

continuing to push back to the United Nations, asking the Arab League for their help through different states to provide this care.

How do I put a backdrop on this? This happens to be the week in which we commemorate what we call, in this Nation, Bloody Sunday. For many who don't understand that date, it was yesterday. It was the day that those individuals who were pleading for the right to vote in this country—similar to the concept of democracy and freedom, in a different way, in a different era, the Syrians are saying that they are oppressed by this regime. But in the day that we were in the midst of civil rights, there were regions and places and people that could not vote in this country; and so citizens from all backgrounds took to Selma, Alabama, and proceeded nonviolently after being violently pushed back and, in essence, bloodied, came back and walked peaceably over that bridge in Selma, Alabama, which was commemorated last Sunday, but the actual date was this Wednesday. I will be commemorating it Houston, Texas, on this Sunday, March 11.

But the concept simply was, when people felt that they were oppressed, in this Nation they found a way to find relief through a nonviolent approach. Ultimately, as those who are historians will know, we passed, in a bipartisan way, with the signature of President Lyndon Baines Johnson, both the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which I maintain today is a protector of every citizen's right to vote no matter what your racial background, where you live. The Voting Rights Act simply says: One person, one vote. We protect you. We protect America. We believe in voting.

We have since tried to expand that to ensure that there are election laws that don't stop people or oppress people from voting, and any number of things, like voter IDs, when there is no fraud. Where people have a registration card and have lived in the community, we should be allowing citizens to vote.

But I put that in the context, because now this is 2012, and I think Americans feel with some, if you will—how shall I call it?—some mishaps and laws that probably don't work, that we can vote. Well, just think of a society that feels that they can't speak, that they cannot act upon a free government. Just think of that kind of society. And then you want to petition your government, and what happens? What happens, you're slaughtered. You're slaughtered.

There is no peaceable marching, because if you studied Syria, you will know that they started peaceably marching. What happened? The Syrian forces came and attacked them with weaponry and with violence. They killed them, plain and simple, when they were marching for freedom.

So I would ask that we, again, not allow this to happen. I will proceed with my petitioning to the United Nations. I will be prayerful as well, be-

cause as we stand here today, I will assure you that there are those in Syria that are dying as I am on this floor today, that there are those that are losing their lives, that they are being attacked by the Syrian national forces who are killing people in the street. I don't think that we can allow that to occur anymore in this month when we celebrate Women's History Month and the fact that we've celebrated some of the women peacemakers. Right now, today, women are being wounded, women are being hurt, their children are being hurt in Syria.

I want to thank the Speaker for yielding this time and allowing me to call upon the good graces of the international family to be able to lift up the souls and the spirits and the lives of the Syrian people.

As you reflect on this, let me just say, when you thought there was no hope—and you can look at the Arab Spring, although governments are not perfect and we are struggling for these governments, such as Egypt and others, to establish themselves, who would have ever thought that individuals could have brought about a change in Egypt and Tunisia and Libya? Who would have ever thought that democracy would be raising its head? As difficult as it is, don't give up on the Syrian people. Don't give up on those children, those babies, those young men, those men and those families. Don't give up on Syria, and don't stand by idly while bloodshed continues and Syrians are slaughtered in the street.

I look forward to a final relief and a lifting of our humanitarian spirit as we, as a Nation, celebrate the democracy and the freedom in which we are able to live.

I yield back the balance of my time.

COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE, THE HONORABLE SHELLEY BERKLEY, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Jan Churchill, District Representative, the Honorable SHELLEY BERKLEY, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 24, 2012.

Hon. JOHN A. BOEHNER,
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, issued by the Las Vegas Justice Court, for witness testimony.

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

Sincerely,

JAN CHURCHILL,
District Representative.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CULBERSON (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of personal reasons.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, March 9, 2012, at 11 a.m.

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

5217. A letter from the Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's "Major" final rule — Business Conduct Standards for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants With Counterparties (RIN: 3038-AD25) received February 17, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5218. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Fluopyram; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2009-0364; FRL-9336-9] received February 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5219. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Metaflumizone; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2008-0168; FRL-9333-4] received February 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5220. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Mevinphos; Order Revoking Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0423; FRL-9338-3] received February 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5221. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Flazasulfuron; Pesticide Tolerances [EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0494; FRL-8883-1] received February 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5222. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's "Major" final rule — Investment Adviser Performance Compensation [Release No. IA-3372; File No. S7-17-11] (RIN: 3235-AK71) received February 17, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5223. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Designation of Hazardous Substances; Designation, Reportable Quantities, and Notification [EPA-HQ-SFUND-2011-0965; FRL-9635-9] received February 11, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5224. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Revisions to the Hawaii State Implementation Plan [EPA-R09-OAR-