

on the other side of the aisle are threatening to go back on that agreement and keep us from having a budget at all. That is what gridlock looks like, and that is what people hate about Congress.

What are we going to do to fix it? Come in to work 10 days in the entire month of March. Maybe if we came to work, we could debate and pass a budget and spending bills that will spur economic growth and create high-quality jobs.

But, instead, we have 2 months on the calendar this year where we don't come to work at all, even once. A 5-day workweek is expected from most Americans. Why should Congress be any different?

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

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

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate March as Women's History Month. As this month is also Red Cross Month, I want to recognize one woman in particular: Clara Barton.

Ms. Barton was a nurse during the Civil War and a teacher before founding the American Red Cross in 1881. She then served as the organization's first president. Her compassion and accomplishments are truly inspiring, and her work has literally helped millions.

Unfortunately, in our society today, women make up less than 5 percent of CEOs and are equally underrepresented in other areas. As a father of two daughters, ensuring that young women can achieve anything that they set their mind to is personal for me.

In the 10th Congressional District, we run a Young Women's Leadership Academy. This program is designed to help young women develop the leadership skills necessary to overcome any and all challenges thrown their way.

This unique program gives young women the opportunity to learn from other inspiring female leaders, such as our own colleague, Congresswoman ELISE STEFANIK, the youngest woman ever elected to the United States Congress.

I encourage all of my colleagues to start similar programs in their district so that we can all do our part to help inspire young women to become leaders in their chosen fields.

Of course, this is just a small part of the solution. As we celebrate the inspiring achievements of women this month, we must rededicate ourselves to doing more to tear down barriers and ensure gender equality in our country.

HONORING EDWARD CHOW, JR.

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

Ms. DUCKWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service of Cap-

tain Edward Chow, Jr., a decorated Army veteran who was awarded the Bronze Star for his selfless service in the Vietnam war.

True to his character, Ed's service to our great Nation did not end after the war. Out of uniform, Ed has continued serving his fellow Americans, dedicating his life to supporting fellow vets.

Ed's illustrious public service career culminated in leading the State of Maryland's Department of Veterans Affairs. Under Secretary Chow's leadership, the Department enhanced claims processing and improved the quality of its veterans' homes.

As Ed's friend, I witnessed his dedication and passion for helping the men and women who defended our country. Ed never hesitated to help whenever I called him on behalf of a veteran needing assistance.

I, like so many others, thank Ed for his admirable career of military and public service and want him to know his legacy will endure.

M&M's 75TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. GARRETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of an iconic American candy first made in the great State of New Jersey.

On March 3, 1941, in Newark, New Jersey, Mars began producing M&Ms as military rations for those serving in World War II. Over the 75 years since their founding, M&Ms grew to become an internationally recognized brand and a symbol of American innovation and quality.

To this day, Mars continues to produce M&Ms in my district in Hackettstown, New Jersey. New Jersey is also home to Mars Global Chocolate headquarters, and they operate four facilities in a State employing over 1,700 associates.

Mars has remained active in New Jersey communities over the years, and I applaud their philanthropic endeavors and their commitment to our local towns. No doubt New Jersey is a sweeter place because of M&Ms.

On behalf of the Fifth District of New Jersey, I am pleased to have the opportunity to recognize this extraordinary anniversary for M&Ms.

HONORING JAMES V. KIMSEY

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

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, America and the world lost an indefatigable champion, a distinguished gentleman, and a charismatic friend with the death of James V. Kimsey this past Tuesday.

Jim was larger than life. Everything Jim touched has become part of the history and culture of our community. From Bullfeathers to AOL, from his

home above the Potomac to the orphanages in Vietnam, from the Kennedy Center to the International Commission on Missing Persons, Jim Kimsey has been a transformational leader.

Despite his too-short life, Jim's résumé is long and deep: founder and CEO of AOL, chairman of Refugees International, Library of Congress Trust Fund Board, Executive Committee of the National Symphony Orchestra, Kennedy Center Board of Trustees, West Point Board of Visitors, an Army tour in the Dominican Republic and two in Vietnam, the Army Ranger Hall of Fame, and so much more.

But for Jim's myriad of friends, he was so much more than a list of achievements. He was visionary, strategic, generous, mischievous, and always had a smile on his face.

Who else could be tossed out of Gonzaga College High School 2 months before graduation, graduate from our archrival St. John's College High School, and still be a generous and loyal Gonzaga friend for decades to come?

Jim's funeral will be this Saturday at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in Washington, D.C.

We will all miss you for a long time.

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WHEN WEAKNESS IS PROVOCATIVE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2015, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. GOHMERT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. ROTHFUS).

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Mr. ROTHFUS. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, this week, the House Select Investigative Panel on Infant Lives began hearings to look into Planned Parenthood's harvesting and trafficking of human body parts, which was revealed in a series of undercover videos last year. These were videos that even Democrat Presidential frontrunner Hillary Clinton, in her words, "obviously found disturbing."

Since the release of the videos last year, some have rushed to defend the organization, and Planned Parenthood and its allies have been in full damage control mode. Among the more bizarre defenses has been that the videos were heavily edited, as if the statements made by Planned Parenthood officials and a worker who harvested body parts really aren't what they appear to be.

I do not serve on this select committee, but if I did, I would really want to take a hard look at that defense. The term "heavily edited" suggests that important, qualifying context may have been omitted in these videos;

but I struggle, Mr. Speaker, with trying to understand any context that would soften the language in these tapes.

For example, in what context is this okay?

"We have been very good at getting heart, lung, liver, because we know that, so I am not going to crush that part."

What about: "A lot of people want intact hearts these days," or "always as many intact livers as possible"?

Do the defenders of Planned Parenthood think that they are talking about chicken hearts or livers at a butcher shop as opposed to baby body parts?

Just in what context does this sound right?

"Yesterday was the first time she said people wanted lungs."

How about: "Some people want lower extremities, too"—that would be legs. "I don't know what they're doing with it. I guess they want the muscle"?

Again, Mr. Speaker, what is the situation in which these statements would not shock a sensitive conscience?

What about this line? When is this an acceptable statement?

"Using a 'less crunchy' technique to get more whole specimens."

In that phrase, the context is you have a Planned Parenthood official who is talking about a "less crunchy" type of abortion, which begs the obvious question: What does that even mean?

Can anyone who defends Planned Parenthood give me the context in which this sounds good?

"I know I've seen livers; I've seen stomachs; I've seen plenty of neural tissue. Usually you can see the whole brain, usually, come out."

What about: "I don't think it would be as war torn" when discussing what fetal remains look like during a second trimester abortion? What would that sentence sound like in an unedited video?

At one point in a video, a clinic worker brings in another fetal body, saying, "And another boy." A boy. In another context, you might hear "and another boy" if a mom is giving birth to twin sons, but that is obviously not the context of these videos.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, can someone please tell me the context in which this dialogue does not mean what it says?

"This is a really good fetus, and it looks like we can procure a lot from it . . . we're going to procure brain." Further: "So she gave me the scissors and she told me I have to cut down the middle of the face; and I can't even, like, describe, like, what that feels like. And I remember picking it up and finishing going through the rest of the face and just picking up the brain and putting it in a container . . . and I'm just sitting there, like, what did I just do?"

What is the context in which these words might not be what they seem?

I can think of one: perhaps if you had a screenwriter who was talking about a new horror film she was writing.

But this is no horror film, Mr. Speaker. These words are direct quotes from a technician who is engaged in a real-world practice that is appalling, barbaric, and indefensible—the harvesting of fetal body parts for money.

It is not easy to come to the floor of the House to speak these words. I would prefer not to. It is uncomfortable to listen to these words, and many people would prefer not to hear them. If that is the case, Mr. Speaker—if I don't like talking about this and if people don't like hearing about it—why, for goodness sake, are we allowing hard-working taxpayers' dollars to go to the organization that is responsible for them?

We are a better nation than what is revealed in these videos. There are 13,000 other health clinics that are capable of providing health care for women, clinics which do not perform abortions. It is past time that the \$500 million in Federal dollars that Planned Parenthood receives every year be redirected to those clinics.

I thank the gentleman from Texas.

WHEN WEAKNESS IS PROVOCATIVE

Mr. GOHMERT. I thank Mr. ROTHFUS, my friend from Pennsylvania. He is exactly right. We have so many people across this Nation who understand the tragedy of taking a child's life before it is fully born.

Mr. Speaker, I know there are some people, like our friend Donald Trump, who say Planned Parenthood has done a lot more good; but the trouble is, so often, Planned Parenthood takes money from the Federal Government and then just refers the women out. Of course, that has been perpetuated by this administration in its making it sound like Planned Parenthood does mammograms and other things that they don't do. They refer people to other people.

Why not have that money not get held up at Planned Parenthood? Why not have that money go directly to the thousands of healthcare providers that actually provide the care that the women are seeking and not have it go to Planned Parenthood so that they can get money from the government and then keep their abortion business going?

That also leads right into this article today from the National Review, Jim Geraghty, regarding ObamaCare. Headline: "Deductibles Increased in 41 States under ObamaCare."

It reads:

Freedom Partners unveils a new 'Deductibles Tracker' showing how much deductibles have increased, on average, in each State. I know this will shock you, but most people are finding their deductibles are going up and, in some cases, way up.

Their analysis shows deductibles have increased in 41 States under ObamaCare—in some States, like Mississippi, by over \$1,000. Seventeen States, representing over half of total exchange enrollment, are seeing double-digit spikes. The largest increases were in Mississippi, which went up 39 percent; Washington State went up 31 percent; South Carolina went up 26 percent; Louisiana went

up 24 percent; Florida went up 23 percent; Minnesota and Vermont went up 22 percent; Arizona went up 21 percent; North Carolina went up 20 percent.

Mr. Speaker, what makes it so incredibly difficult is knowing there are Federal dollars that are being used for abortion and being used for purposes that are against the religious beliefs of so many Americans. When we think that the whole object we were told for having ObamaCare and passing it against the will of the majority of the American people was so that we could make sure everybody had insurance, now it appears that there has not been much change in the net number of people covered under insurance.

Oh, yes, it is true. There are some people who were paying for their insurance who no longer have it—they can't afford it anymore. It is true that we have some people who were not paying for it who are having it provided now, but it really appears to have been more a transfer of working people's money to people who were not working.

It appears that we have been moving into a socialist agenda for some time, and that goes back to what President Obama said when he first ran, telling "Joe the Plumber" that he wanted it to be about spreading the wealth around. The pilgrims found out that, at least in this world, if you try to share and share alike—the Early New Testament tried it, and it didn't work—and if you start allowing people who are not working to have the same benefits as those who work, you will have more and more people who are not working.

I hear from so many of my constituents—I know I hear from others of my friends here in Congress—that constituents are hurting. Their insurance is costing more, and like this article points out, the deductibles have gone higher. Ask one of my staff, who is not making very much.

If you make \$30,000 and if you have a deductible of \$6,000 as a healthy young person, what that basically means is that every dime you are paying into health care is not going to help your health care whatsoever. You are paying for the new IRS agents, the new navigators, and the new government union workers who will never spray Bactine on anybody's cut, who will never put a Band-Aid on. They will just keep adding forms, adding requirements, taking more time away from the true healthcare providers and more money away from the true healthcare providers for bureaucrats.

I know, back when I was an exchange student in the Soviet Union and when I went and toured some of the most up-to-date facilities in what was the Soviet Union at the time, I thanked God that I lived in America. I thanked God that we had such incredible health care and that I didn't have to rely on what appeared to have been 30- or 40-year-old antiquated healthcare methods and equipment for my health care.

Even living in the small town of Mount Pleasant, as I did, I knew we

had a lot better healthcare facilities in my hometown where I was growing up than they did in one of the largest cities—well, the largest city in Ukraine—Kiev, where I toured facilities. I toured a medical school and I couldn't believe how far behind our medical schools that they were.

It is what happens when you continue moving towards socialized health care. I know Mr. Trump, initially, wanted the government to provide everybody's health care, but apparently in his being informed that conservatives don't like that, he is now saying no, that that is not where he is going.

We know that President Obama, back before he was President, was caught on video saying that we want to go to single payer—in other words, socialized medicine—where the government is in charge of everybody's health care.

I know I have got conservative friends who say, LOUIE, we don't have to worry. We don't have to fight ObamaCare, because socialized medicine always fails. They are wrong. Socialism always fails. As Margaret Thatcher said, eventually, you run out of other people's money.

You incentivize not working and penalize working, and that is what we are doing here in America now. We are moving in that direction, toward socialism. The only time true capitalism, true free liberty, entrepreneurship in the marketplace fails is when it starts moving into socialist tendencies and adopting socialist ways. Then that can spell doom for capitalism, those who want to have a dictatorial Federal national government. That is where they want to see things go.

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But it is ironic that when a free market society struggles, it is when they start incorporating socialist tendencies and rewarding improper conduct or nonworking. Then you have a lot more people not working.

You incentivize people not to hire. You penalize people for hiring. You penalize people for hiring more than 50 people, like ObamaCare does.

I have talked to people that still say that they could hire more, but they are not going to because of ObamaCare.

That means there are people walking around today going from business to business, looking for a job that will not find that business that will hire them because of ObamaCare.

When you have young people with 5-, 6-, \$7,000 deductible health insurance, they are paying for the bureaucracy. They are not paying for health care.

Apparently, some religious beliefs dictate against birth control. Mine doesn't, my Christian beliefs. But I absolutely respect the religious beliefs of those who are against it. They should not have to pay for people to violate their religious beliefs.

That used to be the way this country grew and was blessed by God. But as we turn further and further away from

what was a blessing to America, then the world hurts. I have seen it in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, South America.

When we are not strong—as I have said numerous times, quoting a South African gentleman: When you get weak, we suffer. Please tell people in Washington to quit getting weaker. We suffer when you are weaker.

These kind of programs, ObamaCare, make us weaker. When we provide the resources, the ability for the largest supporter of terrorism in the world to have over \$100 billion, which they say some of it is for sure going to be spent on more terrorism, that is the kind of activity that will not be blessed. That is the kind of activity that brings a nation's demise.

So health care is costing more. Deductibles are going up. People are paying more for higher deductibles, less coverage. Yes. There are some who, because of the government subsidies, are saying: Well, mine's a little less than it was before. But the people that are working are paying more, and it is devastating.

Mr. Speaker, it is critical that those of us who have a voice in this city make our voices heard for those in our districts. You can't be listening to the talking heads in this town and think you have heard from America.

I mean, look at Politico. Last week they said I had a close race. Tuesday, with one opponent spending tremendously more than I did, two opponents, I won with 82 percent. So that is what Politico calls a close race.

Mr. Speaker, I know that I didn't win with 82 percent because of my looks and certainly not because of the way I sound.

It is because I make my voice heard for the huge majority of people in east Texas with all the common sense they have got. That is what I am hearing from them.

They are outraged that we have allowed ObamaCare to last as long as it has. They are suffering. They are outraged that this administration has turned on our friend, Israel, and seeing that Iran is rewarded for their massive misconduct, as they have continued to be the largest supporter of terrorism in the world, with this administration as an accomplice, as an enabler. There are consequences to nations and governments that enable crime and misconduct and terrorism and abuse.

For those who believe in the Bible, it was Hosea. God was explaining why he was about to come down on the children of Israel. I love the rather loose translation when he says that it is because they have selected leaders who were not my choice.

So people around the country can say all they want: Well, this President is not my President. This Governor is not my Governor. This person is not my elected representative.

I don't agree with them. But everyone in the country will suffer the consequences of poor choices as leaders.

That is the way self-government works.

Now, I have been reporting, Mr. Speaker, from this very podium for years about the misuse and abuse and providing our security by Homeland Security.

I am very grateful to Judicial Watch. In their lawsuit against Homeland Security, they have been able to obtain records that verify what some of us have known to be true because of whistleblowers providing us information. While some, whether CNN and other places, belittle what we have said, we knew what we were talking about, but we couldn't give the sources.

Judicial Watch. This headline says: "Homeland Security Records Reveal Officials Ordered Terrorist Watch List Scrubbed."

It says: "Judicial Watch announced today that it obtained 183 pages of documents from the Department of Homeland Security revealing that the Obama administration scrubbed the law enforcement agency's 'Terrorist Screening Database' in order to protect what it considered the civil rights of suspected Islamic terrorist groups. The documents appear to confirm charges that Obama administration changes created a massive 'hands off' list. Removed data from the terrorist watch list could have helped prevent the San Bernardino terrorist attack."

Mr. Speaker, I would also submit that we have seen the email—I believe Senator GRASSLEY requested more information about it.

To my knowledge, we have not seen additional explanations or information about the email about a person's terrorist ties, indication that he was a radical Islamist. The email response was: Oh, this guy's on the Secretary of Homeland Security's hands-off list.

We have read stories about the White House allowing at least one or more individuals with terrorist ties to come to the White House. There are consequences for ignoring the law, ignoring the lawbreakers, and not protecting our homeland.

The article says:

"The new documents were produced in response to a Judicial Watch February 2015 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuit filed back on February 13, 2015."

It should be noted, I mean, that that is over a year ago. The Freedom of Information Act request should have been answered promptly, but this administration is too caught up in trying to cover up their own tracks.

That is why we haven't even gotten the Attorney General to provide Members of Congress the documents showing support for terrorism, the boxes of documents that were provided to people who were convicted of supporting terrorism.

The Justice Department provided it to them. I have asked repeatedly, and the most I have gotten is reference to a few Web sites.

They covered up their own wrongdoing. They have covered up ties to terrorism. They have covered up for

people who have supported terrorism. And there are consequences for that. You learn more when you leave this town, Washington, D.C.

But when you have people in Africa, Egypt, Jordan, UAE, India, and Afghanistan telling you that your administration in America is supporting violence by not standing up against radical Islam and when you hear that from Muslim leaders who recognize the failures of this administration, then you know that the whole world is seeing what is going on and it is only here that people have become so blind.

I know there are people in the Republican establishment that just cannot believe that a man like Trump, who has spent his whole life taking one position, could be leading so big in different contests.

And, yes, my friend TED CRUZ is doing quite well. It is nice to see somebody that has been consistently doing well. But around the world they see what is going on.

The Republican establishment doesn't seem to understand. People are furious. They are furious about ObamaCare. They are furious that we turned on our friend, Israel. They are furious that we have enabled Iran to continue their terrorist ways.

All of this at the same time—of course, this was—Donald Trump's big issue that shot him to the top is border security.

This article from today from KRWG News, "Border Crime Taking A Toll On Residents In Southwest New Mexico, Arizona," says: "Residents of New Mexico's Bootheel and parts of southern Arizona say human smuggling and drug trafficking is taking its toll on the region.

"The Deming Headlight reports that residents are scheduled Thursday to express their concerns to Federal officials during a meeting at the Animas Community Center in Animas, New Mexico.

"Judy Keeler, a longtime resident of the rural border region, says her home was recently burglarized and it's not an unusual episode for other residents.

"Residents have said State Highway 80 has become a favorite for Mexican cartel drug runners who manage to navigate out of the Peloncillo Mountains along the Arizona-New Mexico border. They want an even more increased presence from the U.S. Border Patrol."

Apparently, they are not going to get it.

We still hear people say there is no way to secure our entire border, but this brings back a recollection in history.

One of my least favorite Presidents, Woodrow Wilson, secured the border after Pancho Villa had some of his thugs come across the border and kill American families. Americans back then with good sense said: We can't have that.

They spurred the President on until he sent tens of thousands of what we

call National Guard troops now, and they secured the border. Nobody came across our border that we did not want to come across. He did it back in the early 1900s, and we can't do it now.

Well, the truth is, Mr. Speaker, we could do it now, but you have to have an administration with the will to provide for the common defense of the American people.

Instead, we have enabled a massive amount of crime across the border regions that is spilling into other areas of the country. Drugs are spreading around the country.

We have heard, also, from the FBI Director himself. There are ISIS cells, and there are ISIS investigations in every State in the Union. So when are they going to be triggered?

We know that, when they are triggered with reports like we have just read here, the administration has continued to cleanse our Homeland Security records to purge training material for the FBI, for Intelligence, for Homeland Security so they don't actually learn exactly what radical Islam is. They don't actually learn the verses in the Koran that are relied upon by radical Islamists.

When we do finally have a Muslim leader like President Sissi in Egypt, who stands up in front of a room of Muslim imams and demands that they take back their region from the radical Islamists, this administration chooses to try to punish him and not help him, like this administration did, and wanted to do more for the Muslim Brotherhood.

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I am tired of hearing from foreign Muslim leaders their question: Why is your country still helping the Muslim Brotherhood? Don't they know? Don't you know? The Muslim Brotherhood has been at war with you since 1979, and you keep helping them.

Well, that is the way you lose a country. You lose it. We have got our choice. Fiscal irresponsibility, which is immoral. Instead of doing like all preceding generations in this country, which have always had as their theme, "we want to make our country better for our children than we had it," now we have gone through a couple of generations who have said: You know what? Forget the future generations. We want future generations' money spent on us now.

Fifty years ago, seventy-five years ago, one hundred years ago, even when cars were first invented, you would not have seen a bumper sticker like is not uncommon today, retired persons say, "We are spending our children's inheritance." You wouldn't see that because they wanted to make the country better than they had it.

Mr. Speaker, I know you personally, and you and I and our colleagues, we talk about it. We have talked about it today—heated conference—because we want a better country even than we have had with more opportunity, more

freedoms, as we see freedom slipping away.

Adam Kredo has a story here:

"The flow of illegal immigrant children into the United States is expected to rise to record-breaking numbers in 2016 as deportations decrease, according to leading members of the Senate's Judiciary Committee.

"At least 20,455 unaccompanied minors have been caught during fiscal year 2016 along the U.S.-Mexico border as of last month, according to Committee Chairman Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY, who warned that if this trend continues, the number of illegal minors could eclipse a massive 2014 surge that strained the resources of the Department of Homeland Security and prompted investigations into the Obama administration's handling of the issue."

Now, one of many problems is you have people that are coming to America because there are more opportunities here, which begs the question: Why are there more opportunities here than there are in their home country?

When you analyze the situation, what you find is the reason they don't have businesses booming in their home country is because of graft or corruption or a corrupt government or a dictatorship because, as the old saying goes, "capital is a coward."

Money to capitalize or invest always goes to where it feels safest—that is why it is "capital is a coward"—and it is not very safe in countries where the government is corrupt, the rule of law is not applied across the board, and the laws are not enforced across the board.

One of the great ironies in the world right now is that people are leaving countries where there is violence and the rule of law is not enforced. They are coming to America where, for most of our history, we have done a better job than most any country ever in enforcing the law across the board.

Once here illegally, those same people are saying: Now that we are here, we want you not to enforce the law across the board. We want you to ignore your law on immigration and law on becoming citizens. Ignore it.

If we do that, it will make us like the corrupt countries they came from and make us a land of no opportunity, where people will have to go to some other country where they enforce the law.

I have had even Members of Congress say: Well, if it all goes bad, we will all pack up and head to Australia. But I was talking to some people from Australia this year, and I mentioned that to them, and they didn't laugh. They looked very somber.

They said: You know, if something happens to the United States, you are not going to be coming to Australia, because China will take us over like that. If the United States is not standing strong, they said, our country, Australia, will be gone. China would grab us up in a heartbeat.

It is important that America stand strong. You can't stand strong when

you are financially bankrupt. You can't stand strong when you are morally bankrupt. We seem to have our choice of ways we could meet our demise.

Our military is being degraded under this administration, the Navy going back to its size back in—was it?—the early 1900s before World War I. Weakness is provocative. I haven't heard anybody else notice. Maybe there is no correlation; maybe there is.

It seems historically, from my study of history, that when a nation's enemy sees that nation's biggest friend pulling away and not being as good a friend, then that enemy is provoked to attack. But it was in May of 2010 when this administration sided with Israel's enemies in demanding that Israel disclose all their weapons systems, including any potential nukes. I was shocked by that. The United States had never sided with all of Israel's enemies like that before.

I thought about the Bible story of King Hezekiah when the Babylonian leaders had come to visit and schmoozed with him, and Isaiah asked him: What have you done with the Babylonian leaders? Of course, this is a Texas paraphrased version, but he bragged about: I have taken them and shown them all of our treasure. The most literal translation from the Hebrew says: And I showed them all the defenses we have in our arsenal, our armory.

Isaiah explained: You are going to lose the country.

You don't show your enemy—you don't even show your friends—all of your defenses, and yet we were demanding that of Israel. Within 48 hours, Israel's enemies launched a flotilla to go challenge the lawful blockade of the Gaza Strip. All that Israel was doing was trying to prevent more rockets from going in because the rockets were being launched at them every day—totally legal. They were trying to defend themselves against rocket attacks and created a terrible situation at the blockade.

But as America continues to help fund Iran's desire to support terrorism, and as this administration has turned its back on nations like Nigeria, Ethiopia, Kenya, I hear from leaders in those countries where they say: You know, all we wanted was a little help against our enemy.

Of course, in Nigeria, having been there and having met with so many of the parents of girls who were kidnapped by Boko Haram, radical Islamists, we then hear that our administration here says: Oh, yeah, we will give you some help, but you have got to change your religious beliefs. You have got to change your laws so it supports same-sex marriage and you fund abortion, and then we will give you more help.

The President in Kenya basically said at a news conference, in effect: You take care of your country. You are not going to come tell us what our religious beliefs and laws should be.

As a Nigerian Catholic bishop stated: Our religious beliefs are not for sale—not to President Obama, not to anybody.

But there are consequences in world history when one nation tries to destroy the religious beliefs of another country—their closely, firmly held religious beliefs. There are consequences when a nation forgets to say: Thank You, God, for all of our blessings. Thank You, God, for protecting us. Thank You for allowing us to live in the greatest country, a country in which there is more opportunity, more assets per person than anywhere in the world.

This is the one country where the number one health problem for our Nation's poor is obesity. It is a terrible problem that we need to deal with. But where in history do you have a country where the nation's poor have, as their number one health problem, obesity?

This Nation has been blessed beyond anything that people could have ever dreamed when this Nation was founded. But the Founders did see one thing. They saw the threat of giving more and more power to a Federal Government.

I was fortunate to call Justice Scalia a friend. A group of seniors from my hometown of Tyler, Texas, from my church, Green Acres Baptist, came up to Washington, D.C. They said: Hey, you are supposed to be friends with Justice Scalia. We would love to meet him. That is one thing we really want to do in Washington.

So I called over, and Justice Scalia, bless his heart, he said: Sure, come on over.

So they arranged it. We had the meeting. He walks in. They are all seated there, the seniors from my church, and Justice Scalia could be very talkative. I treasure meals with him, exchanging jokes and stories. It made you feel good about the world. He walks in and leans up against the table at the front: So, you want to meet me. What is your question? What questions have you got?

It kind of took them by surprise. One said: Do you think we are the freest Nation in history because of our Bill of Rights?

Justice Scalia, in his inimitable style, said: Oh, gosh, no. No. The Soviet Union had a better Bill of Rights than we did.

I had forgotten. I made an A on a paper in college that I did about the Bill of Rights and the Constitution of the Soviet Union. Yeah, they were promised all kinds of rights, but the government was given the power to erode all of the rights that were said to be protected.

He said: No. The reason that we are the freest country in history is because our Founders did not trust government, and so they wanted to make it as hard as possible to pass laws. See, the Founders thought that gridlock was a blessing, gridlock was a great thing, because it meant that, as people anticipated passing laws, it would be tough

because many laws regulate what you can and can't do.

The more laws you pass, just as this administration has shown the American people, as it has set all-time records for the most pages of regulations—there are over 79,000 new pages of regulations every year. How can anybody make a living with that kind of regulation coming out year after year, certainly for the last 7? Incredible.

The Founders knew that. They wanted to make it hard for any governmental agency, any government bureaucracy to create laws that took away freedom because they had some libertarian tendencies.

Justice Scalia, said: So they wanted it hard to pass laws, so what do they do? They create a legislature with two Houses, and certainly that was part of the compromise. But in England, the House of Lords is not particularly powerful, but they wanted both houses with the power to stop what the other one was doing. They wanted it very difficult in one house to pass a law.

I think they would cringe if they saw all the bills that are just passed with unanimous consent or on suspension that we do more and more and more, because they wanted it tough to pass laws.

I have friends say: You guys should be in session more often.

I say: You don't know what you are asking for, because every day we are in session, we pass some new bill, we pass some new law.

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Many of those laws take away freedoms of Americans. The Founders knew that. That is why, Justice Scalia said, they created two Houses. If one House got a law through it, the other one could stop it cold. But that wasn't enough to protect our freedom.

We want an executive, but not one like a prime minister. The prime minister is elected by the legislature. We don't want that. We want it tough.

We want independence. So we are going to have a chief executive, a President, that is elected totally separate from the legislature.

Even if the House and Senate finally agree on something, we will give him the power to just say: No. I am not going to let it happen.

But that is not enough. We want more gridlock. So let's create a judicial branch, as they did in Article III, that could turn around and say: No. The House, Senate, and the President may have agreed, but we don't agree.

It is not consistent with the Constitution. Justice Scalia said that is why we are the freest Nation in history: because our Founders did not trust government.

So, Mr. Speaker, it concerns me when I see voters begin to think that our hope is going to arrive on Air Force One. One of my greatest thrills was becoming friends with Chuck Colson.

As Chuck Colson said: Our hope will not arrive on Air Force One.

The old saying, the axiom, is true: democracy ensures a people are governed no better than they deserve.

If you want a good President, you have got to be a good country. An immoral country is not going to elect a great leader. They are going to elect an immoral leader.

When you see Christians who believe that the only way to the saving grace of Jesus is to ask for forgiveness and, as the Bible says, believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, it is amazing to see Christian leaders saying they are going to put their faith in a guy that says he has never had to ask for forgiveness. But that was modified later to: Well, I don't think God's concerned with trivial things like that.

If I were God, I wouldn't be. But thank God I am not God. He seems to care about every individual. If you believe the Bible, that is what it says.

And then, if there is not enough bad news, this comes from KPNX today: "Attorney General Report: Possible smuggling trail between the Middle East and Arizona border."

We have talked about that before. Long before, the Attorney General indicated that there appeared to be a trail between the Middle East and the Arizona border.

We have this story this week from Stephen Dinan from The Washington Times: "Top border chief to agents who object to Obama amnesty: 'Look for another job.'"

There you are, Mr. Speaker. When the head of the border agency says they are not going to enforce the laws that exist, then one of two things, either that is what the country deserves because it has become immoral and lawless or the country rises up and says: We will never have another administration like this. As long as we are alive, we are going to make sure we have an administration that enforces the law, no matter who it is.

Apparently, since people govern no better than they deserve, we now find out that Hillary's highly paid IT guru at the State Department had no actual national security experience.

So, apparently, we elected an administration that ensured people were governed no better than they deserve and, apparently, they felt like we didn't deserve a State Department with national security experience.

Is it any wonder—I thank God—that there have been more Benghazis under that kind of attitude? One was too many.

We see yesterday that the Justice Department grants immunity to the staffer who set up the Clinton email server. I have been a prosecutor. I have been a judge. I have been a chief justice. When someone grants immunity, they are closing in on a prosecution. That is the intent.

You don't grant immunity to someone and someone doesn't normally seek immunity unless they are concerned that they may have violated the law. They seek immunity because they violated the law.

Immunity is granted when, with the prosecution, the investigators—in this case, the FBI—feel that laws are being violated. So we are going to grant immunity to this person so that we can get the person further up.

But I still maintain that, as long as Hillary Clinton does not condemn or expose the Obama administration to any of the truth about what went on in Benghazi and about the hands-off list of terrorists and homeland security, I do not see her getting indicted. It is a good insurance policy.

Another article from the New York Times: "As Campaign Unfolds, So Do Inquiries Into Hillary Clinton's Emails."

So many voters don't seem to care. Why? Because people are governed no better than they deserve. If they are more concerned about themselves than their children, they are going to get what they deserve.

Well, we had Mitt Romney come out today just before we voted condemning Donald Trump as phony and a fraud. Everybody knows that people across this country are furious with the establishment.

So if that idea was Donald Trump's—to get Mitt Romney to come out and condemn him—it was a brilliant plan. Because that is like asking Marv Levy to tell you how to win the Super Bowl, after he lost four of them.

In any event, Mr. Speaker, this country is in grave danger. I was all over the 12 counties that I represent. This country has so many great citizens. They deserve better than what they are getting.

I hope and pray the majority in the country will wake up and see the dangers to our own national defense, to our own national security, from government intrusions into our private lives, from drugs that are coming in through Mexico, and from terrorists that are coming into this country. The FBI Director himself says we have got them in every State.

We are in big trouble. It is time the American people woke up and said, as our parents did: We don't care what has happened before. We are going to make sure this country is left in better shape, with more opportunity, than we had growing up.

Mr. Speaker, we are going to have to hurry. The clock is ticking.

I yield back the balance of my time.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS AS CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORS ON TRADE POLICY AND NEGOTIATIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 161(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2211), and the order of the House of January 6, 2015, of the following Members on the part of the House as Congressional Advisors on Trade Policy and Negotiations:

Mr. BRADY, Texas

Mr. REICHERT, Washington
Mr. NUNES, California

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of illness.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1596. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2082 Stringtown Road in Grove City, Ohio, as the "Specialist Joseph W. Riley Post Office Building".

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 54 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, March 7, 2016, at 4 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

4551. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Air Plan Approval; Illinois; Base Year Emission Inventories for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard [EPA-R05-OAR-2014-0664; FRL-9943-33-Region 5] received March 2, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4552. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; Ohio; Regional Haze Glatfelter BART SIP Revision [EPA-R05-OAR-2014-0362; FRL-9943-29-Region 5] received March 2, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4553. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's direct final rule — Air Plan Approval; Wisconsin; Base Year Emission Inventories for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard [EPA-R05-OAR-2014-0860; FRL-9943-31-Region 5] received March 2, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4554. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Disapproval; Georgia: Disapproval of Automatic Rescission Clause [EPA-R04-OAR-2010-0816; FRL-9943-35-Region 4] received March 2, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

4555. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental