

Even in prisons, we allow lawyers to see their clients and their family to see their loved ones. But not in Camp Liberty. And remember, these people in Camp Liberty, these Iranian dissidents, have committed no crime. They have violated no law. You can't help but think that good old Maliki has something to hide again.

But word is leaking out that there's not enough drinking water in the camp, there are ruptures in the sewage system, and they're having to be fixed by hand by the residents.

Iraqi guards have their will at the camp, and they wander around with no rules. They violate the privacy of these Iranian dissidents, many of whom are women.

What's more, no one, not even the U.N., is confident that once political refugee determination is made by other countries, those countries will accept these dissidents into their country. Why?

Because our State Department incredibly, has the MEK, these folks in this Camp Liberty, designated as a foreign terrorist organization. In fact, Maliki told Members of Congress, one reason he treated the residents in Camp Ashraf so poorly is because our own State Department designates them as a foreign terrorist organization.

This designation is an old, failed State Department foreign policy that designated these people as an FTO as a favor to the Iranian government. That hasn't worked out too well with our foreign relations with Iran, has it?

Since then, we've seen that the real terrorists in Iran are the extreme mullahs and the tiny tyrant of the desert, Ahmadinejad, not the opposition groups that want democracy in Iran.

Both the EU and the United Kingdom have removed the foreign terrorist designation from the group, the MEK, but not the State Department. As Iran defiantly marches toward nuclear weapons, the best hope for the world is the people of Iran pushing for a regime change of their own government. The longer we keep opposition groups who want to do just that on the foreign terrorist organization list, the less likely it is that the light of liberty will have a chance to shine in Iran.

The Federal courts have even ordered the State Department to review this FTO designation, but the State Department continues to delay, to delay, delay making a decision. The State Department must remove the MEK from the foreign terrorist organization list immediately, and then let liberty prevail in Camp Liberty and let these people leave Iraq in a peaceful manner.

And that's just the way it is.

OUR LEGACY TO A NEW GENERATION: A WORLD FREE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, there was good news on the national security front last week. North Korea, one of the most dangerous rogue nations on the Earth, far more dangerous than Iraq was when we invaded 9 years ago, has agreed to suspend nuclear weapons activity. Through careful diplomacy, the Obama administration has secured this concession by offering badly needed nutritional assistance to North Koreans.

The North Korean regime has also consented to stop uranium enrichment, impose an important moratorium on long-range missile testing, and allow international weapons inspectors into the country for the first time in 3 years.

Of course, we must remain cautious, and we must remain vigilant in our dealings with North Korea. But it's clear that peaceful negotiations and diplomacy, as opposed to saber rattling that we've seen much too often in the recent past, is advancing our national security interests and moving us closer to a future of peace and security.

The President and Secretary Clinton deserve credit for this breakthrough. They have made nonproliferation and the securing of loose nuclear material top priorities. The New START Treaty represented a critical step in finally putting the Cold War behind us and increasing security cooperation between Russia and the United States.

It's my hope now that we will be bolder and more ambitious because it's time for the United States to exercise global leadership and true statesmanship, and move toward complete dismantling of our nuclear arsenal. That's exactly the long-term goal we committed to as a Nation when we signed the NPT 40 years ago.

To that end, Madam Speaker, I've introduced a resolution called NO NUKES, which stands for Nonproliferation Options for Nuclear Understanding to Keep Everyone Safe. NO NUKES. NO NUKES moves us aggressively in that direction.

It makes no sense at all that we have thousands of nuclear warheads when just one of them has the power to end life on Earth as we know it.

And if that's not good enough, eliminating nuclear weapons isn't just a matter of human rights and moral urgency, it's also a big budget item at a time when we must be exercising fiscal restraint.

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We currently spend over \$50 billion a year on maintenance of our existing nuclear arsenal. How about we invest that money on programs that save lives instead of weapons designed to destroy life? For nearly a decade now, we've defended our country and its interests by sending thousands of troops to die in a foreign war that isn't making America safer but is costing Americans billions of dollars every month.

Madam Speaker, there has to be a different way. My SMART Security

Platform advances the idea that we make the world safer, not through acts of war and arms escalation, but through cooperation and conflict resolution.

For nearly my entire life, the world has lived under a shadow of nuclear confrontation. My oldest child turned 50 over the weekend. He was an infant in my arms during the terrifying days of the Cuban Missile Crisis. We can't make another generation go through that.

Actually, my 7-year-old grandson, Jake Eddie, is joining me in Washington this week, and I believe it is our responsibility to make a promise to him and to his classmates and his peers. Our legacy to them must be a world free of nuclear weapons. Our legacy to them must be a peaceful future. And one step in the right direction, in the memory of DONALD PAYNE, is to bring our troops home from Afghanistan.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 1 minute a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Today is a significant day for Americans in this election year. We ask Your blessing upon the American people, especially those who choose to participate this day in primary elections. Give them good judgment and a sincere desire for the welfare of this great Nation as they cast their ballots.

Bless, as well, the Members of this people's House. May they be filled with Your spirit this day and exercise their responsibilities with wisdom, understanding, and goodwill. May all they do be for Your greater honor and glory.

In the past few days, O Lord, many have been assailed by terrifying and destructive weather. Send Your healing balm upon those who have been afflicted and bless with rapid success the efforts of those emergency responders who are working tirelessly to rebuild shattered lives and communities.

And finally, with sorrow, we acknowledge the passing of DONALD PAYNE of the 10th District of New Jersey. We thank You for his years of service in this assembly and ask You to bless his family and loved ones. Eternal

rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. HIGGINS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HIGGINS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

THE IRANIAN DUCK

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Iran continues to inch closer to making its nuclear ambitions a reality.

The administration wants Israel to give diplomacy more time, but Prime Minister Netanyahu said, "pressure on Iran is growing, but time is growing short."

For Israel, a nuclear armed Iran threatens its very existence. Ahmadinejad says he wants to wipe Israel off the face of the Earth, and this radical extremist means what he says.

Israel will do what it has to in order to be master of its own faith, with or without the United States. Unfortunately, the days of full trust between the U.S. and Israel seem to be on shaky ground.

Netanyahu said:

I will never let my people live in the shadow of annihilation.

If it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck, it's a duck. But this duck is a nuclear duck, and it's time the world started calling a duck a duck.

Mr. Speaker, America must totally get behind our friend and let the Iranian duck know whose side we are on.

And that's just the way it is.

LET'S WORK TOGETHER

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss an issue that is very important to the hardworking men and women in my home State of Rhode Island. Rhode Islanders learned yesterday that our workforce has grown smaller and our unemployment rate sits at 10.9 percent, the third highest in the Nation.

While some may struggle to see these problems from the steps of the Capitol, I hear frequently from constituents who can't understand why the House still has not considered a comprehensive jobs plan. That's why I and many of my colleagues have been working hard on legislation to put Americans back to work, including our Make it In America agenda to help reinvigorate American manufacturing.

We also need to start developing new ways to repair America's infrastructure and new ways to finance it, like a national infrastructure bank, a modern-day version of the WPA, and provide much needed help to small businesses and entrepreneurs. Yet the House leadership has stood in the path of progress on these issues.

Rhode Islanders know that Congress can do better. We need to work together and get these things done and get the American people back to work.

HIGHER GAS PRICES ARE HURTING OUR SMALL BUSINESSES

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, since the President was sworn into office in January of 2009, gas prices have risen drastically by 156 percent. This fact shows the President's energy policy is failing our country and destroying jobs.

According to the National Federation of Independent Business, rising energy costs are a constant struggle for our small business owners. Our small business owners are already threatened with the rising cost of health care due to the mandates in the government takeover health care bill.

Instead of supporting effective energy policies that will lower the price at the pump, this administration has decided to delay the Keystone pipeline, a project that will create over 100,000 jobs at no taxpayer expense. If completed, this project will dramatically decrease our dependence on foreign oil and provide relief with energy costs for every small business.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

HEZBOLLAH IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE

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

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, I rise to express my concern about the pres-

ence of Hezbollah in the Western Hemisphere.

In the Homeland Security Committee, we've heard from experts who testified that Hezbollah, which is a terrorist proxy for Iran, Syria, and Venezuela, has an active membership in 14 North American cities, including Toronto, which is 90 miles from my west-end New York home.

Some dismiss this concern by saying that their activities are limited to fundraising. This is not comforting.

Madam Speaker, I have joined with my colleague, JEFF DUNCAN, to introduce H.R. 3783, the Countering Iran in the Western Hemisphere Act. Our legislation would call for the State Department to investigate Hezbollah's presence in the Western Hemisphere and to create a long-term strategy for keeping our communities and our Nation safe.

Madam Speaker, I'm pleased to say that this bipartisan legislation was unanimously passed in the subcommittee. As this bill moves through the House, I urge my colleagues to support our legislation to combat this growing threat.

PASS OUR JOBS BILL

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

Ms. JENKINS. Madam Speaker, it has been 4 years since the height of the Great Recession and our economy is nowhere near where it should be. Unemployment continues to hover around 8 percent and thousands upon thousands of hardworking Americans have left the job market altogether.

After the President killed the Keystone pipeline, gas prices have skyrocketed, and, by some estimates, more than 20 percent of homeowners are underwater on their mortgages.

Madam Speaker, Americans need real jobs, real solutions, and real results, not the unprecedented, unacceptable, and unsustainable wasteful Washington spending some of our colleagues continue to promote. It's time Washington started protecting and respecting the hardworking American taxpayers. We need a system where their hard work is rewarded and every American has a chance to succeed.

I urge the Senate and the President to pass our jobs bills and work with us to get the American people back to work.

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IT'S TIME TO GET RID OF THE SPECULATORS

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. I paid \$4.01 a gallon at home in Oregon last weekend. There's a lot of people who've got long-term plans, drill now, drill here, drill everywhere, conservation, whatever. They