal appeal to President Pinera. I ask for a true demonstration of his leadership and capacity to exercise fair judgment and above all show common decency towards the safety and welfare of probably the most helpless people who currently live on this planet, a people who centuries ago were among the greatest in the world as navigators and voyagers of the Pacific region, a people whom scientists today can still marvel at their ability to build statues cut from stones weighing hundreds of tons, a people who only ask to be treated as any other human being would like to be treated.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CRAWFORD (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of family medical reasons.

Mr. HANNA (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of inclement weather.

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.R. 366. 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.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE
PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House reports that on January 28, 2011 she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 366. 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.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 56 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Speaker-Authorized Official Travel during the fourth quarter of 2010 pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

(AMENDED) REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO NORWAY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN DEC. 8 AND DEC. 12, 2010

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Nancy Pelosi	12/10	12/12	Norway		2,134.00		(³)				2,134.00
Hon. Wilson Livingood	12/10	12/12	Norway		1,963.00		(³)				1,963.00
Hon. Brian Monahan	12/10	12/12	Norway		1,318.00		(³)				1,318.00
Stacey Bako	12/09	12/12	Norway		1,999.00		4,896.00				6,895.00
Bridget Fallon	12/09	12/12	Norway		2,680.00		4,896.00				7,576.00
Kate Knudson	12/10	12/12	Norway		1,453.00		(³)				1,453.00
Jonathan Stivers	12/10	12/12	Norway		1,453.00		(³)				1,453.00
Andrew Hammill	12/10	12/12	Norway		1,453.00		(³)				1,453.00
Committee totals					14,453.00		9,792.00				24,245.00

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

³ Military air transportation.

HON. NANCY PELOSI, Speaker of the House, Jan. 18, 2011.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2010

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²

HOUSE COMMITTEES

Please Note: If there were no expenditures during the calendar quarter noted above, please check the box at right to so indicate and return. ☒

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. PAUL RYAN, Jan. 19, 2011.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2010

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²

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HON. NICK J. RAHALL II, Jan. 2, 2011.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2010

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²
Hon. Joseph Donnelly	12/10	12/13	Dubai				11,327.10				11,327.10
Committee total							11,327.10				11,327.10

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. BOB FILNER, Jan. 12, 2011.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, JOINT COMMITTEE ON TAXATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN OCT. 1 AND DEC. 31, 2010

Name of Member or employee	Date		Country	Per diem ¹		Transportation		Other purposes		Total	
	Arrival	Departure		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ²

HOUSE COMMITTEES

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HON. DAVE CAMP, Jan. 13, 2011.