

and security apparatus in Iraq, because they know that that is the beginning of the end.

We went there, we laid a wreath in recognition of the over 100 police cadets, policemen and women and potential recruits who were killed in the 8 to 10 days before we came there through suicide bombings. We then had the opportunity to shake hands and to meet many of these recruits. Their enthusiasm for their work, their enthusiasm for building a new Iraq, their enthusiasm that Saddam Hussein was gone and that they had their country back was very, very clear. They knew that it was the Americans that had given them their country back; and they were very, very appreciative and thankful. They knew that the future of Iraq was in their hands, and not in the hands of the Americans or the coalition forces, but that what we provided them was the framework to take back their country and to move in the future.

You could see it in their eyes when you looked at them, you could feel it in the vigor and the strength of their handshake, you could hear it in their voices; and as you left, they took their hand and put it on their heart and moved it away to express the deepness and the sincerity in the comments that they were making to us.

The Shia, how do our terrorists feel about the Shia? These, in our opinion, are the key to change. I mean, the key to change? What kind of change are they looking for? I mean that targeting and hitting them in their religious, political and military depth will provoke them to show the Sunnis their rabies and bear the teeth of the hidden rancor hidden in their breast. If we succeed in dragging them into the arena of sectarian war, it will become possible to awaken the inattentive Sunnis as they feel imminent danger and annihilating death at the hands of these Sabians. Despite their weakness and fragmentation, the Sunnis are the sharpest blades, the most determined and most loyal when they meet those Batinies, who are a people of treachery and cowardice. They are arrogant only with the weak and attack only the broken wing. Most of the Sunnis are aware of the danger of these people, watch their sides and fear the consequences of empowering them. Were it not for the enfeebled Sufi sheiks and the Muslim brothers, people would have told a different tale.

It is very clear what the folks who are opposed to us are going to do. They are going to kill the police and they are going to fight and drive sectarian violence.

I want to talk just briefly about Libya, because some have said showing strength is a problem. Take a look at what has happened with the Libyans. I was there a couple of weeks ago as well. At the end of the December visit, the Libyans admitted having a nuclear weapons program and having bought uranium feed material for gas cen-

trifuge enrichment, admitted having nuclear weapons design documents, acknowledged having made about 25 tons of sulfur mustard chemical weapons agents, aerial bombs for the mustard and small amounts of nerve agent, provided access to their deployed Skud-B forces and revealed the details of indigenous missile design work and of cooperation with North Korea on the 800 kilometer range Scuds-CSs.

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What a change in Libya. The headlines in today's paper. "Ghadafi Vows No More Terror." He seeks a new era with the United States, seeks better relationships with the United States.

One of our colleagues who was there this weekend is quoted as saying, "The incredible thing about being here is to hear a former antagonist of our country say, 'What in the world was I thinking when I took on a superpower,' says SILVESTRE REYES, Texas, Democrat. 'I thought it was an incredible, historic moment. This could potentially redefine our relationships with Africa and potential with the most conflicted part of the world, which is the Middle East. If I had not been here and had Chairman WELDON or Congressman ORTIZ tell me about it, I would not have believed it,' he said."

So what a dramatic change we are seeing, I think, in many reasons because we have displayed strength and the determination in dealing with the types of threats that President Clinton and his administration identified throughout the 1990s, that President Bush and his administration identified during their administration, and because of the strong action we are seeing a change in behavior in Libya, with a possibility and hope for progress in Iran and North Korea.

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR H.R. 3717, BROADCAST DECENCY ENFORCEMENT ACT OF 2004

(Mr. DREIER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DREIER. (during the Special Order of Mr. HOEKSTRA) Madam Speaker, the Committee on Rules may meet the week of March 8 to grant a rule which could limit the amendment process for floor consideration of H.R. 3717, the Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act of 2004. The Committee on Energy and Commerce ordered the bill reported yesterday, March 3, 2004, and is expected to file its report in the House on Tuesday, March 9, 2004.

Any Member wishing to offer an amendment should submit 55 copies of the amendment and one copy of a brief explanation of the amendment to the Committee on Rules in Room H-312 of the Capitol by 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 10.

Members should draft their amendments to the text of the bill as re-

ported by the Committee on Energy and Commerce which will be available tomorrow for their review on the Web sites of both the Committee on Energy and Commerce and the Committee on Rules.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are drafted in the most appropriate format. Members are also advised to check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain that their amendments comply with the rules of the House.

VICE PRESIDENT CHENEY'S ABUSES OF POWER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BLACKBURN). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 60 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor this afternoon to urge Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia to recuse himself from a case that the Supreme Court will hear this year regarding Vice President CHENEY.

I am also here this evening to voice my concern over another example of Vice President CHENEY abusing his power as Vice President to continue to keep secret documents that would significantly impact our Nation's future energy policy.

Madam Speaker, for 3 years now the Vice President has done everything he can to keep the record of his energy task force secret. This secret task force developed President Bush's energy policy, a policy that was then made into legislation here in Congress, legislation that is now stalled in the other body. Nevertheless, the end result of this task force and of that legislation was bad energy policy. There is no doubt that the energy industry succeeded with its influence during these secret closed door meetings in crafting an energy policy that benefited them rather than benefitting Americans who at the time desperately needed relief from high energy prices.

For 3 years now the Vice President has refused to let the American people know who made up this White House energy task force. For 3 years now the Vice President has refused to let the American people know how and why the task force came to the conclusions it did about energy policy. And finally, after 3 years of hiding the information, it appeared that we would finally get some of the information CHENEY was fighting so hard to keep secret, thanks to the Sierra Club and another conservative group called Judicial Watch who jointly sued the Vice President and the energy task force, seeking an accounting of energy participation in crafting the Bush administration's destructive energy policy.

There was a Federal district court order that said that the administration as a result of this suit had to provide information about participation from these industries, which the Bush administration refused to do. The Bush