

missiles and dropped tons of bombs on Libya. Since NATO took over, the U.S. has struck from the air at least 90 times, including drone attacks. But these are not "hostilities," claims the White House; so what business is it of Congress?

We must put an end not only to the war in Libya, but we must put an end to the thinking that the Constitution is a doormat and that our constituents must simply bear the consequences of the misguided policies of this administration without this Congress having any say whatsoever.

Defeat the authorization for the war. Vote for the Rooney bill, which limits the war. And when we return, let's vote for a total cutoff of funds for this wrongheaded adventure.

MR. PRESIDENT, UNLEASH THE POWER OF AMERICAN ENERGY EXPLORATION

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

Mr. NUNNELEE. Yesterday, President Obama executed a shortsighted energy plan and released 30 million barrels of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, all while the United States' combined recoverable oil, natural gas, and coal resources are 1.3 trillion barrels of oil equivalent, the largest in the world.

We have 40,000 times more American natural resources under our ground than the amount President Obama took out of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. Drawing down reserves intended for national emergencies is far from the energy plan we need, especially when we're sitting on abundant resources. President Obama must quit blocking American energy production.

Mr. President, if you want to make us energy secure, if you want to see a thriving economy creating jobs, if you want to free Americans from the burden of high gas prices, unleash the power and ingenuity of American energy exploration, and do it now.

RELEASE STAFF SERGEANT GILAD SHALIT

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

Mr. DEUTCH. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow marks the fifth anniversary of the abduction of Israeli soldier Staff Sergeant Gilad Shalit from inside Israel's borders by the terrorist organization Hamas. For 5 years, Hamas has violated international human rights conventions by denying Shalit contact with his family and visits by the International Red Cross.

Now Hamas wants to be partners with the Palestinian Authority. If the Palestinian Authority is determined to pursue unity with Hamas, then President Abbas must demand that his new partner free Sergeant Shalit.

Israel can never be expected to negotiate with an organization that re-

mains bent on its destruction. But if Hamas ever expects to have a seat at the table, it must show good faith now and immediately release Gilad Shalit.

We stand here today with our great ally, Israel. We stand here with allies from Europe and throughout the world. We stand with all who believe in and fight for basic human rights. Anyone who can hear my voice knows that Gilad Shalit must be released.

CUT OFF FUNDS TO PRESIDENT'S WAR IN LIBYA

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, America's third war continues. The President's little war in Libya is unconstitutional and it also violates the War Powers Resolution. Even the administration says Libya is not a national security risk to America.

So why are we at war in Libya? Because the French want us there? Mr. Speaker, don't you think we've done enough for the French in World War I, World War II, and even in Indochina, what we now call Vietnam?

The United States should not be involved in Libya's civil war. The cost has been over \$700 million to the American taxpayer. Mr. Speaker, don't you think that money, that millions of dollars could be better spent building America instead of blowing up Libya?

And who are these rebels in Libya that we are supporting? Of course Omar Qadhafi is a tyrant, but we may end up replacing an oppressive regime with an extremist radical regime. Now, isn't that lovely?

Congress should cut off all American funds to the President's little war in Libya.

And that's just the way it is.

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CONGRESSIONAL OVERSIGHT OF THE LIBYAN OPERATION

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

Mr. GARAMENDI. It appears this morning and today the House of Representatives and Congress will be carrying out its constitutional responsibilities dealing with the war in Libya. Resolutions will be on the floor. Appropriately, we will be voting today on whether we want to end, limit, or extend.

For me, I think we have to carry out the U.N. resolution that calls for the right to protect or the obligation and duty to protect. That is why the Libyan situation started. That needs to be completed.

I would suggest that the Hastings resolution that gives a year is good in that it provides the necessary restrictions on the White House and on the military in the Libya operation and basically puts the United States in a sup-

port position. I would prefer that there be an amendment to that—perhaps it will be in a motion to recommit—that it be limited to 6 months.

OVERSIGHT OVER CORPORATE MERGERS NEEDED

(Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, there are many issues that we must address in this august body, but it is tragic to note that we have been here for 24 weeks since the GOP took responsibility and control of this House and we have done nothing to create jobs. In fact, the majority leader has indicated the Republicans have no plans to do anything on jobs through this summer.

Why does this pose a crisis? Because in the midst of all of this, a number of mergers are coming into fruition, in particular the United-Continental merger. We have already had an announcement that Houston will lose 1,500 jobs, and no response from United or Continental. In addition, United had a recent collapse of its database, or its system, which caused massive shutdowns and clogging of the system, where passengers were stuck in airports because they couldn't get their planes off the ground.

When we have mergers with no restraint and no oversight, we have a problem. So jobs are necessary to be created, and there needs to be oversight over mergers like Continental and United so that communities like Houston and elsewhere won't be losing jobs with no response.

MARKING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER SCOUT

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

Mr. WALZ of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a piece of American history and to pay tribute to the Americans that created it: 2011 marks the 50th anniversary of the International Harvester Scout; the first Scout, built out of American ingenuity and steel, rolled off the assembly line 50 years ago in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the creation of Ted Ornas, literally drawn on a napkin at his kitchen table.

In the near future, my good friend from Indiana, JOE DONNELLY, and I will come to this floor at the end of the day to tell the history of this great company and the iconic IH Scout. We will also tell the stories of those who restore, drive, and keep the legacy alive. These are the stories of America, stories of hardworking people who respect our history and believe it is worth preserving.

The Scout reflects the exceptional American personality, ingenuity,