

AFRICOM intelligence community will find courage from the general coming forward—some I know that have left our intelligence service and gone on to good civilian jobs. He has broken the ice. They can come forward now. I hope, Mr. Speaker, they get the message. He has come forward, the ice is broken, you won't be the first should be the message.

All of the hostility—I mean, when I have an intelligence officer, former intelligence officer, tell me—when I ask, “Where have you been?”—“I have been scared.” I said, “You have never been scared of anything.”

“I have been scared since 9/12.”

All of those who have been forced to remain silent, I hope they will come forward.

A mom with a son in our country's service had told me after 9/12 about where her son was and what he was doing. So I called him, and it took a long time to get hold of him. He wasn't forthcoming. His mom told me yesterday, or this week, that he'll be out of the U.S. service before long and he wants to talk and come clean. I hope more will start coming clean on the strength of this retired general's courage.

But in the remaining minutes, it should not be lost that today is the National Day of Prayer. For some that still are not convinced at what is at war here, we simply need to look at a statement from Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the mastermind who is at Guantanamo. I am grateful to President Obama that he has kept him there. He is a threat to the world, and particularly the United States. He was the mastermind behind 9/11.

In the pleading he prepared himself on page 4—this has been declassified so anybody can find it on the Internet—he says:

We do not possess your military might, not your nuclear weapons. Nevertheless, we fight you with the almighty God. So, if our act of jihad and our fighting with you caused fear and terror, then many thanks to God, because it is him that has thrown fear into your hearts, which resulted in your infidelity, paganism, and your statement that God had a son and your trinity beliefs.

In other parts of the pleading he makes clear that Jews should be destroyed.

Here he makes clear, also, anyone who has a trinity belief believes that God had a son. Then he quotes from the Koran saying:

Soon shall we cast terror into the hearts of the unbelievers, for that they joined companies with Allah, for which he has sent no authority; their place will be the fire; and evil is the home of the wrongdoers.

So he bases his belief that anyone who believes in a holy trinity should go to the fire and burn forever on that part of the Koran. Others have different interpretations, but radical Islamists believe that.

That is why I think it is immensely helpful to go back to after the Declaration of Independence but before the Constitution.

In 1783, the Treaty of Paris was entered in Paris, France, between American diplomats and British diplomats. Britain was the strongest country in the world, and our American diplomats knew they had to come up with something that was so important that the strongest nation in the world would not quickly come back after the new United States.

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When I first saw this document, I was shocked at the first words, and then it made sense. The beginning of the treaty that forced Great Britain to acknowledge United States' independence starts with these words: “in the name of the most holy and undivided Trinity.”

They believed in the Holy Trinity. They knew that Great Britain believed in the Holy Trinity. They wanted something under which the Brits would swear that would be so important that they would not dare break that oath. That is why it started, “in the name of the most holy and undivided Trinity.” That is where we got our start. That is why radical Islam is at war with us.

I hope and pray on this National Day of Prayer that we will humble ourselves, admit our wrongdoing, turn back to the God who has protected us—and He will bless our land.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. LEWIS (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for April 29 and 30.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 46 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, May 2, 2014, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

5504. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a report of a violation of the Antideficiency Act in the Office of International Affairs; to the Committee on Appropriations.

5505. A letter from the Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank, transmitting a piece of proposed legislation to authorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States for the period of October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2019; to the Committee on Financial Services.

5506. A letter from the Acting Director, Directorate of Whistleblower Protection Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's final rule — Procedures for Handling Retaliation Complaints Under the Employee Protection Provision of the Con-

sumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 [Docket Number: OSHA-2011-0540] (RIN: 1218-AC58) received April 14, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

5507. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Advisory Committee: Bone, Reproductive and Urologic Drugs Advisory Committee [Docket No.: FDA-2014-N-0355] received April 14, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5508. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Listing of Color Additives Exempt From Certification; Spirulina Extract [Docket No.: FDA-2012-C-0900] received April 14, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5509. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Department's final rule — NRC Assessment Program for a Medical Event or an Incident Occurring at a Medical Facility; Management Directive 8.10 [DT-14-07] received April 14, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5510. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting consistent with the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-243), the Authorization for the Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution of 1991 (Pub. L. 102-1), and in order to keep the Congress fully informed, a report prepared by the Department of State for the December 17, 2013 — February 14, 2014 reporting period including matters relating to post-liberation Iraq, pursuant to Public Law 107-243, section 4(a) (116 Stat. 1501); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5511. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting a notice of a proposed lease with the Government of United Arab Emirates (Transmittal No. 05-14) pursuant to Section 62(a) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5512. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5513. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting as required by section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c), and section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), and pursuant to Executive Order 13313 of July 31, 2003, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the stabilization of Iraq that was declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5514. A letter from the HR Specialist, Small Business Administration, transmitting two reports pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

5515. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Helicopters (Type certificate Previously Held By Eurocopter France) (Airbus Helicopters)

[Docket No.: FAA-2013-0822; Directorate Identifier 2013-SW-004-AD; Amendment 39-17783; AD 2014-05-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 16, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5516. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; The Boeing Company Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0789; Directorate Identifier 2013-NM-127-AD; Amendment 39-17782; AD 2014-05-09] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 16, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5517. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Eurocopter Deutschland GmbH Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0642; Directorate Identifier 2011-SW-035-AD; Amendment 39-17777; AD 2014-05-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 16, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5518. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2013-0835; Directorate Identifier 2013-NM-095-AD; Amendment 39-17790; AD 2014-05-17] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 16, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5519. A letter from the Paralegal Specialist, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bombardier, Inc. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2014-0171; Directorate Identifier 2014-NM-038-AD; Amendment 39-17812; AD 2014-06-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received April 16, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

5520. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Civil Works, Department of Defense, transmitting the final feasibility report and final supplemental environmental impact statement; (H. Doc. No. 113-105); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and ordered to be printed.

5521. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Determination of Housing Costs Amounts Eligible for Exclusion or Deduction for 2014 [Notice 2014-29] received April 16, 2014, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

5522. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting fourth quarterly report of FY 2013 on Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Veterans' Affairs.

5523. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, transmitting first quarterly report of FY 2014 on Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994; jointly to the Committees on the Judiciary and Veterans' Affairs.

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. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 4539. A bill to require the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection, when issuing a research paper, to include all stud-

ies, data, and other analyses on which the paper was based; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. PASCRELL (for himself, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. COHEN, and Mr. CONYERS):

H.R. 4540. A bill to regulate certain deferred prosecution agreements and non-prosecution agreements in Federal criminal cases; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARTWRIGHT (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 4541. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to develop a strategy report to address the skills gap by providing recommendations to increase on-the-job training and apprenticeship opportunities, increase employer participation in education and workforce training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. ESTY (for herself, Mr. BISHOP of New York, and Mr. GIBSON):

H.R. 4542. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend expensing of environmental remediation costs; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. LOWENTHAL, Mr. HONDA, and Ms. SPEIER):

H.R. 4543. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to apply CMMI waiver authority to PACE programs in order to foster innovations in such programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. CÁRDENAS (for himself, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. RUSH, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. GARCIA, and Mr. RUIZ):

H.R. 4544. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to disallow a deduction for any fine paid by an owner of professional sports franchise; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HARPER (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. NUNNELEE, and Mr. PALAZZO):

H.R. 4545. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to convey to the Pat Harrison Waterway District approximately 8,307 acres of National Forest System land within the Bienville National Forests in Mississippi, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. DEFAZIO (for himself, Mr. COLE, Ms. HANABUSA, and Mr. KILMER):

H.R. 4546. A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CASSIDY:

H.R. 4547. A bill to modify the definition of "antique firearm"; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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. COHEN (for himself, Mr. RANGEL, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 4548. A bill to direct the Secretary of Labor to include programs that teach technology literacy in any job training program for ex-offenders offered under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. DUFFY:

H.R. 4549. A bill to require the Forest Service to meet annual volume targets for timber harvesting in the management of a unit of

the National Forest System and to provide for the transfer of such management responsibility to the State in which the unit is located when such targets are not consistently met, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 4550. A bill to extend the emergency unemployment compensation program, and to stimulate the economy and create opportunities for new job creation; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Education and the Workforce, Small Business, Energy and Commerce, Financial Services, and Natural Resources, 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. GIBSON (for himself and Mr. GARAMENDI):

H.R. 4551. A bill to amend the Forest Legacy Program of the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 to authorize States to allow certain entities to acquire, hold, and manage conservation easements under the program; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. HIMES (for himself, Mr. CARNEY, Ms. ESTY, and Mr. LARSON of Connecticut):

H.R. 4552. A bill to encourage and ensure the use of safe equestrian helmets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MCKINLEY (for himself, Mr. RAHALL, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. BARR, Mr. MURPHY of Pennsylvania, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. ENYART, and Mr. CRAMER):

H.R. 4553. A bill to authorize appropriations for fossil energy research and development programs at the Department of Energy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. MULVANEY (for himself and Mrs. WAGNER):

H.R. 4554. A bill to amend the securities laws to improve private market offerings, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. PAULSEN (for himself and Mr. CAMPBELL):

H.R. 4555. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and make permanent rules related to investment by non-resident aliens in domestic mutual funds; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. PETERS of Michigan (for himself, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. WATERS, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. DINGELL, and Mr. KILDEE):

H.R. 4556. A bill to help small businesses access capital and create jobs by reauthorizing the successful State Small Business Credit Initiative; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. POSEY:

H.R. 4557. A bill to amend the Federal Deposit Insurance Act to provide for notice to, and input by, State insurance commissioners when requiring an insurance company to serve as a source of financial strength pursuant to such Act; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. ROSS (for himself and Mr. MURPHY of Florida):

H.R. 4558. A bill to clarify the authority of States to regulate private flood insurance coverage; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. SCHOCK (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. TSONGAS, and Mrs. NOEM):

H.R. 4559. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the time period for contributing military death gratuities to Roth IRAs and Coverdell education savings accounts; to the Committee on Ways and Means.