

Mr. CANTOR. I'd say to the gentleman, the Senate postal bill does not have majority support in the House, and we are continuing to work with Chairman ISSA to ensure that there isn't an incident of default on the part of the Post Office. I think that the Postal Service has indicated that there is no risk of that in the short-term, and we're going to continue to address that to ensure that that does not happen; all the while, trying to address the overall issues, as the gentleman knows, that the Postal Service has in trying to get its fiscal house in order.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman.

Lastly, on a note on which we have great agreement between the majority leader and I, which is not always the case, as people observe, I'm sure: Iran sanctions.

Both the majority leader and I, Mr. Speaker, want to see that bill pass before the August break. And I would inquire of the majority leader his view of the status of that issue at this point in time.

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I would tell the gentleman, I know that our staffs have been working very diligently on this trying to iron out the differences with the other body and am very hopeful that we can get this done prior to the August recess.

Mr. HOYER. I look forward, Mr. Speaker, to working with the majority leader toward that end over the next 7, 8 days.

I yield back the balance of my time.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, JULY 30, 2012

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. POE of Texas). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia? There was no objection.

THE RED TAPE REDUCTION AND SMALL BUSINESS JOB CREATION ACT

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

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the Red Tape Reduction and Small Business Job Creation Act. Time and again I hear from my constituents that they want to hire more workers, but they don't know what regulation is going to be coming down the pike next.

Congress does not spend enough time fulfilling its constitutional responsibility of overseeing the executive branch. This is why, a little more than a year ago, in partnership with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, we started Indiana's Red Tape Rollback Program to listen to Hoosiers, take their regulatory concerns to Washington, and get results.

This, Mr. Speaker is our annual report. This is a page from that report, about 26 pages long.

Regulatory burdens are equal opportunity. They don't affect one industry or type of people. Regulatory burdens hurt agriculture, transportation, and even our home health care workers, who fear they won't be able to care for their clients. They hurt everybody.

I'm pleased that we have achieved a victory in 20 of our cases, and we will continue charging forward. I will continue to talk about the harm of over-regulation and what it does to our economy. I will continue to advocate for a limited government, and I will continue to roll back the red tape.

You can get the report at rokita.house.gov.

THE CHRISTENING OF THE USS SOMERSET

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

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight another milestone in the continuing efforts to honor the heroics of the 40 heroes aboard United Flight 93 on September 11, 2001.

On July 28, the USS *Somerset* will be christened. The *Somerset* is named in honor of the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93, and *Somerset* is the county in Pennsylvania in which United Flight 93 went down.

The 680-foot, 105-foot wide LPD transport dock ship is used to transport and land U.S. Marines, and also support amphibious assaults by our U.S. Special Forces.

Located on the property near the crash site were two draglines, machinery used in coal-stripping operations. In the days following the crash, a huge American flag was hoisted on top of one of the draglines, and the flag stood as a constant reminder of the sacrifices of the heroes of Flight 93.

In honor of the passengers and crew of Flight 93, the 22-ton bucket of one of the draglines was melted and cast into the ship's bow stern. In addition, the USS *Somerset*'s mast will also contain a time capsule.

The USS *Somerset*, a bold representation of America's military strength, is a fitting tribute to the 40 ordinary Americans who took a stand against the enemies of free society and represent the best aspects of the American spirit. Their actions prevented further loss of life and disruption of some of the most recognizable symbols of freedom and democracy in the world.

Mr. Speaker, following is my statement in its entirety:

I rise today to highlight another milestone in the continuing efforts to honor the heroics of the 40 heroes aboard United Flight 93 on September 11, 2001.

On July 28, the USS *Somerset* will be christened at the Avondale shipyard outside of New Orleans, Louisiana. The *Somerset* is named in honor of the passengers and crew of United Airlines Flight 93, whose courageous actions prevented terrorist hijackers from reaching their intended target in Washington,

DC on September 11, 2001. *Somerset* is the county in Pennsylvania in which United Flight 93 crashed.

This 684-foot, 105-foot-wide LPD transport dock ship is used to transport and land U.S. Marines. LPD ships have supported amphibious assaults for special operations forces, expeditionary warfare missions, and humanitarian missions throughout the first half of the 21st century.

The final resting area of the 40 heroes who decided to fight back against the terrorists on that fateful day was an abandoned coal strip mine.

Located on the property near the crash site were two draglines once used in coal stripping. In the days following the crash, a huge American flag was hoisted to the top of one of the draglines. The flag stood as a constant reminder of the sacrifices and love of country shown by the Flight 93 heroes.

In honor of the passengers and crew of Flight 93, the 22-ton bucket of one of the draglines was melted and cast into the *Somerset*'s bow stern. In addition, USS *Somerset*'s mast also will contain a time capsule that includes such items as a bottle of Meyersdale maple syrup, a Flight 93 10th-anniversary commemorative pin and a *Somerset* Borough bicentennial marble.

The USS *Somerset*, a bold representation of America's military strength and humanitarianism, is a fitting tribute to the 40 ordinary Americans who took a stand against the enemies of a free society and represent the best aspects of the American spirit. Their actions prevented further loss of life and the destruction of the most recognized symbols of freedom and democracy in the world.

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TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS TO VISIT UNITED STATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HECK). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 5, 2011, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. GOHMERT. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There is nothing like being vilified to get your senses acutely attuned. We had a hearing in Judiciary last week—on July 19, actually—in which Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano appeared. During the exchange that I had with Secretary Napolitano, I said these words. They're from the transcript:

And this administration seems to have a hard time recognizing members of terrorist groups who are allowed into the White House. You're aware of that happening, aren't you?

Secretary Napolitano: Absolutely not.

This week, apparently, somebody brought her back into the loop when she testified before PETE KING's committee. There are a couple of articles here about it that are rather interesting. One is from The Hill, by Jordy Yager, apparently posted today, July 26:

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano told lawmakers on Wednesday

that a member of an Egyptian militant group labeled by the United States as a terrorist organization was vetted by three U.S. agencies before visiting the White House. Napolitano said the State Department, the Department of Homeland Security and the Secret Service all thoroughly examined the Egyptian man, Hani Nour Eldin, before his visit to Washington, D.C., where he met with Members of Congress and senior administration officials.

Then there is a quote in the article from Secretary Napolitano that says:

"As we move forward, we are going to continue to have visitors to this country that the State Department and others feel are useful to bring to the country, to have discussions moving forward, who say they're members of a political party that in the past has been so designated."

Another quote:

"He was vetted before he got a visa against all known terrorists and other databases for derogatory information. None was found. As he entered the United States, we, too, vetted him against all of our holdings, including terrorists and information from a variety of sources, and no derogatory information was found. Before he entered the White House, he was vetted a third time by the Secret Service. No derogatory information was found. So then we can have some confidence that this was not a security breach in that sense."

Napolitano said she knew "of no such intention" by U.S. officials to release Abdel-Rahman, the Blind Sheikh.

Chairman King said, "The administration, whether it's this administration or another administration, may feel that some of these people can be dealt with, can be worked with, but if that's to be done, to me, it would seem it would have to be an open process, a transparent process, where Congress and the people would know who was being let into this country."

Napolitano, according to the article, conceded that King made a "fair point" and that she would look into whether efforts were taken to notify Members of Congress.

It's a little pesky detail. There do happen to be laws on the books that were apparently ignored in that process.

The problem is, when the Secretary of Homeland Security says there is no derogatory information, when the information we have indicates he is a member of a group that we have named as a terrorist organization, then it would seem that the obvious thing would be the fact that he is a member of a known terrorist organization, which would, to most of us, or at least to many of us, be considered derogatory information. The fact that we can't dig up minute details of specific acts of misconduct, nonetheless, should not be necessary when someone is a known member of a terrorist organization, an organization designated by this government to be "terrorist." It's an amazing thing.

But then we're told in an article by Joel Gehrke from The Washington Examiner on July 25:

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano told Congress today to expect more members of designated foreign terrorist organizations to visit the United States.

"I think you are right in pointing out that as we move forward we are going to continue

to have visitors to this country that the State Department and others feel are useful to bring to the country to have discussions moving forward who say they are members of the political party that in the past have been so designated," Napolitano told House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Pete King during a committee hearing this morning.

Napolitano was defending the decision to host Hani Nour Eldin—a member of Egyptian Parliament elected on the political party platform of the Islamic Group, which the State Department has designated a foreign terrorist organization—at the White House.

Just as a reminder, Mr. Speaker, in our hearing, I said these words:

This administration seems to have a hard time recognizing members of terrorist groups who are allowed in the White House. You're aware of that happening, aren't you?

Her answer: Absolutely not.

So the evidence seems to be pretty clear. He was a member of a known terrorist group. He was allowed into the White House, but the answer by the Secretary of Homeland Security to that happening was: Absolutely not.

She didn't say that we had vetted him many times and that, even though he was a member of what we in the State Department had designated as a terrorist organization, we still thought he was safe. She said it just absolutely did not happen. Absolutely not.

The article goes on from The Washington Examiner:

"I think we have to add more nuance to that," she said, when King mentioned that Eldin is part of a designated foreign terrorist organization. "We have to know what the group was. Is it now a political party that is running the government of a country that has strong ties to the United States?" She added that he went through three stages of vetting, and "everyone who looked at this person felt confident that he was not a security risk to the White House or to the United States."

King charged the Obama administration with violating a law in hosting Eldin at the White House. "It appears as if the law was not complied with in that he did not apply for a waiver, and Congress was not notified, which is also required. It does not appear that either the letter or the spirit of the law was complied with."

When King reiterated that complaint about the process by which Eldin was allowed into the country, Napolitano conceded, "On the process, that's a fair point to make."

There is a reason we have laws, and you would hope that someone who is a Cabinet official in the top position of our Homeland Security would think that it is important to comply with the law.

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Just as we've seen massive amounts of money go to places that have leaders who say they want to eliminate Israel and the United States, we see this kind of conduct from this administration.

And I have reporters asking me if I want to apologize for five separate letters that were written to five separate inspectors general of five different departments with different facts pertaining to that department in each let-

ter, and the facts in the letter are true. The simple question was not an accusation or allegation, because it's pretty obvious there is influence by the Muslim Brotherhood in America. The question is: How much influence is there, and where is it coming from? It is an amazing thing to see all of this transpire.

Obviously, it's great fun and sport to attack a messenger that is not liked by certain people in the media, but what we keep seeing that is amazing and that is happening with what was once the proud tradition of journalism in America is our national security being sacrificed on the altar of political correctness. Why isn't the mainstream media making a big deal about a Secretary of Homeland Security who one week says, Absolutely not, it was not a member of a known terrorist organization that got in the White House, and a week later she admits, It did happen, but we properly vetted him three different times?

I hear about what apparently is being grossly overlooked also that I get as I speak to Muslims in other parts of the world who are our friends, who have fought with us, who have buried family members and loved ones because they want to live in freedom like we do. They don't want a strict group like the Taliban dictating their lives. They're moderate Muslims who want to live in peace. What they keep bringing home to me is what this administration misses entirely. When the President of the United States, when the leaders of this country, this administration, meet with members of known terrorist organizations and will not meet with our Muslim friends who have fought with us instead of against us from other parts of the world, the message has a chilling effect on our friends wanting to continue to be our friends because it appears to be the most dangerous place in the world to be, in the category of "friends" with the United States, because it means this administration is one step away from abandoning them in favor of ties and relationships with groups that we know have been terrorist organizations.

It's not just the meeting with. It's not just a danger or lack of danger of someone coming into the White House. Of course they can check them with the metal detectors to make sure they're not carrying anything. It goes beyond that. It devastates our friends. It destroys hope around the world for people who are hoping that we'll stand up as we once have, not for the Muslim Brotherhood who want an international caliphate which includes the United States and the United States to be added to the 57 Muslim states that comprise the OIC; it's what we're doing to our friends.

I hope and pray that people in the mainstream media will get past the enjoyment of vilifying and trying to destroy the messenger and look at the message, that they'll get beyond the lazy tactics of calling someone, getting

with someone and saying, "What's your opinion about these allegations?" and getting a response of, "Well, gee, we don't think there is anything to them," instead of digging the facts out and presenting them as the once proud journalist tradition was here in America. There are still journalists doing it, but I hope that that practice will be extended. We're hurting ourselves, but unfortunately we also hurt our friends when we do that.

Mr. Speaker, for those who say there is no evidence of any Muslim Brotherhood influence in America, I would urge them to go back and review the evidence in the convictions of the Holy Land Foundation trial obtained in November of 2008 before this administration began embracing the named co-conspirators like CAIR and ISNA, when they were named as coconspirators of supporting terrorism. I would hope they would go back to the 1995 trial where Andrew McCarthy did a stellar job, and the Clinton administration awarded him for his incredible work in proving that there are people in America who want to establish shari'a law as the law of the land and subvert our Constitution. He proved it beyond a reasonable doubt among some wonderful New York citizens in New York City.

And as Andrew McCarthy has asked: "What's happened since 1995 to make that evidence no longer true?" It was true then; it's true today.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CULBERSON (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of personal reasons.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 285. An act for the relief of Sopuruchi Chukwueke; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported that on July 25, 2012, she presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bill.

H.R. 2527. To require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 39 minutes

p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, July 30, 2012, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

7099. A letter from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — State Official Notification Rule [Docket No.: CFPB-2011-0005] (RIN: 3170-AA02) received July 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7100. A letter from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Equal Access to Justice Act Implementation Rule [Docket No.: CFPB-2012-0020] (RIN: 3170-AA27) received July 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7101. A letter from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Rules Relating to Investigations [Docket No.: CFPB-2011-0007] (RIN: 3170-AA03) received July 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7102. A letter from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Rules of Practice for Adjudication Proceedings [Docket No.: CFPB-2011-0006] (RIN: 3170-AA05) received July 18, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7103. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Process for Submissions for Review of Security-Based Swaps for Mandatory Clearing and Notice Filing Requirements for Clearing Agencies; Technical Amendments to Rule 19b-4 and Form 19b-4 Applicable to All Self-Regulatory Organizations [Release No.: 34-67286; File No. S7-44-10] (RIN: 3235-AK87) received July 3, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

7104. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies, Monkfish, Atlantic Sea Scallop; Amendment 17 [Docket No.: 110901552-1021-01] (RIN: 0648-BB34) received July 16, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7105. A letter from the Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Temporary Rule To Delay Start Date of 2012-2013 South Atlantic Black Sea Bass Commercial Fishing Season [Docket No.: 120501426-2426-01] (RIN: 0648-BB98) received June 26, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7106. A letter from the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2 for the South Atlantic Region; Correction [Docket No.: 110831547-2425-03]

(RIN: 0648-BB26) received July 16, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

7107. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the 2011 Annual Report of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7108. A letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Fiscal Year 2011 Report to the Congress on U.S. Government Receivables and Debt Collection Activities of Federal Agencies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

7109. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Fokker Services B.V. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2012-0141; Directorate Identifier 2011-NM-092-AD; Amendment 39-17054; AD 2012-10-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 20, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7110. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2012-0109; Directorate Identifier 2010-NM-244-AD; Amendment 39-17067; AD 2012-11-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 20, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7111. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2011-1320; Directorate Identifier 2011-NM-208-AD; Amendment 39-17066; AD 2012-11-03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 20, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7112. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GMBH Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2012-0101; Directorate Identifier 2010-SW-042-AD; Amendment 39-17046; AD 2012-09-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 20, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7113. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; BAE SYSTEMS (Operations) Limited Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2012-0188; Directorate Identifier 2011-NM-120-AD; Amendment 39-17079; AD 2012-11-15] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 20, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7114. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2012-0293; Directorate Identifier 2012-NM-034-AD; Amendment 39-17081; AD 2012-12-02] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 20, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7115. A letter from the Program Analyst, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce plc (RR) Turbofan Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2007-28059; Directorate Identifier 2007-NE-13-AD; Amendment 39-17061; AD 2012-10-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received July 20, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

7116. A letter from the Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of the Treasury, transmitting the Department's final rule —