

looking for evidence which may support or not.

Could there be politics at play in this kind of decision? Well, about this Islamic Society of North America, ISNA, it's interesting. I got a transcript of the speech, because I got it off of the White House Web site today, made by the Deputy National Security Adviser to the President of the United States, Barack Obama, his being Denis McDonough. This was actually, it says, for immediate release March 6, 2011. This is printed, like I say, from the Web site. These are the remarks of the Deputy National Security Adviser to the President, Barack Hussein Obama, in which he starts his remarks like this:

Thank you, Imam Majid, for your very kind introduction and welcome.

By the way, these are remarks to the All Dulles Area Muslim Society, ADAMS, ironically.

Thank you, Imam Majid, for your very kind introduction, and welcome. I know that President Obama was very grateful that you led the prayer at last summer's iftar dinner at the White House, which, as the President noted, is a tradition stretching back more than two centuries to when Thomas Jefferson hosted the first iftar dinner at the White House.

Well, "iftar" refers to the evening meal when Muslims break their fast during the Islamic month of Ramadan. Iftar is one of the religious observances of Ramadan, and is often done as a community with people gathering to break their fast together. Iftar is done right after sunset time. Traditionally, a date is the first thing to be consumed when the fast is broken.

But if you look at the true history of the country, Thomas Jefferson did invite a leader from Tunis to break bread with him at the White House, and it was at the conclusion of Ramadan, but there's no evidence to indicate whatsoever that this was a traditional iftar dinner.

You get back to the facts. In the second paragraph, he says—and this is Denis McDonough, Deputy National Security Adviser—Our Founders understood the best way to honor the place of faith in the lives of people was to protect their freedom to practice religion. In the Virginia Act, establishing religious freedom, Thomas Jefferson wrote that all men shall be free to profess and by argument to maintain their opinions in matters of religion.

He goes on in his remarks, and he says, Thank you also for being one of our Nation's leading voices for the values that make America so strong, especially religious freedom and tolerance.

Parenthetically, I'm not sure if tolerance includes funding terrorist activities against Israel and the United States, but that's a parenthetical question on my part.

Back to Mr. McDonough, Whether it's here at the ADAMS Center or as president of the Islamic Society of North America, you've spoken with

passion and eloquence not only about your own Islamic faith but for the need to build bridges of understanding and trust between faiths.

This is incredible. The Deputy National Security Adviser is thanking the president of a coconspirator—named, at least, as a coconspirator, joint venturer in the Holy Land Foundation trial. He was not merely introducing him at this proceeding, but was also thanking him for being a confidant who led the White House in prayer in their iftar proceeding in the White House. The president of a coconspirator to fund terrorist activities is leading Muslim prayers in the White House.

I realize my time has expired. I just know we need to work hard so that this country's time will not expire.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. RANGEL (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business in district.

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, May 6, 2011, at noon.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

1424. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Minimum Quality and Handling Standards for Domestic and Imported Peanuts Marketed in the United States; Section 610 Review [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-10-0030; FV10-996-610 Review] received March 23, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1425. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Olives Grown in California; Decreased Assessment Rate [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-10-0115; FV11-932-1 IR] received March 23, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1426. A letter from the Administrator, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Pears Grown in Oregon and Washington; Amendment To Allow Additional Exemptions [Doc. No.: AMS-FV-10-0072; FV10-927-1 IR] received March 23, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1427. A letter from the Director, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Development Utilities Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Rural Broadband Access Loans and Loan Guarantees (RIN: 0572-AC06) received April 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

1428. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — Energy Conservation Program for Consumer Products: Decision and Order Granting 180-Day Extension of Compliance Date for Residential Furnaces and Boilers Test Procedure Amendments [Docket Number: EERE-2008-BT-TP-0020] (RIN: 1904-AB89) received April 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1429. A letter from the Deputy Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — New Animal Drugs for Use in Animal Feeds; Florfenicol; Correction [Docket No.: FDA-2010-N-0002] received April 8, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1430. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Amendment of Section 73.622(i), Post-Transition Table of DTV Allotments, Television Broadcast Stations (Jackson, Mississippi) [MB Docket No.: 11-8] received April 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1431. A letter from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Western Electric Coordinating Council Qualified Transfer Path Unscheduled Flow Relief Regional Reliability Standard [Docket No.: RM09-19-000; Order No. 746] received April 4, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1432. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Control of the Processing and Use of Stainless Steel (Regulatory Guide 1.44, Revision 1) received April 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1433. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Notice of Availability (NOA) of the Models for Plant-Specific Adoption of Technical Specifications Task Force (TSTF) Traveler TSTF-422, Revision 2 "Change in Technical Specifications End States (CE NPSD-1186)", for Combustion Engineering (CE) Pressurized Water Reactor (PWR) Plants Using the Consolidated Line Item Improvement Process (CLIP) [NRC-2010-XXXX] received April 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

1434. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 10-128, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1435. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-001, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1436. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 11-031, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1437. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 10-130, pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

1438. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-58, "Allen Chapel A.M.E. Senior Residential Rental Project Property Tax Exemption Clarification Temporary Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1439. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-53, "District of Columbia Board of Elections and Ethics Primary Date Alteration Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1440. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-54, "Third & H Streets, N.E. Economic Development Technical Clarification Temporary Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1441. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-55, "Real Property Tax Appeals Commission Establishment Temporary Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1442. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-56, "Clean and Affordable Energy Fiscal Year 2011 Fund Balance Temporary Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1443. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting Transmittal of D.C. ACT 19-57, "Not-for-Profit Hospital Corporation Board Chairperson Designation Temporary Amendment Act of 2011"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1444. A letter from the Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's 2010 Freedom of Information Act Litigation and Compliance Report, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(e)(d); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1445. A letter from the Executive Director, Election Assistance Commission, transmitting the Commission's annual report for FY 2010 prepared in accordance with the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1446. A letter from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's annual report for FY 2010 prepared in accordance with the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1447. A letter from the Chairman, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's annual report for FY 2010 prepared in accordance with the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1448. A letter from the Director, National Science Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's annual report for FY 2010 prepared in accordance with Title II of the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act), Public Law 107-174; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1449. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's annual report for FY 2010 prepared in accordance with the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act), Pub. L. 107-174; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1450. A letter from the Administrator, Small Business Administration, transmitting the Administration's annual report for FY 2010 prepared in accordance with the Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002 (No FEAR Act); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

1451. A letter from the Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's report on the exterior boundary of Yellow Dog Wild and Scenic River Ottawa National Forest, Eastern Region, pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 1274; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

1452. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's final rule — International Terrorism Victim Expense Reimbursement Program [Docket No.: OJP (OVC) 1539] (RIN: 1121-AA78) received April 5, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

1453. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission, transmitting the Commission's 49th annual report of activities for fiscal year 2010, pursuant to Section 103(e) of the Reorganization Plan No. 7 of 1961 and Section 208 of the Merchant Marine Act of 1936, as amended; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

1454. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Changes in accounting periods and in methods of accounting (Rev. Proc. 2011-22) received April 7, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1455. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Extension of Sunset Date for Attorney Advisor Program [Docket No.: SSA-2009-0048] (RIN: 0960-AH05) received March 31, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1456. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations, Social Security Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Revised Medical Criteria for Evaluating Endocrine Disorders [Docket No.: SSA-2006-0114] (RIN: 0960-AD78) received April 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

1457. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the report entitled "Fourth Report to Congress on the Evaluation of the Medicare Coordinated Care Demonstration — Extended" in response to the requirements Section 4016(c) of Public Law 105-33, the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

1458. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting Determining Medical Necessity and Appropriateness of Care for Medicare Long Term Care Hospitals, pursuant to Public Law 110-173, section 114(b)(2) (121 Stat. 2502); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

1459. A letter from the Program Manager, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Medicare Programs: Changes to the End-Stage Renal Disease Prospective Payment System Transition Budget-Neutrality Adjustment [CMS-1435-IFC] (RIN: 0938-AQ94) received April 6, 2011, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

## PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. MCGOVERN (for himself, Mr. JONES, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. LOEBSACK, Mr. PAUL, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois, Mr. CICILLINE, Mr. AMASH, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. BARTLETT, Mr. WELCH, and Mr. MORAN):

H.R. 1735. A bill to require the President to transmit to Congress a plan with timeframe and completion date and reports with status updates on the transition of United States military and security operations in Afghanistan to the Government of Afghanistan; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MCKINLEY (for himself, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. RAHALL):

H.R. 1736. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the establishment of Mother's Day; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. GARRETT (for himself, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CHAFFETZ, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. RIBBLE, Mr. ROE of Tennessee, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. HUIZENGA of Michigan, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. FLORES, Mr. FLEMING, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina):

H.R. 1737. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce the Federal tax on fuels by the amount of any increase in the rate of tax on such fuel by the States; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. REICHERT:

H.R. 1738. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase, extend, and make permanent the above-the-line deduction for certain expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DOLD (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, and Mr. MORAN):

H.R. 1739. A bill to repeal the Federal sugar program; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LARSEN of Washington:

H.R. 1740. A bill to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a segment of Illabot Creek in Skagit County, Washington, as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. SMITH of Texas (for himself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. KING of Iowa, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. POE of Texas, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mr. GALLEGLY, Mr. AKIN, and Mr. MCCAUL):

H.R. 1741. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Secretary of State to refuse or revoke visas to aliens if in the security or foreign policy interests of the United States, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to review visa applications before adjudication, to provide for the immediate dissemination of visa revocation