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WE HAD OSAMA BIN LADEN IN OUR SIGHTS

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, in the fall of the year 2000, a Predator drone captured Osama bin Laden on tape. At that time, the Predator could not be armed.

But the tape is revealing. It was relayed in real time to CIA headquarters, and the CIA was watching bin Laden as he moved, when he moved. The tape proves that the Clinton administration had bin Laden in its sights, as it did several times during its 8 years in office, but did nothing.

A former CIA station chief in Afghanistan said that the Clinton White House issued an ultimatum to the CIA, "Capture bin Laden, don't kill him." They wanted to arrest bin Laden and send him to court. Unfortunately, since then we have learned that you cannot fight terrorism by filing legal papers.

We cannot hesitate to act in defense of our national interests, even if that means acting alone or acting preemptively. We cannot wait for appropriate international committees to give us permission.

Our national security is far too important to be left to the whims of world opinion, and it is far too important to wait for legal papers to be filed.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF ALFRED MANSOUR OF LAGRANGE, GEORGIA

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

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, I rise this afternoon to celebrate the life of a great Georgia citizen. Alfred Mansour of LaGrange, Georgia, passed away April 17, 2004. He was a great example of how love for church, family and business can unify, strengthen and better an entire community.

Alfred Mansour was a man of family and faith who lived a life of service to his community. In the business world, Alfred Mansour was the first president of Mansour's, Incorporated, which included his family's business, Mansour's Department Store, a cornerstone of the LaGrange business community.

After serving his country during World War II, Mr. Mansour returned to LaGrange as a community leader, a loving husband, and a devoted father of five children. He was a member of the St. Peter's Catholic Church, where I have had the opportunity to worship with him and his wife Nini. He was a Member of the Knights of Columbus, a past president of LaGrange Lions Club, a founding member of the Chattahoochee Valley Art Association, a member of the LaGrange/Troup County Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Highland Country Club.

Friends and those who knew him described Alfred Mansour as a humble man of God and an astute businessman. Most importantly, those who loved him as a husband and a father, Nini and children Priscilla, Martha, Rita, Fred and Larry, knew him as a man of unremitting love and passion.

Indeed, Alfred Mansour will be so missed for his service to God, family and community.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 5, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
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 April 5, 2004 at 1:50 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 404.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

MARJORIE C. KELAHER
(For Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House).

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, April 13, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
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 April 8, 2004 at 3:50 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to conference report H.R. 3108.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, Speaker Pro Tempore WOLF signed the following enrolled bill on Friday, April 9, 2004:

H.R. 3108, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to temporarily replace the 30-year Treasury rate with a rate based on long-term corporate bonds for certain pension plan funding requirements and other provisions, and for other purposes.

COMMUNICATION FROM HON. NANCY PELOSI, DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from NANCY PELOSI, Democratic Leader:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER,
Washington, DC, April 14, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to (10 U.S.C. 111 note) I hereby appoint Mr. Keith Martin of Shavertown, Pennsylvania, to the Commission on the Review of the Overseas Military Facility Structure of the United States.

Best regards,

NANCY PELOSI.

COMMUNICATION FROM LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR OF HON. J. DENNIS HASTERT, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Anthony Reed, Legislative Director of the Honorable J. DENNIS HASTERT, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 19, 2004.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
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 subpoena for testimony issued by the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the precedents and privileges of the House.

Sincerely,

ANTHONY REED,
Legislative Director.

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 is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

RECORD votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

RICHARD G. WILSON PROCESSING AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITY

Mrs. MILLER of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4037) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 475 Kell Farm Drive in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, as the "Richard G. Wilson Processing and Distribution Facility".

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 4037

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