

In 1991, he traveled to Iraq during the Gulf War and met with Saddam Hussein in an effort to negotiate the release of American hostages. On January 8, 2005, Muhammad Ali was presented with the Presidential Citizens Medal by President George W. Bush. He has received the Spirit of America Award calling him the most recognized American in the world. He has also been to Afghanistan as a U.N. Messenger of Peace.

One of his most recent accomplishments has been the creation of the \$60 million nonprofit Muhammad Ali Center opened in downtown Louisville. This center was opened to reflect Mr. Ali's core values of peace, social responsibility, respect, and personal growth. These are the values that have made Muhammad Ali the great man he is today, and it's those values that should not be forgotten. Instead, they should be passed down to future generations.

So I say: Happy birthday, Mr. Champ, and thanks for what you have meant and continue to mean to millions of people throughout the world.

NO BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. DENHAM) for 5 minutes.

Mr. DENHAM. This month is the 35th consecutive month under this administration's economic policies where we're over 8 percent unemployment. If you look at an area like mine in California's central valley, we have been double that for that same time period.

Sixteen to 20 percent unemployment is unacceptable. We need to be pushing policies that will change this, not only for the central valley but across the entire Nation.

Now, I'm a small business owner, and I will tell you from my perspective, the trillion dollar stimulus package, the government takeover of health care, the Dodd-Frank bill, are all things that have created uncertainty in my business.

But in the central valley, I'm also a farmer. And as a farmer, regulations like the dust act that creates uncertainties where we're not allowed to have dust in a farming scenario, I can't shake the almonds off my almond trees. I can't even grow almonds in the central valley. I can't put a plow into the ground because tilling the dirt will create dust. The regulations of uncertainty keep jobs from being created in the central valley.

As well as water. Without water, we cannot grow the crops that we need to feed the rest of the Nation or the rest of the world. The water and the regulations that prohibit the water from getting to our farms create the uncertainty year in and year out.

But looking long term, we need to have the policies that allow us to have off-stream storage that will have greater water storage, greater certainty so that we know we're going to have a

consistent flow of water throughout California's central valley year in and year out.

Once again, we would call on the President. It's fine to come to our great State and visit L.A. and San Francisco, even visit a coastline in San Diego, but California's central valley—the bread basket of the world—where we're creating greater agricultural commodities than many other regions not only in the United States but across the world, we would ask the President to come and understand the uniqueness of the central valley and some of the battles that we face.

This also comes at a time where next week we're going to see the 1,000th day since we've had a budget, the most fundamental responsibility of the Federal Government, of the President, of Congress, without a budget. This is going to be a President that fails to have a budget in his entire first term. A thousand days is coming quickly. And that same type of uncertainty, whether it's a business that is forced to have a budget every year or a family that is forced to have a budget, our Federal Government needs to have a budget as well.

I think that we need to look at the bottom line of getting both Houses of Congress to work together. Whether it's job creation or actually having a budget, it's incumbent on both Houses to work together and find solutions.

Now, I'm one Member that is providing a solution dealing with our Civilian Property Realignment Act, selling the things that we just don't need, utilizing properties like the post office right down the street here that costs us \$6½ million every year to maintain yet sits vacant for well over a decade. We have many people who want to redevelop it; 150 jobs just in redeveloping that one site, another 150 jobs ongoing once that site is redeveloped. Now, isn't that a bipartisan solution that not only solves a problem with bringing in revenue but also getting rid of the cost of something that just is not needed, a cost that we don't need to bear the expense of?

At the same time, if you want new tax revenue, let's put it back on the tax rolls or find a bipartisan solution where we can come together, get Republicans and Democrats, the House and the Senate to agree on something that will create jobs, that will cut the cost of doing business and bring in new revenues.

It is time that the Senate works with the House. We have 27 bills sitting over there that deal with job creation, all aspects, whether it's the credit and financial markets or making sure that we're cutting regulations to end some of the challenges that we're facing in the central valley, but we have to get both Houses to work together.

We would call on the President. Visit California's central valley. Prepare a budget that can be passed by both Houses. This country is hurting right now, and we need real leadership that will bridge that gap.

CONGRATULATIONS, ALABAMA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. CASSIDY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CASSIDY. In the challenge that we have in creating jobs, every now and then we have a lighthearted moment. Congresswoman SEWELL, who represents Tuscaloosa, and I made a challenge to each other over the BCS championship game. I'm here to pay off my end of the challenge.

First, let me congratulate LSU. They had a tremendous season. They played nine ranked teams. Four of those games were against those that were in the top three in the polls. Coach Les Miles was Coach of the Year. There were four positions on the All-America Team held by LSU Tigers, two on the second team. It was a tremendous season for the fans as well.

That said, I also congratulate Alabama. They similarly had a great year. They are to be congratulated. They came back from their earlier defeat where LSU beat them at Bryant-Denny Stadium and stayed focused and got revenge on LSU in the BCS.

I would also say to Congresswoman SEWELL, she was incredibly gracious in paying off our arrangement then. I enjoyed those Tuscaloosa ribs. I also will thank Congressman PAUL BROWN, who, when LSU beat Georgia, was similarly gracious.

Now I hope to be as gracious as they and pay off my arrangement with Congresswoman SEWELL before we return to this serious business of Congress, and that is to say on the floor of the House of Representatives, Roll Tide.

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REPEALING SECTION 1021 OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a very simple piece of legislation: to repeal the infamous section 1021 of the National Defense Authorization Act, which was quietly signed into law by the President on New Year's Day. What a way to usher in the new year.

Section 1021 essentially codifies into law the very dubious claim of Presidential authority under the 2001 authorization for the use of military force to indefinitely detain American citizens without access to legal representation or due process of law. Section 1021 provides for the possibility of the U.S. military acting as a kind of police force on U.S. soil, apprehending terror suspects, including Americans, and whisking them off to an undisclosed location indefinitely.

No right to attorney.

No right to trial.

No day in court.

This is precisely the kind of egregious distortion of justice that Americans have always ridiculed in so many