

and eventually enter the food and water supply.

Mr. Speaker, the Microbead-Free Waters Act is a great step forward to preserving the Great Lakes for our future generations. As a cosponsor of this important bill, I urge its passage.

TERRORIST WATCH LIST

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

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, as a Member of Congress, I take seriously my responsibility to protect and defend the American people.

That is why it is so troubling to me that Republicans in Congress last week voted three times to block debate on a bill, offered by Republican Congressman PETER KING, that would close a loophole that allows suspects on the FBI's terrorist watch list to buy assault weapons.

The shocking truth is that, according to the GAO, more than 2,000 suspects on the FBI's terrorist watch list tried to buy weapons in the U.S. over the last 11 years; 91 percent of them walked away with a weapon.

With all of the threats and dangers that we face, this loophole should be closed. We should make it harder for suspected terrorists to buy assault weapons, not easier.

Mr. Speaker, 80 percent of gun owners support keeping guns away from people on the terror watch list. Yet Republicans in Congress and the NRA continue to block commonsense bills to do what? To allow suspected terrorists to purchase weapons? Congress needs to act to protect the American people and close this dangerous loophole.

CLIMATE CHANGE SOUNDS FISHY

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

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, President Obama is misleading Americans about climate change. At a news conference in Paris, the President claimed that fish are swimming through the streets of Miami as a result of climate change. There is indeed something fishy about this story.

According to the National Weather Service, south Florida has been under a coastal flood advisory as a result of "high . . . tides due to the lunar cycle." This is the cause of the high tides which subsequently led to flooding in low-lying areas.

The alignment of the Earth, Moon, and Sun, along with strong easterly winds, caused the abnormal tides, not climate change. How could the President not know this?

Mr. Speaker, the administration's alarmism and exaggeration is not good science; it is science fiction. The administration wants to advance an extreme climate change agenda that will

damage our economy and have little impact on global warming.

THE 74TH ANNIVERSARY OF PEARL HARBOR

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

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, today we recognize the somber 74th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

On this day in 1941, our Nation was gripped in shock and sadness. Over 2,000 lives were lost, and over 1,000 servicemembers were wounded. We honor and remember those lives lost during this horrific attack. These brave men and women fought for our freedoms and made the ultimate sacrifice.

We also remember the strength our Nation demonstrated following this tragedy. From the ashes rose the Greatest Generation and a stronger United States of America. As President Roosevelt said: "The American people, in their righteous might, will win through to absolute victory."

Mr. Speaker, on this somber day, we honor the lives lost. We are reminded of the sacrifices made and of the strength of our great Nation. I am forever grateful for all those in our armed services and the sacrifices they make for each and every one of us.

IT IS TIME FOR THE UNITED STATES TO BE AT WAR WITH ISIS

(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. December 7, 1941—a date which will live in infamy. No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people, in their righteous might, will win through to absolute victory. So help us, Almighty God.

Mr. Speaker, that was Franklin Delano Roosevelt's reaction to an attack on the United States.

Last night, Mr. Speaker, President Obama held a rare Oval Office address to give his update on ISIS. His message—stay the course with the same ineffective strategy. Not as inspiring as Franklin Delano Roosevelt's address when the United States faced another enemy.

The President has promised no ground troops and more gun control. He called ISIS the JV team. They defied American airstrikes and expanded their caliphate, killing everyone in their way.

He declared ISIS was contained hours before 130 people were slaughtered in the City of Light. He said there was no immediate, credible threat to the homeland. Days later, 14 people died in San Bernardino at the hands of ISIS sympathizers.

Mr. Speaker, Congress needs to approve an authorization to use military

force, specifically against ISIS. ISIS is at war with the United States. It is time for the United States to be at war with ISIS, and the Commander in Chief should lead us to absolute victory.

And that is just the way it is.

□ 1415

PRESIDENT OBAMA REFUSES TO CONFRONT OUR ENEMY

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BLACKBURN. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues have come to the floor and we do remember Pearl Harbor and we remember this day. And we also remember how our relatives who talked about this who served, how they told these stories. I think we are blessed to have that insight into history. It is such a difference when you compare what the President did last night—13 minutes is what he had to say about terrorism and the war on terror.

I have been reading emails from some of my constituents. Their words are this: He is tone deaf, he is in denial, he is the fearful leader—the fearful leader. They want to see leadership that will communicate the message: we are going to find you, we are going to destroy you, and we are going to destroy your networks. That is not what the President has been saying.

My constituents see him as being very timid and very hesitant in this fight. They feel like that he just does not get it. They have a lot of questions that they are asking me: Why is it that he is so timid in fighting terrorism? Could it be that he does not possess the courage to call them out? That he thinks America is to blame for this? Or he doesn't want to offend our enemies?

They have declared war on us. It is time for us to confront our enemy.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 4, 2015.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 4, 2015 at 10:40 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to Conference Report H.R. 22.

That the Senate passed S. 2032.

That the Senate passed with an amendment H.R. 3762.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore COMSTOCK on Friday, December 4, 2015:

H.R. 22, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF MEMBER, THE HONORABLE MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Paul Ritacco, staff member, the Honorable MICHAEL G. FITZPATRICK, Member of Congress:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 2, 2015.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I have been served with a grand jury subpoena for testimony issued by the United States District Court for the Central District of Illinois.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I will make the determinations required by Rule VIII.

Sincerely,

PAUL RITACCO.

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF MEMBER OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE HOUSE

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NORMAN GUGLIOTTA.

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JACQUELINE HURDA.

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Sincerely,

ANDREW TODD CAULK.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair

declares the House in recess until approximately 3:45 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 19 minutes p.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 pro tempore (Mr. SMITH of Nebraska) at 3 o'clock and 46 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

FEDERAL IMPROPER PAYMENTS COORDINATION ACT OF 2015

Mr. MULVANEY. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 614) to provide access to and use of information by Federal agencies in order to reduce improper payments, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 614

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Federal Improper Payments Coordination Act of 2015".

SEC. 2. AVAILABILITY OF THE DO NOT PAY INITIATIVE TO THE JUDICIAL AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES AND STATES.

Section 5 of the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Improvement Act of 2012 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note) is amended—

(1) in subsection (b)(3)—

(A) in the paragraph heading, by striking "BY AGENCIES";

(B) by striking "For purposes" and inserting the following:

"(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following:

"(B) OTHER ENTITIES.—States and any contractor, subcontractor, or agent of a State, and the judicial and legislative branches of the United States (as defined in paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively, of section 202(e) of title 18, United States Code), shall have access to, and use of, the Do Not Pay Initiative for the purpose of verifying payment or award eligibility for payments (as defined in section 2(g)(3) of the Improper Payments Information Act of 2002 (31 U.S.C. 3321 note)) when, with respect to a State, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget determines that the Do Not Pay Initiative is appropriately established for that State and any contractor, subcontractor, or agent of the State, and, with respect to the judicial and legislative branches of the United States, when the Director of the Office of Management and Budget determines that the Do Not Pay Initiative is appropriately established for the judicial branch or the legislative branch, as applicable.

"(C) CONSISTENCY WITH PRIVACY ACT OF 1974.—To ensure consistency with the principles of section 552a of title 5, United States