

Well, I will tell you if you don't know. It is to deliver armament. What would that armament be? Well, that would be a nuclear warhead. You don't need one to get to Israel, folks. You need one of those to get to the United States.

These folks call Israel the Little Satan. Madam Speaker, you know who the Great Satan is; that is us. If this is so good, if this is so obviously good, why isn't that included in the negotiation, in the agreement, in the framework? Look, we are just foolish Americans, but it seems to make sense to us that that should be there.

You have got to ask yourself—I have heard the administration say: Well, during the duration of this Presidential term, we can be assured there will be no nuclear weapon in Iran.

Well, thank goodness for that; but what about the rest of us that are going to plan on living out the fullest part of our lives and our children and our grandchildren that are worried past the next 2 years? Ten to 15 years is a blink of the eye, is a moment in history. That is still too short.

Never is the right answer. Never is the right answer for people and nations that act like Iran.

Now, I heard recently that the administration said that they might let Congress express themselves. I thought about that—express themselves. I don't know where that verbiage came from, but it seems to me—I am looking at my rule book here. It is the recipe which we follow to run the country. It says here, under article II, section 2, regarding the President:

He shall have power, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to make treaties, provided two-thirds of the Senators present concur.

Now, if you wonder what a treaty is, just go and look it up in the dictionary. It is an agreement. I keep hearing about this is a framework for a historic agreement.

Folks, ladies and gentlemen, citizens, this is an agreement between the citizens of the United States and Iran, and the President is encumbering you when he signs this to everything therein, whether you agree with it or not.

We understand we have representative government, but that is why the Congress is supposed to be involved. That is why article II, section 2 says the Senate must provide advice and consent, so that your wishes are heard, so that your concerns are heard, not so that one guy, one person, makes a decision for the entire country on issues that are so important.

Let's talk about other issues of like importance. There is strong precedent, historical precedent, for congressional review of nonproliferation: three strategic arm reduction treaties, START treaties with Russia; the Nonproliferation Treaty; the Biological Weapons Convention; the Chemical Weapons Convention; the Strategic Offensive Reduction Treaty; the U.S.-India Civilian Nuclear Cooperation Agreement in 2008; and the civilian nuclear energy

agreements with Vietnam and Taiwan submitted for congressional review by this President in 2014.

If it is okay for them, why is this one any different? I would say to you that, recently, we heard that the country is stronger when the Congress and the administration work together. That was in reference to the authorization for the use of military force to confront ISIS.

Now, ISIS is a regional threat in that portion of the world that might become a growing cancer outside its bounds. I guess it is; but what is more important than nuclear war? If it is good enough for an AUMF with ISIS, why doesn't it apply here?

Finally, with your indulgence, Madam Speaker, we are told that this is a good deal and we should just trust the administration. With all due respect, I think it is important to review the recent foreign policy issues and the record. I am just going to highlight a couple of events that you might be familiar with.

The Syrian red line, the red line in Syria for the use of chemical weapons—we drew a red line, and then we watched it violated a dozen times before we said something, and then we backed off. Now, we are actually talking about having discussions and some kind of an agreement with Bashar al-Assad. That didn't work out too well.

Russia, they are doing whatever they want to in Ukraine. We have convinced the Ukrainians to dismantle their nuclear program, saying that we would be there for them if they were ever attacked, and we are nowhere. I served in Iraq and so did my good friend from Florida, and we think about all the lives and the energy and the hardship lost in Iraq. I think you can hardly call that a success under this current administration.

Afghanistan, we were staying. We were going. We were staying. We were going. That was hardly a success in my mind.

Egypt, a great wellspring of democracy where we chose the wrong side, and the Egyptian people had to choose the correct side. The Iranian green revolution, when they tried to rise up against oppression, and America turned its eyes and turned its face. Libya, where we helped overthrow a dictator, and, now, we have a failed state—and Yemen, the model of success for counterterrorism.

What about the exchange of Bowe Bergdahl for five terrorists? I mean, I don't mean to be overly and hypercritical, Madam Speaker, but it just seems to me, if future performance is indicated by past performance, we have a right to be skeptical.

All we are saying is it is right and it is our duty to question and to make sure that this is, indeed, good for the American people.

If it is good, then the administration should have no problem showing it to us and allowing us to vet it, like so many other historical precedents have.

The greatness of it will be obvious to the American people and their Representatives, their Representatives here in this Hall and the Hall across the building.

With that, I thank the gentleman.

Mr. DESANTIS. I thank my friend.

I think the gentleman from Pennsylvania did a good job of putting this all into a broader perspective in terms of this administration's approach to the world.

I think, if you look around the world, there are probably two countries that we have better relations with than when this President took office; and I think, almost uniformly, everywhere else, we are worse off.

Cuba, we have much closer relationships now. The President shakes the hand of Raul Castro, a blood-stained hand, a hand that has suppressed thousands and thousands of people, that has killed the sinners, that has caused thousands of people to flee in shark-infested waters to try to reach the shore of Florida; but the President is doing business with him, not helping the Cuban people. You actually see political repression has increased since we have changed policies, but the President seems fine with that.

Then Iran, we talk with Iran a lot more than we ever have. The question is: Is that a good thing? I think the answer is a dance-with-the-devil foreign policy has really never been tried before, and I think the chance of it succeeding is almost zero.

Part of the problem we see with this framework, I think, is that it is symptomatic of a larger failure to properly address the hostile actors throughout the world.

Goodness gracious, we need to look at our allies like Israel, like democracies in Europe, and they need to know that we are going to stand with them. I think we have an approach to the world right now where our allies can't depend on us and our adversaries don't really fear us. I think that is a bad approach, and I think, unfortunately, it is an approach that is going to invite more danger rather than keep us out of trouble.

I appreciate all my friends who came and made great comments. The President said recently that the criticism of this deal needs to stop.

Mr. President, we are not going to stop. We are going to be here; we are going to make the case on behalf of the American people, and we are going to be urging the Congress to speak loudly and clearly on behalf of American security.

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. RUIZ (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today through April 16 on account of paternity leave.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 535. An act to promote energy efficiency; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTION SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills and a Joint Resolution of the House of

the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mrs. COMSTOCK, on Monday, March 30, 2015:

H.R. 1092. An act to designate the Federal building located at 2030 Southwest 145th Avenue in Miramar, Florida, as the Benjamin P. Grogan and Jerry L. Dove Federal Building.

H.R. 1527. An act to accelerate the income tax benefits for charitable cash contributions for the relief of the families of New York Police Department Detectives Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos, and for other purposes.

H.J. Res. 10. Joint Resolution providing for the reappointment of David M. Rubenstein

as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Of-

ficial Foreign Travel during the first quarter of 2015, pursuant to Public Law 95-384, are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, ROBERT STORY KAREM, EXPENDED BETWEEN FEB. 14 AND FEB. 21, 2015

| Name of Member or employee | Date | | Country | Per diem ¹ | | Transportation | | Other purposes | | Total | |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| | Arrival | Departure | | Foreign currency | U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ² | Foreign currency | U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ² | Foreign currency | U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ² | Foreign currency | U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ² |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Robert Karem | 2/15 | 2/17 | Poland | | 541.93 | | | | | | 541.93 |
| | 2/17 | 2/19 | Germany | | 588.68 | | | | | | 588.68 |
| | 2/19 | 2/21 | Belgium | | 610.60 | | | | | | 610.60 |
| Total Transport | 2/14 | 2/21 | | | | | 7,127.70 | | | | 7,127.70 |
| Daniel Silverberg | 2/18 | 2/19 | Germany | | 294.34 | | | | | | 294.34 |
| | 2/19 | 2/20 | Belgium | | 305.39 | | | | | | 305.39 |
| Total Transport | 2/17 | 2/20 | | | | | 3,081.34 | | | | 3,081.34 |
| Committee total | | | | | 2,340.94 | | 10,209.04 | | | | 12,549.98 |

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

ROBERT KAREM, Mar. 20, 2015.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO BELGIUM, EXPENDED BETWEEN FEB. 13 AND FEB. 17, 2015

| Name of Member or employee | Date | | Country | Per diem ¹ | | Transportation | | Other purposes | | Total | |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| | Arrival | Departure | | Foreign currency | U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ² | Foreign currency | U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ² | Foreign currency | U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ² | Foreign currency | U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ² |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hon. Mike Turner | 2/14 | 2/16 | | | 765.00 | | 1,221.00 | | | | 1,986.00 |
| Hon. Loretta Sanchez | 2/14 | 2/16 | | | 765.00 | | 8,589.00 | | | | 9,354.00 |
| Hon. Tom Marino | 2/14 | 2/17 | | | 1,067.00 | | 2,449.00 | | | | 3,516.00 |
| Hon. Brett Guthrie | 2/14 | 2/17 | | | 1,067.00 | | 2,235.00 | | | | 3,302.00 |
| Hon. Paul Cook | 2/14 | 2/16 | | | 765.00 | | 8,589.00 | | | | 9,354.00 |
| Hon. Robert Pittenger | 2/14 | 2/15 | | | 463.00 | | 8,589.00 | | | | 9,052.00 |
| Hon. Ted Poe | 2/14 | 2/16 | | | 765.00 | | 2,020.00 | | | | 2,785.00 |
| Hon. Rick Larsen | 2/14 | 2/16 | | | 765.00 | | 2,446.00 | | | | 3,211.00 |
| Jeff Dressler | 2/14 | 2/17 | | | 1,067.00 | | 2,449.00 | | | | 3,516.00 |
| Janice Robinson | 2/14 | 2/17 | | | 1,067.00 | | 2,449.00 | | | | 3,516.00 |
| Ed Rice | 2/14 | 2/18 | | | 1,067.00 | | 2,449.00 | | | | 3,516.00 |
| Jason Steinbaum | 2/14 | 2/18 | | | 1,067.00 | | 2,449.00 | | | | 3,516.00 |
| Committee total | 2/14 | 2/18 | | | 10,690.00 | | 45,934.00 | | | | 56,624.00 |

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER, Mar. 16, 2015.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO CUBA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, AND HAITI, EXPENDED BETWEEN FEB. 17 AND FEB. 22, 2015

| Name of Member or employee | Date | | Country | Per diem ¹ | | Transportation | | Other purposes | | Total | |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| | Arrival | Departure | | Foreign currency | U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ² | Foreign currency | U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ² | Foreign currency | U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ² | Foreign currency | U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ² |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hon. Nancy Pelosi | 2/17 | 2/19 | Cuba | | 766.00 | | (3) | | | | 766.00 |
| Hon. Eliot Engel | 2/17 | 2/19 | Cuba | | 766.00 | | (3) | | | | 766.00 |
| Hon. Anna Eshoo | 2/17 | 2/19 | Cuba | | 766.00 | | (3) | | | | 766.00 |
| Hon. Nydia Velázquez | 2/17 | 2/19 | Cuba | | 766.00 | | (3) | | | | 766.00 |
| Hon. Rosa DeLauro | 2/17 | 2/19 | Cuba | | 766.00 | | (3) | | | | 766.00 |
| Hon. Collin Peterson | 2/17 | 2/19 | Cuba | | 766.00 | | (3) | | | | 766.00 |
| Hon. James McGovern | 2/17 | 2/19 | Cuba | | 766.00 | | (3) | | | | 766.00 |
| Hon. Steve Israel | 2/17 | 2/19 | Cuba | | 766.00 | | (3) | | | | 766.00 |
| Hon. David Cicilline | 2/17 | 2/19 | Cuba | | 766.00 | | (3) | | | | 766.00 |
| Dr. Brian Monahan | 2/17 | 2/19 | Cuba | | 766.00 | | (3) | | | | 766.00 |
| Robert Fitzpatrick | 2/17 | 2/19 | Cuba | | 766.00 | | (3) | | | | 766.00 |
| Wyndee Parker | 2/17 | 2/19 | Cuba | | 766.00 | | (3) | | | | 766.00 |
| Jaime Lizarraga | 2/17 | 2/19 | Cuba | | 766.00 | | (3) | | | | 766.00 |
| Kate Knudson Wolters | 2/17 | 2/19 | Cuba | | 766.00 | | (3) | | | | 766.00 |
| Bina Surgeon | 2/17 | 2/19 | Cuba | | 766.00 | | (3) | | | | 766.00 |
| Jorge Aguillar | 2/17 | 2/19 | Cuba | | 766.00 | | (3) | | | | 766.00 |