

believe the statements he attributes to Admiral Kidd, concerning the attack on USS Liberty.

Several years later, I received a letter from Cristol that contained what he purported to be his notes of our prior conversation. These "notes" were grossly incorrect and bore no resemblance in reality to that discussion. I find it hard to believe that these "notes" were a product of mistake, rather than an attempt to deceive. I informed Cristol that I disagreed with his recollection of our conversation and that he was wrong. Cristol made several attempts to arrange for the two of us to meet in person and talk but I always found ways to avoid doing this. I did not wish to meet with Cristol, as we had nothing in common and I did not trust him.

Contrary to the misinformation presented by Cristol and others, it is important for the American people to know that it is clear that Israel is responsible for deliberately attacking an American ship and murdering American sailors, whose bereaved shipmates have lived with this egregious conclusion for many years.

Dated: January 8, 2004, Coronado, California.

Signed Ward Boston, Jr., Captain, JAGC USN (Ret.), Senior Counsel to the USS Liberty Court of Inquiry

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind all persons in the gallery that they are here as guests of the House and that any manifestation of approval or disapproval of proceedings is in violation of the rules of the House.

#### NATION LOSING ITS MORAL COMPASS

(Ms. STANSBURY of New Mexico was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, I rise on the floor this afternoon because I believe this Nation is losing its moral compass, led by a President who is more interested in ballrooms and bullying reporters than the rights and the dignity of our basic human rights as Americans.

This week, this body will consider a \$70 billion package of funding for ICE to continue a cruel and inhuman detention system that has robbed countless Americans of their freedom and human dignity; that has fueled a massive for-profit private prison industry with billions of taxpayer dollars on the backs of the suffering of our people; that has torn families apart, incarcerated children, killed dozens in detention, violated human and civil liberties, and left millions of people in this country living in fear every day.

Now, the leadership of this body wants to approve another \$70 billion on top of the more than \$100 billion that they already gave them so that the Trump administration can continue to terrorize our families and communities without any checks. This is not okay. This body has lost its moral compass.

It follows after last week as this body passed appropriations bills that cut

hundreds of millions of dollars in food assistance to children, not just children here in the United States but abroad. In a time when hunger is higher now in this country today than it was during COVID, they chose to cut food assistance to American children and children across the world.

Last week, in their agriculture bill, they cut food, housing, and basic infrastructure for rural communities and food to children.

Now, they want another blank check for ICE?

What next? The President is asking for \$1.5 trillion for more bombs for illegal wars to continue the suffering abroad.

That is why I am here today to stand, to fight, to fight back, to reclaim the dignity of this body, the moral compass of this country.

Last week, we finally passed a War Powers Resolution to end the war in Iran. We did not succeed yet in passing a War Powers Resolution to end the war in Lebanon, but we cannot stand by and let this reckless President wage illegal wars in the Middle East and empower an out-of-control foreign leader, who even this weekend further threatened the peace of the Middle East through continued attacks. It must stop. Congress must assert not only our Constitutional authority but reclaim our moral compass.

As we stand here in this Chamber, violence continues abroad. Over the weekend, bombs and firefights shelled communities in Lebanon, Israel, and Iran. In Lebanon, more than 3,500 people have been killed, nearly 11,000 injured, and more than a million people have been displaced and lost their homes. Families have lost loved ones. Communities have been uprooted. Entire neighborhoods have been reduced to rubble. Across the region, innocent people are paying the price for decisions they did not make and conflicts they did not create.

As this violence rages on, it happens against the backdrop of a humanitarian catastrophe in Gaza, ongoing human rights violations in the West Bank, human suffering that has reached unimaginable levels. Children are facing hunger, displacement, and the constant threat of violence. Families are struggling to access food, clean water, medicine, and shelter.

In the West Bank, Palestinian families continue to face violence daily. A 7-month-old baby was shot and killed by a soldier just days ago in a car. Entire villages and sacred olive trees have been destroyed. There are restrictions on movement, indignities in everyday life, and unfathomable cruelty.

These impacts are not just felt in these communities but in our districts here at home, as their families and friends watch in horror and grief.

We have a fundamental, not only constitutional, responsibility as Congress to rein in these immoral and illegal wars but to stop these crimes.

Congress cannot stand by and let this continue. These illegal wars are not

only violations of our war powers, they are violations of the basic human rights of our people.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Ms. STANSBURY. So it is time to end these illegal wars.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentlewoman has expired.

Ms. STANSBURY. End the cruel and inhuman policies that are terrorizing our communities.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman is no longer recognized.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 43 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Our king and our God, Your throne endures forever. You rule with a scepter of equity. You love the right and despise the wrong.

Humbly, we come before You with the prayers of this body and of this Nation. You have blessed us richly, guiding the founding of this democracy with the enduring virtues of freedom and liberty, peace and justice. You have raised up leaders and citizens whose blood, sweat, and tears have watered our soil, bringing forth the fruits of Your planting.

Grant, we pray, Your continued blessing upon this land that we love, that America would reflect its noble heritage and the lessons learned from both the triumphs and failings of the past.

Give us each a renewed spirit of dependence on You and a deep thirst for Your direction, that we may preserve the blessings we have inherited and pass them faithfully to those who follow after us.

May peace and prosperity be our hope and Your abiding and steadfast love and salvation our reward.

In all generations, may Your name be celebrated, that all peoples may praise You forever and ever.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

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

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

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Kansas (Ms. DAVIDS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

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

#### KANSAS CITY READY FOR FIFA WORLD CUP

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

Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, later this week, the FIFA World Cup will kick off here in the United States, and I could not be more excited for Kansas City to welcome the world.

As the founder of the Congressional FIFA World Cup 2026 Caucus, I have had the opportunity to see firsthand just how much work has gone into preparing for this moment.

Today, I thank everyone who helped to make this possible. From local leaders and small businesses to first responders, transit workers, volunteers, and organizers, countless people have spent years preparing for these next 5 weeks.

The matches are going to bring excitement, visitors, and economic opportunity to the Kansas City metro area, but the impact will not end there. It is not going to end when the final whistle blows. The investments we have made in infrastructure, transportation, safety, and community development are things that are going to benefit Kansas City and our surrounding communities for generations to come.

This is a chance to showcase what makes our community so special: our hospitality, our culture, our barbecue, our love of sports, and our ability to come together and accomplish really big things.

The world is coming. Kansas City is ready. It is going to be an incredible celebration.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. EVANS of Colorado) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, June 5, 2026.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,  
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 Representa-

tives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on June 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S.2.  
That the Senate agreed to Relative to the death of the Honorable Donald W. Riegler, Jr. former Senator for the State of Michigan S. Res. 755.

Appointment:  
Board of Trustees of the John C. Stennis Center for Public Service Training and Development.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,  
Clerk.

#### RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1431

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. EVANS of Colorado) at 2 o'clock and 31 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 votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

#### PRE-PAYMENT FRAUD PREVENTION AND TREASURY DATA ACCESS ACT

Mr. GILL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 8463) to establish governmentwide requirements for pre-payment fraud prevention actions, to provide the U.S. Treasury appropriate data resources, to facilitate participation in governmentwide anti-fraud data sharing, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.  
The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 8463

*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 "Pre-Payment Fraud Prevention and Treasury Data Access Act".

#### SEC. 2. PRE-PAYMENT FRAUD PREVENTION REQUIREMENTS FOR AGENCIES.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PRE-PAYMENT AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES.—

(1) AMENDMENT.—Chapter 33 of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 3325 the following:

**"§ 3325a. Agency duties for fraud and improper payment prevention before the issuance of a payment voucher request**

**"(a) MANDATORY ACTIONS BEFORE ISSUING A PAYMENT VOUCHER.—**The head of an agency,

or an officer or employee described in section 3325(a)(1)(B), may not certify a voucher under section 3325 until the following requirements are met:

"(1) Each pre-certification requirement described in subsection (b) for such payment request.

"(2) Confirmation is provided that the payment complies with any disbursement requirement and instruction, including any pre-certification requirement, published by the Secretary of the Treasury.

"(3) Confirmation is provided that any other appropriate payment, account, and payee validation program or service that the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Director, requires to reduce fraud and an improper payment resulting in financial loss to the Government, including any agency evaluation of the fraud-risk indicator of a program required under section 3352 and agency procedures required under section 3554(b)(1), have been conducted, in accordance with necessary exceptions for statutory, policy, or operational reasons.

"(b) PAYMENT VERIFICATION PRE-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this section, and as needed thereafter, the Secretary of the Treasury shall, in consultation with the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, issue regulations, and guidance as necessary, for the pre-certification requirements of this section, for vouchers certified under section 3325, including any deadline for pre-certification information and related records to be submitted to the requisite Treasury official and disbursing official under subchapter IV of this chapter, before the date of disbursement in order to allow for sufficient time to meet the requirements of this section, including the following:

"(1) Funds are available at the time the obligation is incurred and if an obligation is incurred when funds are not available, then the agency may not certify the payment voucher.

"(2) The amount of the payment and the name of the payee on the payment voucher are correct, in conformance with the prescribed standard format.

"(3) A valid social security number, taxpayer identification number, employer identification number, individual taxpayer identification number, or payee ID number is provided for each payee on the voucher, if applicable.

"(4) The appropriation or fund from which the payment will be made is available for the purpose described in the voucher and indicated with the appropriate Treasury Account Symbol or Business Event Type Code.

"(5) A payee is not deceased, if the payment would be improperly made to a deceased payee.

"(6) The account number, if any, provided on the payment voucher is held at a financial institution and is open, valid, and belongs to the payee or a valid designee of the payee.

"(7) Any other identifier in conformance with the payment verification pre-certification requirements established by the Secretary of the Treasury, which may include the Procurement Instrument Identified and the Federal Award Identification Number.

"(c) RETURN OF PAYMENT VOUCHER.—The Secretary, in consultation with the Director, shall issue guidance and establish procedures to authorize the Chief Disbursing Officer of the Department of the Treasury, or an agency disbursing official, to return to the relevant agency certifying official, including a notification to the agency, any payment or payment voucher issued under section 3325 which does not comply with pre-certification