

businesses are thriving in Israel. So the next time you get in your car, Mr. Speaker, and you start driving down the road, and your car automatically brakes, your steering wheel shakes when you get out of the lane as you look at your cellphone—and you shouldn't—this driverless car technology was developed in Israel. I think Intel has now bought the company. So when you see a car driving without anybody in it, that technology began in Israel.

Another thing that really surprised me that is a difference, it is a game changer in that country, was the fact that they discovered natural gas. They are now a net exporter of energy. They actually export to Egypt. So it really stabilized them from an energy standpoint where they are not so dependent. America's independence also contributes to their safety.

Let me go over why that is important. Forty-plus years ago, we had an oil embargo by OPEC in this country. We had lines. Every other day we had to get in a line to get gas. I happened to be a young Army officer 11 miles south of the DMZ in Korea during the winter. We got heat 3 hours a day because of this embargo. We had to use our fuel for our tanks, Cobra gunships, Huey helicopters, and other equipment that we had. So we didn't have any to heat the place we were in, and it was incredibly miserable there.

I saw oil used as a political weapon back then. The fact is that this country is now energy independent. We had three huge tankers get diverted by Iran. We had an attack that took out almost 6 million barrels of oil a day. Because of the energy policies in this country, there was hardly a hiccup. I can tell you, Mr. Speaker, if we had been in the same situation 40 years ago, gas would have been two or three times what it is. It would have created great hardships in this country.

So the fact is that Israel is there helping. They are making friends. They have a great partnership. I give President Carter a shout-out. Anwar Sadat died because of that partnership that occurred, and peace has broken out between the Israelis, the Egyptians, and the Jordanians.

Do they still have differences?

Yes. But they are civil to each other, and they are working those differences out. Saudi Arabia—who would have ever thought—I remember Prime Minister Netanyahu said: Who would have ever thought Israeli airplanes would be flying over Saudi Arabia?

They are now. So you can see a change that has occurred in the last 10 years that I found astonishing.

Mrs. WAGNER. Will the gentlewoman yield?

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. I yield to the gentlewoman from Missouri.

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Speaker, the economic summit that was pulled together where so many Arabs came and participated was all a lead-up to a peace proc-

ess and the kind of work that we are seeing that is happening in the West Bank. We hope that it will continue to flourish. The peace process is something that I know that Jared Kushner, our White House, USIEA, the Israeli Government, the Palestinians, and others are working on. It is something that I think will be the basis and the underpinning of the peace process.

As we have all expressed, we see people find the humanity, find that all they want is what we all want: to be safe and secure, to take care of our families, to give back to society, to be productive, to be able to worship in the fashion that we choose, and to have some freedom. That is what we hope for Israel long-term.

It was just wonderful to be a part of this journey. I look forward to the future, what this administration is going to bring to the table, and to those who will be coming to, I hope, educate our colleagues on the important work that is being done.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, we should also recognize the extraordinary leadership of Ambassador David Friedman. We had the opportunity to have lunch with him. We had the opportunity to visit the United States Embassy in Jerusalem.

Mrs. WAGNER. A first. A promise that was made and kept, finally, by an American President, President Trump. It is great.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. It was a beautiful day when we were there. It was just great to be able to spend some time with him. He really has led the way within the administration with integrated business. Also he sees the vision, and he sees the potential of what that means as far as helping really forge peace from a bottom-up approach. So it was great to be with him.

I appreciated Dr. ROE talking about the national training center which is leading with training, leadership, and teamwork that we all can benefit from. They have contracted with the IDF. They have contracts now with the Department of Education. We saw the young people—the Israelis and the Arabs—going through this training together—thousands.

Mrs. WAGNER. Tens of thousands. It was amazing.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. It was so encouraging to see that during our time there.

Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, one of the young ladies took a lot of encouragement. I do remember that. She was having a hard time, but she made it across finally.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. I remember that, too.

Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, Mrs. WAGNER mentioned that I hope that the Palestinians find peace and prosperity. They have long suffered, and many in Gaza still do. In Hebron where Mr. Jabari was, peace and prosperity is breaking out there.

I wish them nothing but the best, and I hope they are successful in their endeavor.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, when you think about Israel, it is a very young country. It is just over 70 years old. It is very impressive from a defense perspective, from a technology perspective, and from an agriculture perspective leading the world in so many different fields.

I also believe it is always important to highlight they are the only democracy in the Middle East. They are our best friend. Its history and its culture are the center of our civilization. Israel faces threats every single day against its survival and against the universal values of peace, security, opportunity, and, of course, freedom.

Those values unite us in America and in Israel on both sides of the Green Line. I am excited that my colleagues are here to share with everyone our experience. We returned home with a strong conviction that this story needs to be told and that more of our colleagues, Republicans and Democrats, need to see it for themselves. That was the biggest takeaway we heard after listening to the people whom we met. They asked us to go home and share their reality and their desires to promote peace and economic security in Israel. That is our mission today.

Mrs. WAGNER. As I said, Mr. Speaker, I just thank the gentlewoman from Washington so much for her leadership and that of the USIEA. To go on this journey is wonderful, and we look forward to the future.

Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I say God bless the Palestinians and Israelis. We wish them nothing but the best.

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Well said.

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

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 4378. An act making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2020, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, September 27, 2019, at 9 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

2310. A letter from the Farm Production and Conservation Business Center, Commodity Credit Corporation/Farm Service