

But the facts paint a very different picture that the Trump administration is engaged in unauthorized hostilities and violations of the Constitution and the War Powers Act of 1973.

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It is important to understand that the Trump administration's actions of overt command and coordination over Israeli offensive military decisions in Lebanon arguably represent the most well-documented direct U.S. participation in a foreign military's engagement in hostilities in recent decades.

This U.S. role, Mr. Speaker, in the invasion of Lebanon includes "green-lighting" specific Israeli military operations in Lebanon, providing them with what is called approval and disapproval over whether they may proceed, a defining function of military command.

Mr. Speaker, on March 12, Israeli media reported that President Trump "approved the ground incursion" by Israel into Lebanon "also authorized expanding it if necessary."

Also, on April 8, Axios reporters said live on mainstream media: "Without the green light from Donald Trump, you wouldn't have seen Israel go ahead with these very massive strikes in Lebanon," literally strikes that killed 250 people that day.

On May 6, Israel sought, and was granted, Trump's "green light" for its May 6 strike on Beirut, Mr. Speaker, and coordinated with the United States in advance, according to Israeli officials. Not us, but the Israeli officials are telling us that the Trump administration is helping them.

As recently as this week, Israeli officials told the press that the Israeli military's forced displacement order and threats to bomb Beirut's southern neighborhoods were coordinated with the United States.

These are elected officials by the Israeli Government making these claims. These are the sources.

This unprecedented public record of direct and overt U.S. command and coordination over Israeli hostilities in Lebanon goes alongside deep U.S.-Israeli operational integration, which the American people don't want.

Meanwhile, the White House continues to ignore congressional oversight efforts regarding the U.S. participation in these hostilities. We still haven't gotten responses to questions that we have. It is important to understand that the violations of the War Powers Act are very clear, as they were clear during the U.S. support of the Saudi-led war on Yemen.

Do you remember that, Mr. Speaker, the Saudi-led war on Yemen?

Both the House and the Senate passed War Powers Resolutions bipartisanly affirming that refueling Saudi aircraft and providing targeted intelligence to Saudi forces constituted U.S. participation in hostilities.

This case is no different. Congress must reassert its authority and cut off

U.S. support for this cruelty and this destruction.

Mr. Speaker, when I see that child, I think of my son. Everyone wants to label people of my faith or people who look like me as terrorists. These are human beings. We cannot make them out to be disposable. We must save lives, no matter faith or ethnicity. We must stand against war crimes no matter who is committing it, no matter who it is.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to understand this is about our shared humanity. This is about ending, again, the mass destruction of Lebanon. We should not be playing any role.

Again, I think it is important to understand when we do that and label people a certain way that makes them to be disposable, it will lead to more international law violations of peoples' human rights.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time I have remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida has 12½ minutes remaining.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I yield the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SELF) such time as he may consume.

Mr. SELF. Mr. Speaker, I wasn't planning on speaking on this issue, but as I have listened to this anti-Israel screed, I have to ask why my colleagues across the aisle don't pay nearly as much attention to the ongoing slaughter in South Sudan?

There are a couple of reasons. One, it is Africa. It is not adjacent to Israel. Two, it is not Israel.

The change in the Democratic Party over the last few years has been extraordinary, in their change of their attitude toward Israel. I think it is fair to say in words that cannot be taken down that Hamas terrorists cut the wire several years ago and then live streamed their atrocities. They live streamed their atrocities.

I won't describe them because everybody remembers, but I would recommend that when terrorists, bona fide terrorists, commit atrocities such as we saw on October the 7th several years ago, I would recommend they don't live stream them because if anybody has watched the films that were taken that were live streamed by the perpetrators, they would question this very discussion about Lebanon and about Israel's defense of itself.

Frankly, we could talk about the UNIFIL, the U.N. organization that refused to do their job. Israel is doing the U.N. job that UNIFIL was put there to do, to keep Hezbollah north of the Litani River, and the U.N. force refused to do their job.

We have Israeli families who can't live in their homes in northern Israel, so Israel is doing the U.N.'s job, as well.

I think, as I have listened to this anti-Israel screed, we need a little historical balance in this discussion.

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution, again, is beyond reckless and beyond untruthful. The entire arguments that we were listening to of accusing America of participating in a genocide that is not existing, it is Israel going into Lebanon killing Hezbollah terrorists.

I wish they had kept their map up because they showed a large map of all this territory where Israel had gone on the offensive, and they said that they had killed 4,000 people.

Again, Mr. Speaker, if Israel had gone scorched-earth on them, you would have way more than 4,000 dead in all that territory, but what was done was precise strikes against terrorists targeting Israel, Americans, and anybody else whom they could reach out and touch, and they are being killed for that.

This resolution impugns our military. This resolution impugns the patriotism of the U.S. military by saying that they are participating in a war that they are not and by saying that they are participating in a genocide where they are not.

This resolution is certainly shameful in that way, but, again, it is very reckless because it would demand that we remove forces from places like our embassy in Lebanon, remove all forces from Lebanon that would mean removing our Marines from the embassy in Lebanon which, again, just shows how reckless and shameful and how ill thought-out this resolution is.

Mr. Speaker, while it has been an exciting evening with all of these words being taken down and everything else going on, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the previous question is ordered on the concurrent resolution.

The question is on adoption of the concurrent resolution.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Ms. TLAIIB. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

HAPPY 101ST BIRTHDAY HAROLD YOAK

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Harold "Hal" Yoak, a proud veteran, a dedicated educator, a loving husband, and a great member of our community who is celebrating his 101st birthday today, June 3.

Born in 1925, Hal answered the call to serve his country in World War II, serving in the United States Navy from

1944 to 1945. Like so many of the Greatest Generation, he demonstrated courage, patriotism, and a commitment to something greater than himself.

Then, on Christmas Eve of 1947, Hal married the love of his life, Eileen Whited. Together they shared an extraordinary marriage of 67 years.

Following his military service, Hal devoted the rest of his career to education, retiring from Pacifica High School, where he inspired students through his dedication and his passion.

Today, as we recognize Hal's life and birthday, we celebrate a century defined by service, family, and education.

On behalf of southern California's 46th Congressional District, I am honored to recognize his contributions and wish him a very happy 101st birthday.

Happy birthday, Hal. We love you.

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REOPEN MARTIN GENERAL HOSPITAL

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Martin General Hospital was Martin County's only hospital until financial distress forced its closure, leaving thousands without nearby emergency care.

Since then, local residents have been forced to travel 20 to 30 minutes or more to see a doctor in emergencies. When seconds count, those delays can be fatal.

The hospital's closure didn't just hurt our health but also the county's local economy, costing over 180 jobs and pulling \$33 million from the community each year.

I believe in practical solutions, which is why I am fighting to bring our hard-earned tax dollars back home to work for us.

Mr. Speaker, I have sent President Trump a letter as I advocate for \$175 million in Federal funding to reopen Martin General Hospital. Eastern North Carolina families deserve healthcare close to home.

REAFFIRM THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY BY DISMANTLING THE SURVEILLANCE STATE

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. SELF of Texas was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.)

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SELF. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

Mr. SELF. Mr. Speaker, America's founding generation did not take up

arms merely over taxes. They rebelled against a tyrannical government that planted spies in their taverns, searched their homes, and read their private letters.

Benjamin Franklin understood this threat deeply. He popularized the rattlesnake as the symbol of America, first with his "Join, or Die" cartoon, and later by praising the defiant motto: "Don't Tread On Me."

He also delivered a timeless warning: Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety.

This year, 2026, marks the 250th anniversary of our Declaration of Independence. There could be no more fitting time to reaffirm the principles of liberty than by dismantling the surveillance state that has quietly eroded them. That starts with the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, FISA, which has become the modern incarnation of the general warrants that ignited the revolution.

Created originally to track foreign enemies on foreign soil, section 702 has morphed into a sprawling domestic surveillance machine that sweeps up American's communications and treats the Fourth Amendment like a suggestion.

On June 12, Congress faces another deadline to renew section 702. The intelligence community wants a clean reauthorization, but we are not going to accept that, Congress should not accept that, and no American, if they were actually told the truth for once about what their own government is doing to them, would accept that.

This is not opposition to national security. It is a refusal to sacrifice essential liberty for temporary safety. If Congress is going to renew FISA, then we must enact meaningful changes.

First, repeal the dangerously broad expansion of the term "electronic communication service provider." It now allows the government to compel churches, small businesses, and community organizations to hand over Americans' communications.

Second, strengthen the FISA Courts Amicus Curiae program so independent voices can actually defend Americans' rights in secret proceedings.

Third, close the data broker loophole that allows the FBI, IRS, and every other Federal agency to bypass the Constitution by simply buying Americans' geolocation, metadata, and browsing history off the market.

Most urgently, require a warrant for backdoor searches of Americans' communications.

At peak, the government conducted nearly 3 million warrantless searches of U.S. citizens' data, many of them illegal. Foreign threats must be watched, but Americans deserve probable cause and a real warrant on American soil.

In addition, we must ban the Central Bank Digital Currency permanently. The CBDC is the ultimate surveillance

tool that allows the government to track, control, and potentially freeze every purchase you make.

The CBDC cannot ever be allowed to operate in the United States. It is the biggest threat to our privacy.

While we are at it, let's secure our elections by ensuring that only American citizens vote in American elections.

Mr. Speaker, our Founders never intended for us to trade liberty for supposed safety. Our Founders never imagined today where illegal aliens would be voting in our elections.

In this 250th anniversary year of American independence, Congress must draw a line in the sand. Let us stand with our forefathers, the Constitution, and the American people who want secure elections and for the government to stop spying on them.

Reject the rubber-stamped FISA renewal, pass these reforms, secure our elections, ban CBDC forever, restore the Fourth Amendment, and protect our Republic. The rattlesnake is, once again, rattling. It is time for Congress to listen.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS), my distinguished colleague.

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I am grateful, indeed, for the opportunity to address one of the most consequential issues facing our great Republic: the Federal Government's warrantless surveillance of the American people.

For years, Americans have watched headline after headline exposing the intelligence community's abuse of its authority, and I thought I would share just a few of those.

Most recently, John Brennan admitted that there is a legion of deep state operatives in DOJ and CIA who are resisting Trump's orders. Why is that important?

It is because they are the ones who violate the warrant requirement, as well.

House approves reauthorization of FISA 702, warrantless spy powers, and yet when you go and read it, we have problems still. We still have problems. Why do we know that? Because the FISC, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, has issued a report. It is classified. Former DNI Director Tulsi Gabbard wanted to declassify that secret but critical court document but was denied. Actually, in my opinion, that needs to be released before we ever take a vote on FISA again.

I will just leave it there on those headlines and get back to this.

President Trump has an agenda. He won the popular vote in a landslide. In my home State, he got 160,000 votes more than the Democrat. How did he do it? Because the people wanted him to get his agenda through, but it is being sidestepped and avoided.

Who are the people that are causing the problem, according to John Brennan? It is the same people that spied on