

Floor Statement of Rep. Jim Moran
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Mr. Speaker, for 100 consecutive days the Safe Climate Caucus has brought to the House floor the reality and the ramifications of climate change.

There is a recent report from three very reputable think tanks entitled, “The Arab Spring and Climate Change.” Let me just quote from a couple of the troubling but illuminating conclusions that it comes to.

It quotes, a prolonged and severe drought during the winter of 2010 in China “contributed to global wheat shortages and skyrocketing bread prices in Egypt, the world’s largest wheat importer,” accelerating political instability.

And social, economic, environmental, and climate changes in Syria eroded the social contract between citizen and government, strengthening the case for the opposition movement and irreparably damaging the legitimacy of the Assad regime.

The authors conclude that global warming may not have caused the Arab Spring but it clearly made it come earlier.

The stresses that climate change is imposing today on nations across the globe are harbingers of more severe consequences in the future. We have to address the reality and the ramifications of climate change.