

TERRORIST ATTACKS AND SYRIAN REFUGEES

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. COMSTOCK). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2015, the gentleman from California (Mr. COSTA) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to express my deepest condolences to all the individuals who have been affected in recent months by terrorist attacks throughout the world and, also, to focus on the need for America to step up and to in a more comprehensive way lead a global effort against these terrorists.

My thoughts and prayers—and our thoughts and prayers as a Nation—continue to be with the people of France, Algiers, Lebanon, and Russia, the victims and their families, who are suffering during this time.

With worldwide attention and support for defeating terrorism, America has a new opportunity to draw a line in the sand and lead a global coalition. The United States, our allies, and those who oppose terrorist groups must come together on a comprehensive plan for eliminating terrorist organizations, like ISIL, al Qaeda, and all those who support terrorist activities, whether it be on the Internet or in all sorts of ways that we are discovering today.

America must provide the leadership and use all of the resources at our disposal to eliminate these terrorist organizations and their supporters. I understand that the world is facing a humanitarian crisis and it is a serious problem.

I think we here in the Congress all understand that our first responsibility is to protect and defend the American people from all enemies, foreign and domestic. We take an oath when we are sworn in every 2 years for that purpose.

The Syrian refugees are seeking safety, and the United States has a thorough vetting process for those refugees and others. We can always improve our efforts to protect the American public while at the same time providing the very humanitarian aid that is necessary.

Recent terrorist attacks have led Congress to assess the current process the United States uses to grant entry to refugees who are seeking safety from their country. These are women and children. These are innocent people who have been terribly impacted by the civil war in Syria. There are camps in Jordan with over a million and a half people, and Turkey has a similar number. Of course, we see the accounts of these refugees fleeing to Europe.

What do we do? We have to respond. The legislation that passed today and the legislation that the Senate has introduced today is an effort to improve the current system. Clearly, these legislative efforts are a work in progress and they will change.

To succeed, we must work closely with the President always to focus on ways that we can improve to protect

American citizens because we know this, that terrorists never ever sleep. I believe the administration is doing everything it can to make absolutely certain that our efforts to provide that humanitarian support does not threaten American lives.

In addition to ensuring that a strict and thorough vetting process is in place, we need to pursue comprehensive efforts that include working with our allies to end this civil war in Syria, which, as we know, is the primary source of this refugee crisis.

Let's be clear. It is easy to Monday-morning-quarterback this, but there are multiple causes to the conflicts in Syria and, in essence, more than one war that is taking place.

There is the civil war that is caused by Assad, but there is a proxy war between Russia and Iran against the Sunni nations. Then, of course, there is a conflict going on between Turkey and the Kurds.

Then, of course, there are our collective efforts for the majority of the countries to go after ISIL and their horrific crimes. We have conflicting alliances within the multiple conflicts that are taking place within Syria today.

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Therefore, it is not easy as we try to sort this out in a way to put this comprehensive strategy together. If a global coalition is put in place, we can, I believe, combat this terrorism activity and bring those terrorists responsible for these horrific crimes, crimes against humanity, to justice. And we must.

Let's face it. They have declared war on Western civilization and our very way of life. I know that the President is working very hard to put this comprehensive effort together.

Ladies and gentlemen, Madam Speaker, this is not nor should it be a partisan issue. Every Member of Congress and the President go to bed at night, and we wake up in the morning with the safety of the American people being always our first priority.

Let me repeat that. This is not a partisan issue. We all fear for a worst case scenario. Therefore, we must be working together in a bipartisan effort on any concepts of legislation that we consider with the administration, with the President to continually improve our ability to protect our American citizens.

Now, it is important that we understand that this will be costly, and sacrifices will inevitably be made. Today, American men and women are in harm's way in the Middle East, serving in our military, doing their very best on multiple fronts. It is not just the sacrifices they are making, but it is the sacrifices their families are making as well.

It is essential that we come together to develop and implement a long-term comprehensive plan. At the end of the day, it is the only way we will protect

our freedoms and our way of life. This is what is at stake, and this is why, as we go home for the Thanksgiving recess, with our families and friends, we contemplate how we might do a better job working with the administration.

As we look at this Thanksgiving week coming up, truly we have a lot to be thankful for in this Nation. We must remember as Americans, the common values that we share, the bonds that we hold most dear are far, far stronger than whatever differences we may have.

Madam Speaker, I wish my colleagues here in the Congress, as we go back to our homes throughout America, a very blessed Thanksgiving with their families and friends. May God bless the United States of America, and may He grant us the guidance to work together in a more united way to solve these difficult challenges we have in front of us today, because we know, working together, all is possible.

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

SYRIAN REFUGEES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 2015, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GOHMERT) for 30 minutes.

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, these are the times that try men's souls.

After so many Americans have given the last full measure of devotion for their country, for our freedom, for the freedom of so many others, we are at a time in our history when we have enemies reporting that they are entering the United States. That is confirmed by the Director of the FBI and others in this administration. As is now reported, there are active ISIS elements in every State in the Union.

Some say, well, those who want to suspend bringing in Syrian refugees, wouldn't that be like telling the Jews during World War II they couldn't come to America? Actually, it would be more like saying we are going to suspend bringing Germans—we are going to keep bringing in German Jews because clearly they are being persecuted. We are going to try to save them from the Holocaust, but we are going to suspend bringing in those who appear to have similar backgrounds to the Nazis because we are not sure who is Nazi and who isn't.

Can you imagine dealing with what France has dealt with after we welcomed with open arms Nazis before and during World War II, if that had been the policy of the Roosevelt administration? Thank God it wasn't. But, unfortunately, Jews were turned away before and during World War II.

The President wants to continue bringing in refugees, continue the mass migration of illegal aliens into the United States. We have this report from yesterday by Brandon Darby and Ildefonso Ortiz. They report on eight

Syrians being caught at the Texas border in Laredo yesterday.

The story says:

“Two Federal agents operating under the umbrella of U.S. Customs and Border Protection are claiming that eight Syrian illegal aliens attempted to enter Texas from Mexico in the Laredo Sector. The Federal agents spoke with Breitbart Texas on the condition of anonymity, however, a local president of the National Border Patrol Council confirmed that Laredo Border Patrol agents have been officially contacting the organization with concerns over reports from other Federal agents about Syrians illegally entering the country in the Laredo Sector. The reports have caused a stir among the sector’s Border Patrol agents.

“The sources claimed that eight Syrians were apprehended on Monday, November 16, 2015. According to the sources, the Syrians were in two separate ‘family units’ and were apprehended at the Juarez Lincoln Bridge in Laredo, Texas, also known officially as Port of Entry 1.”

The President has also stated in recent days—it’s been played over and over as the President condemns Republicans and conservatives and liberals and moderate Americans across the specter of politics, Americans who are concerned about one thing: the safety of their homeland.

The President comes out and condemns, and he said: “When I hear political leaders suggesting that there would be a religious test for which a person who’s fleeing from a war-torn country is admitted . . . that’s shameful. . . . That’s not American. That’s not who we are. We don’t have religious tests to our compassion.”

It doesn’t violate the rules of the House to point out when an elected official is ignorant. It is a violation to insinuate some ill motive. I am insinuating no ill motive. I am stating that the President is completely ignorant of what our laws are because the law is very clear, if you look at 8 U.S.C. 1158—and I need to tip the hat to Andrew McCarthy. I have got his article in front of me from yesterday, from nationalreview.com.

He points out that under Federal law the executive branch is expressly required to take religion into account in determining who is granted asylum. Under the provision governing asylum—and again, that is 8 U.S.C. section 1158—“an alien applying for admission”—and this is the law—“must establish that . . . religion . . . was or will be at least one central reason for persecuting that applicant.”

Now, there are other potential reasons that can be given for establishing the persecution, but religion is a very important one, and we have always looked at that issue as being important. If you are being persecuted for your religious beliefs in the world, that is always historically American to look at that fact and determine, yes, there is a religious test, and these people are

being persecuted because of their religious beliefs, and only if we look at their religion and whether or not that religion is being persecuted can we determine whether they are entitled to asylum.

So to answer the question that is raised by the ignorant statement by our President, the truth is, yes, it is American. It is the law. We need to know what religion you are to determine whether or not you are being persecuted for your religion.

In another place, and this is over from 8 U.S.C., this is in section 1101, and this is the section regarding refugee status, but to qualify, the applicant must be a refugee as defined by Federal law, and then that definition is what is at section 1101(a)(42)(A).

“The term ‘refugee’ means (A) any person who is outside any country of such person’s nationality . . . and who is unable or unwilling to return to . . . that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution on account of . . . religion.”

Religion is important to take into account in determining whether someone is truly a refugee. It is American. It is not shameful. It is what we have done historically, and that is why I would have a Baloch minority in my office today talking to me about persecution against the Baloch people in Iran, because, as he says, Americans have traditionally been compassionate when people are being persecuted unfairly. And we have. And to take such persecution into account, we look at whether religion is a factor in their persecution. That is American. It is recognized even in Iran as being American and being unshameful—not only not shameful, but being to the glory and credit of the United States of America that we do care.

Mr. McCarthy’s article goes on. He says:

“In the case of this war, the Islamic State is undeniably persecuting Christians. It is doing so, moreover, as a matter of doctrine. Even those Christians the Islamic State does not kill, it otherwise persecutes as called for by its construction of sharia (observe, for example, the ongoing rape jihad and sexual slavery).”

From my discussions when I have been in Nigeria with the poor Africans whose children have been kidnapped, they explained it was only the daughters that were being kidnapped and that the school was attacked.

I asked: Was it attacked because it was a girls school and they don’t want girls having education?

They said they don’t want girls having education, but that is not the reason they attacked it. They attacked it because it was a Christian school.

So these radical Islamists associated with the Islamic State, they attack schools, particularly Christian schools; and after they attack a Christian school, the Nigerians explained they bring the children out, and if they are boys, they just go ahead and kill them

immediately because they are Christian boys, and they don’t want that to spread.

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If, however, they are girls, the Nigerian Africans who were victims of Boko Haram explained, they don’t kill them. No. But you couldn’t really say they weren’t persecuted because they are kidnapped and they are kept strapped to beds and they are repeatedly raped until such time as they are sold into sexual slavery.

And this administration, according to some in Nigeria, has said: We may help you, but you have got to adopt a same-sex marriage provision, or we are not going to be such help to you.

And as one Nigerian bishop said, to his deep credit: Our religious convictions are not for sale—not to President Obama, not to anybody.

God bless them.

The same effort was made to push Kenya into adopting same-sex marriage laws against their religious beliefs in that country. I was so proud of the Kenyan President. And I have heard other African leaders say they were so proud. They were also proud in Africa of the Kenyan President not being intimidated by President Obama’s demand that they change their marriage laws to go against the teachings of the man whose profile is right up here above the main door to our Gallery—a man named Moses—who said he was speaking for God. And according to God’s law, a man shall leave his father and mother and a woman leave her home and the two will become one flesh. That was to be marriage.

When Jesus was asked about marriage and divorce, he quoted Moses perfectly—the man we have depicted up here in our House Chamber. He quoted Moses perfectly: A man shall leave his father and mother and a woman leave her home and the two will become one flesh. And then he added to Moses’ perfect quote: And what God has joined together, nobody put asunder.

Anyway, our President was in African in the past trying to push them into changing their laws, but unfortunately for people in areas where radical Islamist’s have reigned, if you are a Christian, you are being persecuted for your religious beliefs. And if you are a Christian boy in a school that Boko Haram attacks, they will most likely just shoot you, kill you; and if you are a girl, they take you into sex slavery, in all likelihood.

McCarthy goes on: “To the contrary, the Islamic State seeks to rule Muslims, not kill or persecute them.”

I think that is a very important point Mr. McCarthy makes. The radical Islamists are not seeking to kill or persecute Muslims like they are Christians. They are seeking to rule them.

Mr. McCarthy goes on:

“Obama prefers not to dwell on the distinction between the jihadist treatment of Muslims, on the one hand, and

of Christians, Jews, and other religious, on the other hand, because he—like much of Washington—inhabits a world in which jihadists are not Islamic and, therefore, have no common ground with other Muslims . . . notwithstanding that jihadists emerge whenever and wherever a population of sharia-adherent Muslims reaches critical mass. While there is no question that ISIS will kill and persecute Muslims whom it regards as apostates for refusing to adhere to its construction of Islam, it is abject idiocy to suggest that Muslims are facing the same ubiquity and intensity of persecution as Christians.

“And it is down right dishonest to claim that taking such religious distinctions into account is ‘not American,’ let alone ‘shameful.’ How can something American law requires be ‘not American’? And how can a national expression of compassion expressly aimed at alleviating persecution be ‘shameful’?”

That is Andrew McCarthy yesterday, the NationalReview.com.

“The State Department Turns Its Back on Syrian Christians and Other Non-Muslim Refugees” is an article by Nina Shea, November 2. She says: “Over the past 5 years of Syria’s civil war, the United States has admitted a grand total of 53 Syrian Christian refugees, a lone Yazidi, and fewer than 10 Druze, Baha’is, and Zoroastrians combined. That so few of the Syrian refugees coming here are non-Muslim minorities is due to American reliance on a United Nations refugee-resettlement program that disproportionately excludes them. Past absolute totals of Syrian refugees to the United States under this program were small, but as the Obama administration now ramps up refugee quotas by tens of thousands, it would be unconscionable to continue with a process that has consistently forsaken some of the most defenseless and egregiously persecuted of those fleeing Syria.

“The gross underrepresentation of the non-Muslim communities in the numbers of Syrian refugees into the U.S. is reflected year after year in the State Department’s public records. They show, for example, that while Syria’s largest non-Muslim group—Christians of the various Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant traditions—constituted 10 percent of Syria’s population before the war, they are only 2.6 percent of the 2,003 Syrian refugees that the United States has accepted since then.

“Syria’s Christian population, which before the war numbered 2 million, has since 2011 been decimated by what Pope Francis described as religious ‘genocide.’”

I want to insert at this point, Madam Speaker, that I have been advised that this administration is now saying that the persecution of Christians is not being deemed a genocide. Perhaps it is because this administration feels like if you are taking the young girls and

putting them into sex slavery and you are not outright killing them—you are just raping them and putting them into sex slavery—then maybe that is not a genocide. You are letting the girls live.

So maybe they are so callous that they would consider it is not genocide if you just rape and put these young girls who are Christians or from Christian families into sexual slavery.

This article from Nina Shea says:

“Clearly, far more than a dozen members of Syria’s religious minorities should qualify as refugees under the legal definition of a refugee as someone with a ‘well-founded fear of persecution based on religion.’ . . . Instead minorities have difficulty getting to step one in the U.N. process. The religious terror that drove them from Syria blocks their registering. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees is largely limited to collecting refugee applications and making resettlement referrals from its own camps and centers—the burden of feeding creates strong incentives for this practice.

“In an email to me, Knox Thames, the State Department’s new Special Adviser for Religious Minorities wrote that ‘many minorities have not entered the U.N. system because they are urban refugees.’ That is, because they live far from the remote U.N. camps and aid centers, they lack the information and access to register. And, as is widely known, many non-Muslim refugees try hard to avoid these camps.”

The reason Christians try to avoid these U.N. camps is that they are Muslim.

In fact, in this article, it is pointed out:

“According to British media, a terrorist detector asserted that militants enter U.N. camps to assassinate and kidnap Christians. An American Christian aid group reported that the U.N. camps are ‘dangerous’ places where ISIS, militias, and gangs traffic in women and threaten men who refuse to swear allegiance to the caliphate.

“Such intimidation is also reportedly evident in migrant camps in Europe, leading the German police union to recommend separate shelters for Christians and Muslim migrant groups.”

The article goes on to point out:

“According to a recent UNHCR posting, 19,000 Syrians picked straight from ‘refugee camps in Turkey, Lebanon, and Jordan,’ have received U.N. approval and are awaiting resettlement in the United States. In October, President Obama ordered their expedited admission. Without further action, however, only token numbers of non-Muslim minorities will be among those rescued. George Carey, former Archbishop of Canterbury, called it right about the Christian refugees, and his words equally apply to Syria’s other non-Muslim communities: They are being ‘left at the bottom of the heap.’”

There is an article from Todd Starnes, November 18—yesterday—entitled “Obama is Importing Muslims, Deporting Christians.”

Well, if this is true, so much for his test—that we don’t care about religious tests.

But this article says:

“When individuals say we should have a religious test and that only Christians—proven Christians should be admitted—that is offensive and contrary to American values, the President said—just one day after he called such behavior un-American.”

But as Todd Starnes says:

“What is offensive and contrary to American values is refusing to properly investigate those wanting to come to our Nation—especially those coming from regions that are hotbeds of Islamic extremism.

“Those of us who fear that Islamic radicals might be lurking among the refugees have been called every name in the book: bigots, Islamophobes, and un-American . . . But the President says such prudence only further enflames the Islamic jihadists.”

The President warns that it is counterproductive and needs to stop.

The truth is, I will insert parenthetically, what has been a huge recruiting tool for ISIL, ISIS, and the Islamic State, has been American weakness and unwillingness to confront radical Islam head up and call it what it is.

We found back when we were engaged in Iraq that one of the big recruitments that was used by radical Islamists is they would go back to 1979 and the fact that Jimmy Carter did not after they attacked our Embassy and took over 50—51 people or so—as hostages. We did basically nothing to them.

And they point out that we pulled out of Beirut after our Marines were killed there. And they go out and point out the 1993 attack on the World Trade Center under Bill Clinton. We really did nothing after that in response. And after the USS *Cole* was hit, we basically did nothing effective.

And they go on to point out each time that America has been hit and we did nothing effective to counter the attack upon us, that is the biggest recruiting element that ISIS or any radical Islamist group has had, when they can show that they have attacked and we have been weak.

And nothing has been shown to be less effective in responding to attacks against us, against Americans, against Christians, against minority groups, against moderate Muslims, then what has happened during this administration. Call George W. Bush what you will, but the fact is the world knew that while he was President, if you messed with America, he would strike back.

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That is what led Qadhafi to abandon his nuclear efforts. It led him to open up his doors. You tell me what weapons I can keep. He was afraid we were going to invade them next.

According to this article, it says, “But the cold, hard reality is that Protestants, Catholics and Jews aren’t

the ones beheading people. The Lutherans and Nazarenes aren't gunning down young folks in concert venues."

Nevertheless, the President remains steadfast. The Muslims will come.

"We don't have religious tests to our compassions," he told journalists from high atop his soapbox.

But that is not entirely accurate. Last year the Obama administration led a fierce legal battle to have a German Christian family thrown out of the United States.

The Romeikes fled their homeland in search of a nation where they could homeschool their children. A judge initially granted them asylum, believing they were escaping from religious persecution. However, the Obama administration waged a fierce campaign against the Romeike family, demanding they be returned to Germany.

The family lost court battle after court battle, but, at the eleventh hour, the White House relented and begrudgingly let them stay.

But just a few months ago a Federal Immigration judge ordered a dozen Iraqi Christians deported from a facility in San Diego. An Immigration Customs Enforcement spokesperson declined to tell the San Diego Union Tribune why the Iraqi Christians were being sent back to their native land.

So the next time President Obama wants to lecture the Nation about religion, maybe he could explain why his administration is importing Muslims and deporting Christians.

I realize that I just have a few minutes left, Madam Speaker. Our hearts, our prayers and thoughts have been with the people of France and Lebanon and Russia, victims of radical Islamist attacks and anywhere they have been occurring, Brussels, as well.

There is great irony. On Wednesday of last week, the European Union announced what it had been building to for some time. In essence, it announced it was declaring economic war on Israel.

Anti-Semitism has grown all over the European Union to levels I never would have dreamed, as a little boy, would ever come back to Germany, where we read and studied about the Holocaust and the persecution of Jews not just in Germany, but around Europe, and there were other countries that actually assisted the Germans.

There were people like George Soros, who was Jewish, that helped finger other Jews. I never thought we would get to the level of anti-Semitism where Europe, as a whole, as a group, would basically declare economic war against Israel. Incredible how anti-Semitism has grown there.

And then, within 48 hours of them declaring war, siding with the Palestinian Muslims, siding with those—they are attacking the Christians and Jews in Israel and siding with the wrong people.

I yield back the balance of my time.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 208. An act to improve the disaster assistance programs of the Small Business Administration.

H.R. 639. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to drug scheduling recommendations by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and with respect to registration of manufacturers and distributors seeking to conduct clinical testing.

H.R. 2262. An act to facilitate a pro-growth environment for the developing commercial space industry by encouraging private sector investment and creating more stable and predictable regulatory conditions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3996. An act to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 2036. An act to suspend the current compensation packages for the chief executive officers of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the order of the House of today, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, November 20, 2015, at 5 p.m., unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its adoption of House Concurrent Resolution 95, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

3501. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Photovoltaic Devices from the United States (DFARS Case 2015-D007) [Docket No.: DARS-2015-0024] (RIN: 0750-A141) received November 17, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3502. A letter from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's final rule — Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Eliminate Data Collection Requirement (DFARS Case 2015-D031) [Docket No.: DARS-2015-0048] (RIN: 0750-A173) received November 17, 2015, pursu-

ant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3503. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Housing Improvement Program [156A2100DD/AAKC001030/AA501010.999900 253G] (RIN: 1076-AF22) received November 17, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Financial Services.

3504. A letter from the Director, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's FY 2015 Annual Report, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 1308; Public Law 93-406, Sec. 4008 (as amended by Public Law 109-280, Sec. 412); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3505. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's interpretive bulletin — Interpretive Bulletin Relating to the Fiduciary Standard Under ERISA in Considering Economically Targeted Investments (RIN: 1210-AB73) received November 18, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3506. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's interpretive bulletin — Interpretive Bulletin Relating to State Savings Programs That Sponsor or Facilitate Plans Covered by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (RIN: 1210-AB74) received November 18, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3507. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, Department of Commerce, transmitting the fourth quarterly report from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration regarding the Internet Assigned Numbers Authority transition, pursuant to the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act of 2015, Public Law 113-235; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3508. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's Algal Toxin Risk Assessment and Management Strategic Plan for Drinking Water, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 300j-19(a); Public Law 114-45, Sec. 2(a); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3509. A letter from the Chief, Policy and Rule Division, Office of Engineering and Technology, Federal Communication Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Expanding the Economic and Innovation Opportunities of Spectrum Through Incentive Auctions [GN Docket No.: 12-268]; Office of Engineering and Technology Releases and Seeks Comment on Updated OET-69 Software [ET Docket No.: 13-26]; Office of Engineering and Technology Seeks to Supplement the Incentive Auction Proceeding Record Regarding Potential Interference Between Broadcast Television and Wireless Services [ET Docket No.: 14-14] received November 17, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added by Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3510. A letter from the Chief of Staff, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's requirements and procedures — Media Bureau Finalizes Reimbursement Form for Submission to OMB and Adopts Catalog of Expenses [GN Docket No.: 12-268] received November 18, 2015, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Added