



November 13, 2014

Open Hearing on Threats Posed to the U.S. by Nation-State Conflicts-

“A due amount of attention has gone to Iran’s nuclear program and its stated desire to wipe Israel off the map, but less attention has gone to their proxy wars in Syria, Lebanon, Yemen, Bahrain and now Iraq again. Less attention has been paid to its undermining of American financial institutions with cyber attacks, or its destructive cyber attack against Saudi Aramco that destroyed 30,000 computers.”

“And some would argue, hey, it is not even the fact that if they would get a nuclear weapon that they would use it. Some would argue they would; some would argue they don't. Certainly, they are not a rational actor. But what does that do to their unconventional expansion of proxy wars, of which they are heavily engaged in now? And I would argue that would only multiply with the umbrella of a nuclear weapon.”

“I mean, I would have guessed 2 years ago we would not have had even the discussion to allow even civilian enrichment of uranium, which we didn't do for the UAE. I mean, that is a threshold that I don't -- I don't know how you put that back in the bottle. “

“I hope we don't lull ourselves into believing they are going to be rational, good actors and behave themselves with all the capability to enrich. We have never seen it before. Clearly, everything that currently they have and disclosed is in violation of U.N. resolutions.”

“And I worry about the closing window for capability to actually do something... And I don't see any slowing down, despite any of the negotiation process, and that worries me a lot... That tells me that we are dealing with someone that is not a rational actor.”

November 7, 2014

Morning Joe

"Sunni-led countries have said, 'If Iran, a Shia country, gets a nuclear weapon, we're going to get a nuclear weapon.' And, by doing this wrong, you proliferate a nuclear arms race in the Middle East that should bring a bead of sweat to all our foreheads."

July 27, 2014

Face The Nation

"That's what's so frustrating with the administration, all of this works together. You can't just pick and choose one particular region; it has to work in concert. So when you free up \$2.8 billion for Iran, when they're already cash strapped because of sanctions, that means they can continue to do bad activities in the Gaza Strip, including we believe at least missile components."

November 24, 2013

State of the Union

“We have just rewarded very bad and dangerous behavior.”

“What have we done? We have taken away the one thing - we've given them just enough breathing room, the one thing that brought them to the table.”

“What is worrying about that is bipartisan opposition in Congress, very strong bipartisan opposition to the deal. Our Arab League partners don't like the deal. Israel doesn't like the deal.”

“We may have just encouraged more violence in the future than we have stopped. That's why I hope we reconsider where we're at.”

October 4, 2013

HPSCI press release

“Iran has been a sponsor of terror for decades, has threatened a key American ally with annihilation, conducts aggressive cyber attacks against the U.S. and our allies, and tried to assassinate the Saudi Ambassador in Washington, D.C. This is a country that has centrifuges actively spinning in an effort to obtain a nuclear weapon. The selection of Iran to serve on the United Nations' Committee on Disarmament and International Security is outrageous and puts a fox in charge of the hen house.”

March 6, 2012

CBS This Morning

“...If the consequences of Iran going nuclear are so much bigger, Saudi Arabia says they'll get a nuclear weapon, Egypt says they'll get a nuclear weapon. And that, they believe, is really a threat to their existence.”

“Listen, I believe in sanctions, I think we have two schools of thought here: where the Israelis are coming from, where the Iranians are coming from - I guess three schools of thought - and where the administration is. I think sanctions can work. I think we should draw them up now. There's other things we can do that we're laying on the table - draw it up and put as much pressure as we can.”

February 18, 2012

NPR

"What we have done about cutting off their ability to get to the financial market has been devastating to them...It has gotten their fangs out, clearly."

"So the reason the regime is kind of buckling in is because they're under that much pressure."

"If, God forbid, it gets to that point — and I hope it does not — you won't see big troops on the ground. It'll be a dismantling of their capability to continue down this dangerous path of a nuclear weapon."

March 8, 2012

Starting Point

“I believe that if this is going to work we have to have a credible military option. Meaning, Iran has to believe that we'll do something if they continue to pursue down this path. So continue sanctions and then show that the United States is serious when we say all options on the table. We can't say all options on the

table, oh, by the way, Israel, we don't want you to do anything. That's not very credible. So we need to make our argument credible.”

May 30, 2014

Floor statement on Intelligence Authorization Act

“Iran is maneuvering to preserve its capability to develop a nuclear weapon. A nuclear Iran would threaten Israel with annihilation and send the Middle East into a dangerous nuclear arms race.”

September 27, 2013

HPSCI statement on President’s call to Iranian President Rouhani

“As we learned repeatedly when negotiating with North Korea, rogue regimes cannot be trusted to negotiate in good faith. I am skeptical that any agreement with the mullahs of Iran to negotiate an end to sanctions would achieve anything other than buy them more time to achieve their nuclear ambitions. International sanctions are putting severe pressure on the Iranian regime, and those sanctions should remain in place and be strengthened until there is no doubt that Iran has ceased all aspects of its nuclear program. President Obama should be cautious to not negotiate a deal for posterity’s sake, or a deal that is not in the best interests of the United States.”