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The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. STEARNS).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 19, 1999.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CLIFF STEARNS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING HOUR DEBATES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 19, 1999, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning hour debates. The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 30 minutes, and each Member, except the majority leader, the minority leader, or the minority whip, limited to 5 minutes.

THE REPUBLICAN AGENDA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. WELLER) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege of representing a very, very diverse district. I represent the south side of Chicago, the south suburbs in Cook and Will Counties, industrial communities like Joliette, LaSalle, a lot of cornfields and farm towns. When one represents such a diverse district, city, suburbs and country, one listens for those comments and concerns, issues and problems and questions that link the city and the suburbs and the country.

I have often heard, over the course of the last 4½ years that I have had the privilege of being in this House, a very common message, and that is the common message of working together and solving the challenges that we face; that they want us here in the Congress to work together, solve the challenges that we face, and I am pretty proud in the last 4 years how we have met that challenge that the folks back home have given me: balancing the budget for the first time in 28 years, cutting taxes for the middle class for the first time in 16 years, and, of course, reforming our failed welfare system for the first time in over a generation. Those are all big accomplishments, big accomplishments that came from a committed effort in this Congress over the last 4 years to change how Washington works to make Washington more responsive to the folks back home.

As a result now, that success, particularly in balancing the budget and cutting taxes, we have an economy that is doing better than we anticipated. Nine years, since 1991, we have been enjoying economic growth. Tying that in with a balanced budget, we now have projected $3 trillion surplus of extra money over the next 10 years. That is a lot of money when we think about it, because our Federal budget is only $1.7 billion.

Well, as we work on the Republican agenda this year of good schools and low taxes and a secure retirement, we have the challenge before us of what to do with the extra money, what to do with the surplus; and of course, historically in Washington they always want to spend it on new government.

But if we look at the markup of that money, most of it is Social Security. I am really proud that the Republican budget does something that the folks back home have told me that we should do for a long time, and that is the Republican budget stops the raid on Social Security that has gone on for 30 years. Republicans put a stop to it this year. In fact, in doing so, we set aside two-thirds of the surplus of extra tax revenue for retirement security, meaning we use those funds to shrink Social Security and Medicare so that they are there for 3 generations from now, and that is the centerpiece and the purpose of the Social Security and Medicare lock box.

But under our budget by doing that, we take the so-called surplus and we set aside two-thirds of the surplus for Medicare and Social Security, one-third for tax cuts, because we believe that if we look at the tax burden today on families, and I often hear whether I am at the union hall or the VFW or the local chamber or the coffee shop on Main Street or the grain elevator out in the country, folks are frustrated by the tax burden being so high.

In fact, since 1985, the tax burden on individuals has gone up. In fact, it has doubled since 1985, and a portion of our economy, the gross domestic product that now goes to the Federal Government in taxes is the highest level ever in peacetime history. Mr. Speaker, 21 percent of our economy is now consumed by the Federal Government in the burden of taxes.

Not only do people back home tell me that they feel taxes are too high, but they are frustrated with how complex and complicated and also how unfair our tax code is. They bring up real concerns about issues such as the marriage tax penalty.

And I have Shad and Michelle Hallihan here, a young couple, two schoolteachers in Joliette, Illinois, who just got married. In fact, they are expecting a baby any day now. Well, because they are married and both work, their combined incomes when they file jointly as a married couple pushes them into a higher tax bracket. That is called the marriage tax penalty.

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For couples such as Shad and Michelle Hallihan, the marriage tax penalty, on average, is about $1,400 a year in higher taxes just because they are married. Had Shad and Michelle chose not to get married, they would have saved about $1,400 a year in taxes. That is wrong. Just one of the complications in our tax code.

This is why I am so pleased as a member of the Committee on Ways and Means that we succeeded this past week in passing legislation which lowers the tax burden for families, addresses the need to simplify the tax code and the unfairness in the tax code, and also addresses the need through simplification and fairness, and particularly in treatment of small business, to help keep our economy growing, keeping this 9-year period of economic growth continuing into the 21st century.

Mr. Speaker, 42 million married working people will enjoy the marriage tax relief that is provided in the Committee on Ways and Means-produced tax cut, the Financial Freedom Act of 1999. We help married couples. We also address the need to help family farmers and family businesses, many of whom are put out of business when the founder passes on because of the so-called death tax which can consume up to 55 percent of the family farm or family business. That is just wrong. We eliminate the death tax in the Financial Freedom Act of 1999.

I am often asked by folks back home, is there not a way we can make it easier and more affordable to go to college and send our kids to school; if I am an adult who wants to go back to school to do that as well, we provide education relief. We address the marriage tax relief, we eliminate the death tax, we help small business and family farmers, and we help families better afford education.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for bipartisan support for this legislation, which I hope will be voted on later this week.

LIVABLE COMMUNITIES FOR AMERICA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, my goal in Congress is for the Federal Government to be a full partner in helping our communities be more livable. I discussed improving liveability of the physical environment on this floor dealing with transportation infrastructure, managing our water resources in a more rational fashion, and reducing gun violence. These are all elements the Federal Government can profoundly influence in our communities and provide the quality of life that our citizens desire and deserve.

A critical part of that well-planned infrastructure for a livable community is access to the global economy through Internet connections. That is why I have strongly supported the E-rate, which helps schools and libraries connect to the Internet with subsidized costs.

The Internet is to America's tomorrow what the highways and railroad systems have been in the past. It has had the potential to change our communities and landscapes in ways that are truly profound.

There is an Internet drama unfolding now which has profound implications for how the Federal Government can help communities realize their vision of a livable future. I am referring to high-speed broad-band Internet access via the cable systems which are part of the households of many Americans. This issue is being played out as the consolidation of America's cable delivery system is almost complete, featuring ownership by telecommunication giants like AT&T which recently purchased the TCI cable system, America's largest.

Ironically, 7 years after the passage of legislation to deregulate cable, titled the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, the consolidation in the industry is resulting in fewer choices for cable consumers. In fact, by this time next year, only New York and Los Angeles will have more than one cable operator. Why is this important?

The majority of Americans are still in the horse and buggy era of Internet connections, by connecting on the Internet through their phone lines. Cable has the potential of moving millions of American households into the equivalent of a high-speed rail Internet connection. As we make this quantum leap from the horse and buggy technology to truly the information super highway, we must ensure that this new service provides the same type of competition that has inspired better service options at lower costs for long-distance and for Internet service over the phone lines.

What happens if these cable systems are owned by just a few companies? Soon, AT&T will provide cable service for almost two-thirds of American households. We get a little glimpse of this in my hometown of Portland, Oregon, where AT&T is the only cable provider in our entire metropolitan area. As a condition of the approval of the merger with TCI, the citizen advisors in my community made the recommendation to our elected officials that there be competition for high-speed Internet connections over the cable platform.

AT&T has chosen to argue strenuously that it should have a monopoly. The company insisted that everybody have to pay for AT&T's Internet service, regardless of whether or not people want to use it. Forcing people to use its service or pay twice for Internet connection is an integral part of AT&T's business plan.

In fact, it is such an important part that when the elected officials chose to support the recommendation of our citizens, AT&T warned, in not very subtle language, that the city better have a big legal budget, and in fact, sued, trying to win in the Federal court what AT&T could not justify to Portland's citizens and to its elected officials.

But AT&T lost in a powerfully worded decision by a highly respected and moderate to conservative local jurist. Yet AT&T is continuing its appeal and in the meantime is threatening not to invest in our community that had the temerity to suggest that we ought to have competition.

While the company's influence is being felt in Washington, D.C., it is time for the administration and Congress to protect connectivity, competition, and choice. This is a national issue, not just Portland. Cities all over the country are dealing with this, in L.A., San Francisco, Seattle, Minneapolis to Boston, Atlanta, Chicago and Detroit. Just last week, Broward County in Florida passed a resolution just like Portland's.

I will be introducing legislation this week to help local communities in their quest to determine their own technological future through competition, connectivity, and choice. Congress, the FCC, the private sector and local governments, everybody has a role to play. We all must fight to protect the competitive forces that so many of us say are important. The stakes are high not just for this vital telecommunication link, but also to prove that we are serious about making competition work for more livable communities.

SWAPPING OF DONOR LISTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. METCALF). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. STEARNS) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. STEARNS. Mr. Speaker, last week a lot of us became aware of the fact that public television stations around the Nation were exchanging their donor lists with the Democrat National Committee. I would remind everyone, of course, that public television is supported by American taxpayers' dollars; that is, the tax dollars of Democrats, Republicans, Independents, even people who do not vote.

And the public broadcasting service is a private, not-for-profit corporation. It is owned by 350 noncommercial TV stations. Its mission, Mr. Speaker, is to provide over-the-air broadcasting that serves the public interested. PBS is partially funded by the Federal Government through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, the CPB.

This year, in fact, we were considering providing CPB with as much as $475 million a year. In turn, CPB provides public broadcasting stations with 14 percent of its funding. In fact, last year that amounted to more than $37

million. In addition, PBS received $4 million more than other Federal agencies.

Public TV stations are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit group, and as such, they are tax exempt. Being tax exempt, they are prohibited from supporting any political party or engaging in any lobbying or other partisan activity.

I serve on the Committee on Commerce's Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection last week, during consideration of the reauthorization of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, a story came to light about a Boston public TV station which had shared 32,000 names with the Democrat National Committee. It reported that Sam Black, a 4-year-old received a fund-raising letter from the DNC.

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It appears that Sam's mother included his name with her own when she sent a donation to the Boston station WGBH. The first time this fund-raising exchange was reported, the station originally maintained that it was an isolated incident, a mistake by an ill-informed employee. Of course, the facts, Mr. Speaker, showed differently.

WGBH first approached the Democratic Party in 1993. In that first year, the station received 5,000 names of Democratic campaign donors. The next year WGBH, in a sense, paid for new names by swapping the names of their contributors.

The station also received a financial payment for providing 10,200 names. My colleagues and I on the Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection wanted to know more; specifically, if this practice was widespread or if there was just one station involved. We found, of course, that their stations in San Francisco, Los Angeles, New York, and even here in the Washington, D.C. area that had been cooperating with the DNC in fund-raising activities for as long as 20 years.

I am not concerned that the Republicans were excluded from this fund-raising effort. I am concerned that tax-exempt organizations are engaging in partisan politics. Since the beginning, there has been a close relationship between the Public Broadcasting Service and what many of us perceive as the liberal agenda. In the mid-1990s, the Media Research Center studied 73 PBS programs for political bias. It found there was a liberal slant on these shows. Now, more recently, Mr. Speaker, PBS decided not to air the President's videotaped testimony before the grand jury or to offer live coverage of the impeachment debate in the House Judiciary. Instead, Mr. Speaker, it ran Barney and the Teletubbies. However, it did find it appropriate and in the public interest to provide full coverage for the Watergate and Iran-Contra hearings.

Now we have discovered that there is more than just an ideological connection between PBS and the Democratic Party. This financial cooperation is clearly in violation of our tax laws and could be of interest to the FEC and to the IRS.

During consideration of the reauthorization for CPB, I prepared an amendment calling on the comptroller of the United States to conduct a study, a simple study, on this swapping of donor lists and to report what stations, which political parties, and the circumstances of this cooperation. However, the hearing on reauthorization has been postponed, but Congress needs to act now.

The next step is for the GAO to launch an investigation into this matter. I also want to see the CPB take steps themselves to find out the extent of these joint fund-raising activities and to assure Congress and the Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection that this has ended and will not occur again.

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, the American people now endure the highest level of taxation in this Nation's history. These hard-working people should not be sending their tax dollars to help support public TV stations which are working with the DNC to enrich their respective organizations. Public TV stations should be serving the public interest and, of course, not any partisan political interest.

SUNDRY MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Sundry messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

MOVING FORWARD IS BEST FOR ALL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. METCALF). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. FRANK) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I have been struck by the change in the rhetoric from my Republican colleagues with regard to the work of the Congress, particularly the House of Representatives. For years, I have heard them talk about what they were going to accomplish beginning with the Contract with America that they trumpeted.

Now in the last couple of weeks, there is a new tone. Instead of telling us what they are going to do, they are explaining why they have been unable to do it. The Republicans are into a new phase in the Republican revolution, whining. They are complaining that while they wanted to do all of these things, they have been unable. What we now have, rather than an announcement of a program is an explanation for its failure.

I was particularly struck to note that they were blaming the minority leader, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT), in large part. I reread the Contract with America. One does not get to read only for pleasure in our work. Sometimes we must read as a duty, so I reread the Contract with America, and I did not find in there that the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT) was listed as a subcontractor.

I did not read in there that the Contract with America said here are these bold things we will do if the Democrats let us. But now what do we hear? The Democrats would not let me do it. It is a kind of a reverse Flip Wilson. It is no longer the devil made them do it. It is that the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT) would not let them do it.

Well, I should say in fairness, Mr. Speaker, that they have even been giving me a little bit of the credit. We are not a profession known for great modesty, but I am a little reluctant to accept quite as much credit for their failure as they give me. Clearly, it would be in my interest in many quarters to accept that credit without dissent but I do have to be honest and say they give me a little more credit than I deserve.

I want to say right now that when the Appropriations bills have come up, I have not worn my costume of the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) and held the bills up. That was not I. It was not the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT). That was a member of their own party.

It is not I who has decided, for instance, that term limits, and remember term limits? Some members do. The gentleman from Washington (Mr. METCALF) does because he is an honest man who is abiding by his promise, but term limits was part of the Contract with America. Well, that contract apparently has been declared null and void because in this year we have the Republican Party in control of the House, and no one has brought up the term limits issue. It seems to have evanesced into the wind.

Now, as I said, they are arguing that it is the fault of the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT) and myself. They are clearly wrong. They have been the majority. They are in their third Congress of a majority. They have the votes. They are, in fact, unable to do things for which I am glad, but they have misargued the cause. Their platform has not become law, not because of myself and the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT), much as I would love to take the credit, but because it is unpassable, and it is unpassable because it is unacceptable to the American people.

Their problem is that they won an election in 1994 based on dissatisfaction with the Democrats, acknowledgedly, and then proceeded to a program which included at one point shutting down the government, excessive tax cutting that even a few on their own side do

not like, trying to roll back environmental regulations, term limits which they are not prepared themselves to abide by.

It is not we who have stopped them. It is the American people. And indeed what has been notable is the extent to which the Republican Party has fallen out of love with the American people. They came announcing themselves as the tribunes of the voters and increasingly what we have from my Republican colleagues is a sense that the voters are not to be trusted. We heard that, of course, most clearly during the impeachment hearings, but we hear it in other things. They are afraid that if they do not engineer a fiscally irresponsible tax cut far more than the economy calls for, the people will ask Members of Congress to vote for things.

We cannot trust those people. They want a prescription drug program for the elderly. They just lack the moral fiber to go without drugs. They are going to insist that if Congress has some money there we say to 73-year-old people who are faced with a $3,000 and $4,000 drug bill on a $25,000 income that we ought to help them. They will insist on more transportation facilities. They will insist on cleaning up some environmental sites. So that is the problem, Mr. Speaker.

The Republican Party, it is true, is not getting anywhere with its agenda. By the way, on those rare occasions where they have gotten somewhere, we have paid too high a price. If I were tempted to try and listen to their pleas and help them out, I would remember the 1997 Balanced Budget Act where they cut Medicare to pay for capital gains tax cuts and all over this country in hospitals and home health care agencies in Massachusetts where we have lost prescription drugs, people are paying the price for this.

I have been struck by the ''dear colleagues'' I get from time to time from some of my Republican colleagues who having voted for the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 have now decided that it did a terrible thing. It cut Medicare. Apparently, they were somewhere else at the time. Apparently, when the Balanced Budget Act was being formulated and voted and cutting Medicare to pay for a capital gains tax cut, they were absent. They now have returned to find that the capital gains tax cut undid some important parts of Medicare.

Now, it is true, Mr. Speaker, if they want to make another deal involving a tax cut and taking funds away from Medicare I will try to block it. The minority leader, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT) will try to block it and I am glad, but essentially the fault, dear Republicans, lies not with the minority. It lies with themselves and with the unacceptable nature of their program to the American people.

MILITARY CONCERNED ABOUT NATIONAL SECURITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STEARNS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, on a recent Monday night I watched the O'Reilly Factor on Fox News. Lieutenant Colonel McCallum, director of the Office of Safeguards and Security for the Department of Energy, joined Bill O'Reilly to discuss Chinese espionage at our Nation's weapons laboratories. Colonel McCallum revealed very important information about the Energy Department's mismanagement of our sensitive national security information.

In fact, after listening to Colonel McCallum's firsthand accounts, I felt compelled to share his story. Mr. Speaker, I have the honor of representing four of our Nation's military bases, Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base, Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, and the Elizabeth City Coast Guard station, as well as 77,000 of our Nation's brave veterans.

I was home in eastern North Carolina over the July 4 recess, and a number of my constituents asked me what Congress was doing to rectify one of the country's worst breaches of national security in our history? Unfortunately, I had very little to report.

That is why I am here today, Mr. Speaker. The security of the United States is an issue with a critical impact on the citizens of this country, yet it has been swept under the rug by this current administration, and it is not surprising. President Clinton appointed Hazel O'Leary Secretary of Energy, a position she held from 1993 to 1997. The Department of Energy is in place to support our Nation's environmental quality, economic policy, energy security and national security, but when President Clinton appointed Hazel O'Leary head of the Department, she had no experience with nuclear energy or weapons technologies. Now she has been accused of directly compromising our sensitive national security information.

Mr. Speaker, Colonel McCallum served under Secretary O'Leary in the 9 years he has served as security director. During the interview, Mr. O'Reilly asked Colonel McCallum if the allegations against Ms. O'Leary were correct. He replied, and I quote, the Secretary shut down our counterintelligence program, stopped our ability to follow leads and largely opened doors to the Chinese and other adversaries who would want our secrets and our nuclear materials.

Mr. Speaker, this is a direct quote from the security director for the Department of Energy. Colonel McCallum confirmed that Mrs. O'Leary was more concerned with helping the Russians and Chinese with their economics, which is what President Clinton wanted her to do, than she was with the security of the United States of America.

Mr. O'Reilly then asked the colonel his response after witnessing these grave breaches of national security. Colonel McCallum replied, we raised the issue to the Secretary's office on a routine basis to try to get to the Secretary to allow us to protect our highest secrets, to protect our nuclear material and nuclear weapons in the appropriate way and, frankly, we were unable to get in the front door or get her staff to focus on the issue.

Mr. Speaker, that is a direct quote. This is an outrage. The director of security repeatedly contacted the Secretary's office asking her to do something to protect our sensitive nuclear technology, and she ignored him.

Colonel McCallum is not just a disgruntled employee. He served two tours in Vietnam and has a distinguished military career. So why would he risk losing his job with the Department of Energy, his livelihood, by speaking out against his employer? Because, Mr. Speaker, he is telling the truth.

After a 28-year career, Colonel McCallum has been placed on administrative leave and his job has been threatened, simply because he has tried to come forward with the facts.

Mr. Speaker, Colonel McCallum comes from a military family and has a long history of service himself. Yet he is willing to sacrifice his own job by coming forward with concerns based on his faithful dedication to this country. He is a true patriot. He can confirm that under the leadership of President Clinton's appointees, the Department of Energy has ignored the concerns of its security staff and allowed for a Communist nation to steal our nuclear secrets.

Mr. Speaker, Colonel McCallum is right. America must help the administration wake up to the reality that we need to make real and effective changes now to tighten security at our Nation's weapons laboratory. The security of our Nation and the security of every citizen in America may depend on that.

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CURRENT ISSUES AFFECTING GUAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STEARNS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentleman from Guam (Mr. UNDERWOOD) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I have the honor of representing Guam, which is the most distant U.S. area that is still represented in this body and is on the other side of the International Dateline. This means that Guam will be the first location in America that will witness the effects of the so-called Y2K bug.

Guam is 15 hours ahead of the East Cost on the Continental United States.

Thus on January 1, 2000 Guam time, the entire Nation will know far in advance of the beginning of their New Year's celebrations here on the East Coast what the devastating effects of Y2K will be.

The administration, via the Office of Insular Affairs at the Department of Interior, has just announced that the territories will receive $22 million in new Federal funding to help repair the local governmental computer systems and make them Y2K compliant.

However, Mr. Speaker, I have learned from very reliable sources that the breakdown of this necessary emergency funding will represent the greatest inequity in Federal territorial relations that Guam has experienced since 1898 when Guam became a U.S. possession. The administration, with no explanation, nor just cause, has deemed that out of a possible $22 million in assistance divided for four territories, Guam will receive a mere $60,000, and Guam will be the first one to experience the Y2K problem.

This amount is unconscionable, and this level of funding is proportionately ridiculous in terms of Guam's real Y2K problems which are estimated to be around $26 million to repair.

Somewhere along the road between the Office of Insular Affairs and the Government of Guam, there seems to have been a breakdown in cooperation. The USDA made an assessment of the Government of Guam's Y2K readiness earlier this year, along with other territories. Supposedly, their efforts were met with some resistance by local officials and agency heads. I do not know if any of this is accurate; but at this stage, casting blame will not solve the problem.

The fact remains that, if the rumors of uncooperativeness are true, and I am not sure that they are, the $60,000 apportionment out of $22 million is tantamount to a punitive action.

It is my understanding and certainly my hope that OMB and OIA will be meeting very soon to discuss redressing this gross inequity or to supplement the total pool of funds. I will make every effort to impress upon the administration that they need to make realistic and equitable allocations for Guam and the other territories.

To that end, I will be contacting the House Committee on Appropriations' chairman and ranking member to express my deep concern over the proposed Y2K funding allocation. I hope and I trust that the realignment of this funding proposal can be met.

The other item I would like to address is the INS reimbursement for the Government of Guam. Earlier this year, and in fact going back to last year, there has been a steady stream of illegal immigrants making a nearly 2,000 mile journey over the open ocean from the People's Republic of China to Guam.

As a result of this, there has been over 500 illegal Chinese immigrants that have been captured in Guam and have been detained in Guam. Governor Carl Gutierrez intervened to prevent that action, the INS from releasing these people into the general community.

Now, the government of Guam has been housing these illegal immigrants since January at a local corrections facility. This is a Federal responsibility. The Clinton administration thankfully has committed to reimbursing the Government of Guam for all costs incurred in relation to detaining and capturing the Chinese illegal immigrants.

Last June, the Governor of Guam estimated that the cost to date had tallied some $4.4 million.

I understand that the administration will be offering an amendment to the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary bill which will make good on this commitment.

I am grateful for that opportunity, and I urge all the Members of this body as well as Members of the other body to support that and to continue to work towards the equitable distribution of funding for our insular areas.

CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORITY IS SLIPPING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 19, 1999, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. METCALF) is recognized during morning hour debates for 5 minutes.

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, before coming to Congress, I taught history for 30 years in my home State of Washington. But it should not take a historian, a lawyer, or even a politician to realize that Congress has ceded a measure of fundamental constitutional authority to the executive.

In fact, it is the hundreds of phone calls and letters from Americans in my district and around the country that brings me to the floor today. These citizens are concerned, and I am concerned, that Congress has subjected the people to laws it never made because we have allowed our legislative responsibilities to be usurped by the executive department.

In the past, Presidents worked with Congress to pass legislation. Indeed, that is what the Founders intended. Nevertheless, Congress, over the years, has allowed Presidents, both Democratic and Republican, to issue executive orders and proclamations that push far beyond the prescribed executive authority. Presidents have used these administrative actions to enact their agenda without the consent of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, we have tolerated this type of executive orders and proclamations for too long. I am deeply concerned about what I perceive to be a culture of deference in the Congress, deference to the executive. Congressional authority is slipping.

In fact, this President has issued more than 297 executive orders since taking office. Some of these infringe on the powers and duties reserved exclusively for Congress as dictated by the U.S. Constitution. In fact, one was so egregious that it had to be rescinded last year. That was executive order 13803 on federalism, which imposed new guidelines and granted the President unlimited policy making authority. Furthermore, it expanded the burden of big government on American citizens.

Last August, due to its blatant regard for congressional authority and disregard for the 9th and 10th Amendments, the White House finally succumbed to intense pressure and suspended or withdrew the federalism executive order.

The American Heritage Rivers Initiative, Executive Order 13061, is another example of our current President's attempted usurpation of the legislative powers of Congress. The Rivers Initiative was born when the President decided, without studies or public hearings, that he could take governing authority away from States and local governments.

The Constitution requires Congress to first approve all revenue spending. However, Clinton's executive order would require States to give up certain rivers to Federal control. It is a threat to citizens' private property rights. Even more disturbing, the Rivers Initiative also would have given the President the power to reprogram government funds and spend taxpayers' money for projects without a vote of Congress.

The President's use of executive orders and proclamations is reckless. Some fear the President may try to use these presidential directives in the future to further his international agenda in U.N. treaties or to increase his authority under the so-called emergency powers to spend more taxpayer dollars.

Executive orders and proclamations are a legitimate source of law only when they draw upon the constitutional powers of the President or when Congress expressly delegates such authority.

I urge every Member to join with me, and the 72 of our colleagues, and cosponsor House Concurrent Resolution 30. My resolution institutes a check within the Congress. It is a signal that executive infringements on legislative power will prompt Congress to protect its constitutional prerogatives.

Those of us in Congress have taken an oath to uphold the Constitution and to protect the balance it established. To fulfill our oath of office, I urge each Member to support this resolution. We must protect our constituents from the abuses of unchecked executive power.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PEASE) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Reverend Father Mark Moretti, Assistant Pastor, St. Rita's Catholic Church, Alexandria, Virginia, and Chaplain for Diplomatic Security, the State Department, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, in times of tragedy, words fail to express our sense of loss or grief. Our human weakness lays claim to Your strength. We rest in You. We depend on Your care. Console us with the truth that in all the events of human life, the happy and the sad, Your presence and Your love will never depart. Help us to remember that with all of the blessings of this life that You have given us, we hope for a greater life with You, where there will be no sorrow, no tears, and no pain, but only the fullness of peace and joy. We ask this in Your holy name. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GIBBONS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

EXTREMIST ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS SHOULD NOT RUN CONGRESS

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, no doubt many of us find it very disturbing that at the same time that Congress is spending billions of taxpayer dollars for thousands of vague Government programs, a number of our more liberal colleagues would vote to destroy the jobs of hard-working minors and families across the United States. It is truly a perplexing and even sad time for my constituents in this Congress.

Paradoxically, many of my colleagues give millions of dollars away to someone who can study the mating habits of fruit flies and yet at the same time vote for an amendment that would effectively take the food off the tables of thousands of hard-working families in Nevada and elsewhere.

Mr. Speaker, what I would like to tell these families is, why would Congress do this? What will I tell them? Tell them that they and half of their community lost their jobs so that a small handful of hikers did not have to see a mine on their bird watching hike?

I would like to remind my colleagues that a majority of mining States have a cleaner environmental bill of health than most nonmining States in this country.

Also, the millions of dollars in tax dollars paid by mines across the country rule out the ''free ride'' argument that some of my colleagues would suggest.

Mr. Speaker, sound science and common sense should rule this Congress, not the extremist environmental groups who prey on public emotion.

RUSSIA WANTS ANOTHER $5 BILLION FROM IMF

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, even though Russia still owes $17 billion to the International Monetary Fund, Russia wants another $5 billion loan. And experts support it. They say, Russia needs the $5 billion loan to repay part of the $17 billion still in default.

Unbelievable. If that is not enough to detoxify your ruble, reports say, ''Beware, Congress, Russian politicians have been stealing the IMF money for years.''

Beam me up, Mr. Speaker. These experts are not only smoking dope, they are drinking vodka chasers if they expect me to vote for one more dime for a Russian loan. Borrow this.

REPORT ON EMIGRATION LAWS AND POLICIES OF ALBANIA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 106–98)

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

I am submitting an updated report to the Congress concerning the emigration laws and policies of Albania. The report indicates continued Albanian compliance with U.S. and international standards in the area of emigration. In fact, Albania has imposed no emigration restrictions, including exit visa requirements, on its population since 1991.

On December 5, 1997, I determined and reported to the Congress that Albania is not in violation of the freedom-of-emigration criteria in sections 402 and 409 of the Trade Act of 1974. That action allowed for the continuation of normal trade relations status for Albania and certain other activities without the requirement of an annual waiver. This semiannual report is submitted as required by law pursuant to the determination of December 5, 1997.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *July 19, 1999.*

REPORT ON NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO LIBYA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 106–99)

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

I hereby report to the Congress on the developments since my last report of December 30, 1998, concerning the national emergency with respect to Libya that was declared in Executive Order 12543 of January 7, 1986. This report is submitted pursuant to section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); and section 505(c) of the International Security and Development Cooperation Act of 1985, 22 U.S.C. 2349aa–9(c).

1. On December 30, 1998, I renewed for another year the national emergency with respect to Libya pursuant to IEEPA. This renewal extended the current comprehensive financial and trade embargo against Libya in effect since 1986. Under this sanctions, virtually all trade with Libya is prohibited, and all assets owned or controlled by the Government of Libya in the United States or in the possession or control of U.S. persons are blocked.

2. On April 28, 1999, I announced that the United States will exempt commercial sales of agricultural commodities and products, medicine, and medical equipment from future unilateral sanctions regimes. In addition, my Administration will extend this policy to existing sanctions programs by modifying licensing policies for currently embargoed countries to permit case-by-case review of specific proposals for commercial sales of these items. Certain restrictions apply.

The Office of Foreigns Assets Control (OFAC) of the Department of the Treasury is currently drafting amendments to the Libyan Sanctions Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 550 (the Regulations), to implement this initiative. The amended Regulations will provide for the licensing of sales of agricultural commodities and products, medicine, and medical supplies to nongovernmental entities in Libya or to

government procurement agencies and parastatals not affiliated with the coercive organs of that country. The amended Regulations will also provide for the licensing of all transactions necessary and incident to licensed sales transactions, such as insurance and shipping arrangements. Financing for the licensed sales transactions will be permitted in the manner described in the amended Regulations.

3. During the reporting period, OFAC reviewed numerous applications for licenses to authorize transactions under the Regulations. Consistent with OFAC's ongoing scrutiny of banking transactions, the largest category of license approvals (20) involved types of financial transactions that are consistent with U.S. policy. Most of these licenses authorized personal remittances not involving Libya between persons who are not blocked parties to flow through Libyan banks located outside Libya. Three licenses were issued authorizing certain travel-related transactions. One license was issued to a U.S. firm to allow it to protect its intellectual property rights in Libya; another authorized receipt of payment for legal services; and a third authorized payments for telecommunications services. A total of 26 licenses were issued during the reporting period.

4. During the current 6-month period, OFAC continued to emphasize to the international banking community in the United States the importance of identifying and blocking payments made by or on behalf of Libya. The office worked closely with the banks to assure the effectiveness of interdiction software systems used to identify such payments. During the reporting period, 87 transactions potentially involving Libya, totaling nearly $3.4 million, were interdicted.

5. Since my last report, OFAC has collected 7 civil monetary penalties totaling $38,000 from 2 U.S. financial institutions, 3 companies, and 2 individuals for violations of the U.S. sanctions against Libya. The violations involved export transactions relating to Libya and dealings in Government of Libya property or property in which the Government of Libya had an interest.

On April 23, 1999, a foreign national permanent resident in the United States was sentenced by the Federal District court for the Middle District of Florida to 2 years in prison and 2 years supervised release for criminal conspiracy to violate ecomonic sanctions against Libya, Iran, and Iraq. He had previously been convicted of violation of the Libyan Sanctions Regulations, the Iranian Transactions Regulations, the Iraqi Sanctions Regulations, and the Export Administration Regulations for exportation of industrial equipment to the oil, gas, petrochemical, water, and power industries of Libya, Iran, and Iraq.

Various enforcement actions carried over from previous reporting periods have continued to be aggressively pursued. Numerous investigations are ongoing and new reports of violations are being scrutinized.

6. The expenses incurred by the Federal Government in the 6-month period from January 7 through July 6, 1999, that are directly attributable to the exercise of powers and authorities conferred by the declaration of the Libyan national emergency are estimated at approximately $4.4 million. Personnel costs were largely centered in the Department of the Treasury (particularly in the Office of Foreign Assets Control, the Office of the General Counsel, and the U.S. Customs Service), the Department of State, and the Department of Commerce.

7. In April 1999, Libya surrendered the 2 suspects in the Lockerbie bombing for trial before a Scottish court seated in the Netherlands. In accordance with UNSCR 748, upon the suspects' transfer, UN sanctions were immediately suspended. We will insist that Libya fulfill the remaining UNSCR requirements for lifting UN sanctions and are working with UN Secretary Annan and UN Secretary Council members to ensure that Libya does so promptly. U.S. unilateral sanctions remain in force, and I will continue to exercise the powers at my disposal to apply these sanctions fully and effectively, as long as they remain appropriate. I will continue to report periodically to the Congress on significant developments as required by law.

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *July 19, 1999.*

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules but not before 6 p.m.

LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1033) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1033

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act''.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds that—

(1) the expedition commanded by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, which came to be called ''The Corps of Discovery'', was one of the most remarkable and productive scientific and military exploring expeditions in all American history;

(2) President Thomas Jefferson gave Lewis and Clark the mission to ''explore the Missouri River & such principal stream of it, as, by its course and communication with the waters of the Pacific Ocean, whether the Columbia, Oregon, Colorado, or any other river may offer the most direct and practical water communication across this continent for the purposes of commerce'';

(3) the Expedition, in response to President Jefferson's directive, greatly advanced our geographical knowledge of the continent and prepared the way for the extension of the American fur trade with American Indian tribes throughout the land;

(4) President Jefferson directed the explorers to take note of and carefully record the natural resources of the newly acquired territory known as Louisiana, as well as diligently report on the native inhabitants of the land;

(5) the Expedition departed St. Louis, Missouri on May 14, 1804;

(6) the Expedition held its first meeting with American Indians at Council Bluff near present-day Fort Calhoun, Nebraska, in August 1804, spent its first winter at Fort Mandan, North Dakota, crossed the Rocky Mountains by the mouth of the Columbia River in mid-November of that year, and wintered at Fort Clatsop, near the present-day city of Astoria, Oregon;

(7) the Expedition returned to St. Louis, Missouri, on September 23, 1806, after a 28-month journey covering 8,000 miles during which it traversed 11 future States: Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon;

(8) accounts from the journals of Lewis and Clark and the detailed maps that were prepared by the Expedition enhance knowledge of the western continent and routes for commerce;

(9) the Expedition significantly enhanced amicable relationships between the United States and the autonomous American Indian nations, and the friendship and respect fostered between American Indian tribes and the Expedition represents the best of diplomacy and relationships between divergent nations and cultures; and

(10) the Lewis and Clark Expedition has been called the most perfect expedition of its kind in the history of the world and paved the way for the United States to become a great world power.

SEC. 3. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.

(a) DENOMINATION.—In commemoration of the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition, the Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the ''Secretary'') shall mint and issue not more than 500,000 $1 coins, each of which shall—

(1) weigh 26.73 grams;

(2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

(3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper.

(b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of title 31, United States Code.

(c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

SEC. 4. SOURCES OF BULLION.

The Secretary may obtain silver for minting coins under this Act from any available source, including stockpiles established under the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act.

SEC. 5. DESIGN OF COINS.

(a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the expedition of Lewis and Clark.

(2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On each coin minted under this Act there shall be—

(A) a designation of the value of the coin;

(B) an inscription of the year ''2004'' and the years ''1804–1806''; and

(C) inscriptions of the words ''Liberty'', ''In God We Trust'', ''United States of America'', and ''E Pluribus Unum''.

(3) OBVERSE OF COIN.—The obverse of each coin minted under this Act shall bear the likeness of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark.

(4) GENERAL DESIGN.—In designing this coin, the Secretary shall also consider incorporating appropriate elements from the Jefferson Peace and Friendship Medal which Lewis and Clark presented to the Chiefs of the various Indian tribes they encountered and shall consider recognizing Native American culture.

(b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted under this Act shall be selected by the Secretary after consultation with the Commission of Fine Arts and shall be reviewed by the Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee.

SEC. 6. ISSUANCE OF COINS.

(a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

(b) MINT FACILITY.—Only 1 facility of the United States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality of the coins minted under this Act.

(c) PERIOD FOR ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may issue coins minted under this Act only during the period beginning on January 1, 2004, and ending on December 31, 2004.

SEC. 7. SALE OF COINS.

(a) SALE PRICE.—The coins issued under this Act shall be sold by the Secretary at a price equal to the sum of—

(1) the face value of the coins;

(2) the surcharge provided in subsection (d) with respect to such coins; and

(3) the cost of designing and issuing the coins (including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, overhead expenses, marketing, and shipping).

(b) BULK SALES.—The Secretary shall make bulk sales of the coins issued under this Act at a reasonable discount.

(c) PREPAID ORDERS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall accept prepaid orders for the coins minted under this Act before the issuance of such coins.

(2) DISCOUNT.—Sale prices with respect to prepaid orders under paragraph (1) shall be at a reasonable discount.

(d) SURCHARGES.—All sales of coins minted under this Act shall include a surcharge of $10 per coin.

SEC. 8. DISTRIBUTION OF SURCHARGES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to section 5134(f) of title 31, United States Code, the proceeds from the surcharges received by the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act shall be promptly paid by the Secretary as follows:

(1) NATIONAL LEWIS AND CLARK BICENTENNIAL COUNCIL.—⅔ to the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council, for activities associated with commemorating the bicentennial of the Expedition.

(2) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.—⅓ to the National Park Service for activities associated with commemorating the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

(b) AUDITS.—Each organization that receives any payment from the Secretary under this section shall be subject to the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code.

SEC. 9. FINANCIAL ASSURANCES.

(a) NO NET COST TO THE GOVERNMENT.—The Secretary shall take such actions as may be necessary to ensure that minting and issuing coins under this Act will not result in any net cost to the United States Government.

(b) PAYMENT FOR COINS.—A coin shall not be issued under this Act unless the Secretary has received—

(1) full payment for the coin;

(2) security satisfactory to the Secretary to indemnify the United States for full payment; or

(3) a guarantee of full payment satisfactory to the Secretary from a depository institution whose deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Administration Board.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAFALCE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER).

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this Member rises today to urge the passage of H.R. 1033, legislation introduced by this Member which authorizes the U.S. Department of the Treasury to mint 500,000 one-dollar coins to commemorate the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. The coins will be of legal tender. In addition, this measure will raise money to defer costs of bicentennial celebrations.

Original cosponsors of this legislation include the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER), the gentleman from North Dakota (Mr. POMEROY), the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BACHUS), and the gentleman from Montana (Mr. HILL), who is the co-chairman of the Lewis and Clark Caucus. Last Congress, a very similar bill was introduced by this Member; and we, in fact, had 299 House cosponsors.

This Member would especially like to thank the gentleman from Iowa (Chairman LEACH) and the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BACHUS) the subcommittee chairman for expediting the consideration of this legislation once House-Senate tactics on revenue measures on this Congressional measure were settled. I thank the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAFALCE) for his role, as well.

Mr. Speaker, it is important to note a Lewis and Clark commemorative coin bill, which this Member also introduced, conforming with all rules of the Committee on Banking and Financial Services, passed the House in the 105th Congress by a vote of 398 to 2, but was not individually passed by the Senate before the 105th Congress adjourned.

President Thomas Jefferson, eager to explore newly-acquired land from the Louisiana Purchase, chose Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to begin the expedition, which came to be called ''The Corps of Discovery.''

President Jefferson gave the following directive to Lewis and Clark to ''explore the Missouri River and such principal streams of it, as, by its course and communication with the waters of the Pacific Ocean, whether the Columbia, Oregon, Colorado, or any other river may offer the most direct and practicable water communication across this continent for the purposes of commerce.''

Lewis and Clark departed St. Louis on May 14, 1804, and returned to St. Louis 28 months later on September 23, 1806. The journey covered 8,000 miles of the land which now constitutes the States of Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon.

This expedition was one of the most remarkable and productive military and scientific exploring expeditions in all of American history. This expedition advanced our geographical knowledge of the continent and its beautiful natural resources.

In addition, the expedition greatly enhanced amicable relationships and nurtured a mutual friendship and respect between the United States and the autonomous American Indian nations. Furthermore, Sacajawea, the young Native American woman who was a guide and interpreter for the expedition, deserves our acknowledgment and admiration.

In addition, the distinguished Senator from North Dakota, Senator BYRON DORGAN, has simultaneously introduced a companion bill on this subject in the other body, S. 1187.

Under H.R. 1033, these coins will include the likeness of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark and the U.S. Mint considers incorporating appropriate elements from the Jefferson Peace and Friendship Medal which Lewis and Clark presented to the chiefs of the various Indian tribes they encountered and shall consider recognizing Native American culture.

In its 1997 report, the congressionally authorized Citizens Coin Advisory Committee recommended commemorating the Lewis and Clark Expedition with the coin. This Lewis and Clark Commemorative Coin authorized by this legislation will be scheduled to be minted and into circulation in the year 2004.

The legislation provides that the net proceeds from the surcharges included in the price of the coin shall be distributed to the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council, two-thirds of it, and the National Park Service, the remaining third, to be used by the Park Service for activities associated with commemorating the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Thus, this contribution from the proceeds of coin sales to the Park Service will save taxpayers on currently planned Lewis and Clark events.

The legislation also includes language requiring the Department of the Treasury to take action necessary to ensure that the minting and issuing of the coins result in no net costs to the United States.

Moreover, the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council, which advocates this commemorative coin, is an outgrowth of the Lewis and Clark Trails Foundation, Incorporated, which was created in 1969 to continue the work of the 1964 congressionally established Lewis and Clark Trails Commission.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, this Member believes that the courage and resilience and discoveries of Lewis and Clark assisted by Native Americans along the route of their great expedition, ''The Corps of Discovery,'' left an indelible and lasting contribution to the settlement and perhaps to the ultimate boundaries of the United States.

Lewis and Clark, in 1804, began an expedition from St. Louis into the unknown wilderness of the West.

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They returned in 1806 with a wealth of knowledge and experience which has been invaluable in the development of the United States and the American Nation. We still stand in awe of their intrepid journey to explore the American West.

Therefore, this Member would strongly encourage his colleagues to vote for H.R. 1033, the Lewis and Clark Commemorative Coin Bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LAFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1033, and I give special commendation to the principal author of the bill, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER), and to the two Democratic lead sponsors on the bill, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER) and the gentleman from North Dakota (Mr. POMEROY). I commend them for their fine work advancing it to the House floor.

The bill requires the Secretary of the Treasury to mint a coin commemorating the Lewis and Clark expedition. The expedition, led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, was one of the most remarkable and productive scientific and military expeditions in all American history.

At the direction of President Thomas Jefferson, Lewis and Clark led an expedition force of some 40 soldiers and civilians up the Missouri river, across the Rocky Mountains, along the Columbia River to the Pacific Ocean. The expedition covered a vast stretch of America's territory, over 8,000 miles, and 11 future States, including what is now Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

The pioneering spirits of Lewis and Clark culminated in the development of new maps for uncharted territories and a collection and study of previously unknown species of plants and animals. With their new glimpse of uncharted territories, Lewis and Clark inspired subsequent generations of Americans to push the American frontier to the Pacific ocean.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation celebrates this historic geographical and scientific exploration of the United States. The minting and issuance of the Lewis and Clark commemorative coin will be done at no cost to the American taxpayer and proceeds from its sale will accrue to the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council and the National Park Service. Both of these organizations are currently preparing for the bicentennial celebration of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support passage of H.R. 1033.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER), the chief Democratic sponsor of this bill.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman yielding me this time, and I appreciate the leadership of the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER). I would like to express my strong support for H.R. 1033, the Lewis and Clark Expedition Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act. I hope this time we get it through, that there are not hang-ups.

I was pleased with what the House did in the last session. It is of particular interest to me as the only graduate of Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon, the namesake of the great explorers; in fact, both my degrees are from the institution. I grew up in the Pacific Northwest, steeped in the lore and tradition that surrounded the Lewis and Clark expedition.

It is very important to us in the Pacific Northwest. One hundred years ago in our community, the centennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition was celebrated in a world's fair that had a profound impact on our community, on the Pacific Northwest and the West Coast in general.

This resolution, which passed the House last year and has been ably described by the gentleman from Nebraska and the gentleman from New York, has the potential of providing resources for a national celebration of this undertaking. I will not bore Members or our guests with further recitation of that exploration, but suffice it to say that over 200 years ago when President Jefferson coaxed the Congress to appropriate $2,500 for this exploration, it was money well spent; and I think that the resources that will be invested in this celebration will likewise be well spent.

There is a great deal that we need to do to reconnect with our friends in the Native American communities in the 11 States throughout the passage of the expedition, for us to acknowledge the contributions they made and understand what it means in today's world to be connected to people of other ethnic backgrounds, particularly Native Americans, but also I think this is an international respect as well.

It is a chance for our Nation to reflect on the power of exploration and scientific advancement, to reach out to others in the Native American community who were a part of that exploration, who on more than one occasion rescued the explorers. It is an opportunity for us as a Nation to reflect on our ancestors who had the ability to dream on a vast scale.

Today, we need this observance and all that it requires to help us face our destiny in a new century. I am pleased to be associated with the legislation and hope that the House will act expeditiously.

Mr. LAFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. I want to simply conclude by thanking the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER). During the last Congress he was extremely helpful in us getting the 290 cosponsors to meet the subcommittee requirement, and I appreciate his effort and his long interest in Lewis and Clark.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 1033.

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1033, the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act, and I want to personally thank Congressman BEREUTER, the sponsor of the legislation, for his work on this issue.

Nearly two hundred years after the Corps of Discovery, Americans of all ages have begun a national pilgrimage to follow the steps of Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. The journey today stands as one of the most remarkable and productive scientific and military exploring expeditions in all of American History. H.R. 1033 recognizes this extraordinary journey and the discipline, sacrifice and strength shown by Lewis and Clark by authorizing the Treasury to mint one-dollar and half-dollar coins to commemorate the bicentennial of the expedition.

The bill will not only serve to highlight this historic expedition and the roles of Meriwether Lewis, William Clark, and the many Native Americans who aided in the journey, but it will also provide a source of financial support for commemorative activities. After the cost of minting is covered, the proceeds from the sale of the coin will be distributed to the National Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Council and the National Park Service which will allow both entities to continue their work in planning and organizing bicentennial events.

As we continue preparing for the bicentennial of this historic expedition, it is important that Congress play an active role in supporting and promoting its commemoration. I urge my colleagues to recognize the importance of the Lewis and Clark expedition to the nation and the efforts of the bicentennial council and the National Park Service to highlight its bicentennial by passing this legislation.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1033.

The question was taken.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

LEIF ERICSON MILLENNIUM COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 31) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in conjunction with the minting of coins by the Republic of Iceland in commemoration of the millennium of the discovery of the New World by Leif Ericson.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 31

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Leif Ericson Millennium Commemorative Coin Act''.

SEC. 2. COIN SPECIFICATIONS.

(a) $1 SILVER COINS.—In conjunction with the simultaneous minting and issuance of commemorative coins by the Republic of Iceland in commemoration of the millennium of the discovery of the New World by Leif Ericson, the Secretary of the Treasury (hereafter in this Act referred to as the ''Secretary'') shall mint and issue not more than 500,000 1 dollar coins, which shall—

(1) weigh 26.73 grams;

(2) have a diameter of 1.500 inches; and

(3) contain 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper.

(b) LEGAL TENDER.—The coins minted under this Act shall be legal tender, as provided in section 5103 of title 31, United States Code.

(c) NUMISMATIC ITEMS.—For purposes of section 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all coins minted under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

SEC. 3. SOURCES OF BULLION.

The Secretary may obtain silver for minting coins under this Act from any available source, including stockpiles established under the Strategic and Critical Materials Stock Piling Act.

SEC. 4. DESIGN OF COINS.

(a) DESIGN REQUIREMENTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The design of the coins minted under this Act shall be emblematic of the millennium of the discovery of the New World by Leif Ericson.

(2) DESIGNATION AND INSCRIPTIONS.—On each coin minted under this Act there shall be—

(A) a designation of the value of the coin;

(B) an inscription of the year ''2000''; and

(C) inscriptions of the words ''Liberty'', ''In God We Trust'', ''United States of America'', and ''E Pluribus Unum''.

(b) SELECTION.—The design for the coins minted under this Act shall be—

(1) selected by the Secretary after consultation with the Leifur Eiríkson Foundation and the Commission of Fine Arts; and

(2) reviewed by the Citizens Commemorative Coin Advisory Committee.

SEC. 5. ISSUANCE OF COINS.

(a) QUALITY OF COINS.—Coins minted under this Act shall be issued in uncirculated and proof qualities.

(b) MINT FACILITY.—Only 1 facility of the United States Mint may be used to strike any particular quality of the coins minted under this Act.

(c) COMMENCEMENT OF ISSUANCE.—The Secretary may issue coins minted under this Act beginning January 1, 2000.

(d) TERMINATION OF MINTING AUTHORITY.—No coins may be minted under this Act after December 31, 2000.

SEC. 6. SURCHARGES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—All sales of coins minted under this Act shall include a surcharge of $10 per coin.

(b) DISTRIBUTION.—All surcharges received by the Secretary from the sale of coins issued under this Act shall be promptly paid by the Secretary to the Leifur Eiríkson Foundation for the purpose of funding student exchanges between students of the United States and students of Iceland.

(c) AUDITS.—The Leifur Eiríkson Foundation shall be subject to the audit requirements of section 5134(f)(2) of title 31, United States Code, with regard to the amounts received by the Foundation under subsection (b).

SEC. 7. GENERAL WAIVER OF PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), no provision of law governing procurement or public contracts shall be applicable to the procurement of goods and services necessary for carrying out the provisions of this Act.

(b) EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.—Subsection (a) shall not relieve any person entering into a contract under the authority of this Act from complying with any law relating to equal employment opportunity.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LEACH) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAFALCE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LEACH).

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 31, a bill that will implement a unique program to issue a millennium commemorative dollar coin. The year 2000 will mark the 1,000th anniversary of the voyage of discovery by Leif Ericson, an Icelander, who was the son of Eric the Red, a Norseman, in 1000 A.D. Ericson set off from Iceland to explore lands to the west, beyond Greenland. Recent archaeological research has confirmed evidence of contemporaneous European settlement on Newfoundland as a result of this voyage and its successors.

A unique feature of this bill is that it would permit the simultaneous issuance of a commemorative U.S. silver dollar and a silver Kronor Icelandic coin, both produced by the United States Mint and both celebrating the voyage of Leif Ericson. Both of these coins would be produced in limited mintages with 250,000 silver dollars authorized. This will be a significant numismatic event, a 1,000-year anniversary, two countries jointly issuing coins commemorating the same event, a limited boxed edition of both coins being issued by the Mint and the surcharge proceeds going to promote scholarship and student exchanges between the two countries.

Interestingly, the Icelandic coin will depict Leif Ericson as he appears on a statue that stands today in Reykjavik. This statue of the great explorer was created by the sculptor Stirling Calder, father of another great artist of this century, Alexander Calder, and was presented by the United States Congress to the parliament of Iceland, known as the Althing, on its 1,000th anniversary in 1930. It is very appropriate that our relatively young country take this opportunity to commemorate a 1,000-year link to Europe and one of the earliest of the many ethnic strains that make up our society today. During the year 2000 the Smithsonian will be mounting a traveling exhibition devoted to the millennium of the Viking contacts with the new world. It will trace how the Nordic sagas recorded during these voyages entered European consciousness and the myth describing a fertile land far to the west. Recent archaeological finds hint that 11th century Viking explorers might have visited coastal and interior areas considerably to the south of the Newfoundland site. Additional research and scholarship funded by this coin program is designed to contribute to a better understanding of this hardy folk and their relationship to modern peoples of this hemisphere.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. BACHUS), the subcommittee chairman; and the gentleman from New York (Mr. LAFALCE) and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WATERS), the ranking members of the full committee and subcommittee, for their extraordinary cooperation.

As Members may recall, this bill passed this Chamber in the last Congress. I urge its adoption today.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LAFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in support of H.R. 31. I commend the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LEACH), the chairman of the committee, and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. VENTO), the distinguished ranking Democrat on the Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, for the tremendous work they have done on this bill. I would point out that the gentleman from Minnesota very much wanted to be the floor manager from the Democratic respective on this bill, but he had been apprised it would be taken up tomorrow, had made a number of previous important appointments that he simply could not break, and asked me to substitute in his stead.

This bill commemorates the millennium of Leif Ericson's arrival in the New World, a watershed event in the history of our continent. The bill would require the Secretary of the Treasury, in conjunction with the simultaneous minting and issuance by the Republic of Iceland of its own coin, to mint up to, I believe, one-half million dollars of one-dollar commemorative coins.

If I may ask the gentleman from Iowa, is it correct that it is one-half million, as opposed to 250,000?

Mr. LEACH. If the gentleman will yield, that is what the legislation suggests, that is correct.

Mr. LAFALCE. The coins will be made up of 90 percent silver and 10 percent copper, and will commemorate the importance of Leif Ericson's arrival in the New World nearly 1,000 years ago.

Mr. Speaker, the proceeds from the sale of this coin will go to the Leifur Eirikson Foundation, which will use the funds to finance student exchanges between the United States and the Republic of Iceland. I would urge all my colleagues to support the bill.

Mr. SABO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Leif Ericson, the Norse navigator and explorer, and to voice my support for the Leif Ericson Millennium Commemorative Coin Act.

Leif Ericson played a vital role in the European discovery of our continent. It is a role that, over the years, has not been widely recognized. Within the past 30 years, new historical evidence has surfaced to show that Leif Ericson landed in North America around 1000 A.D., almost 500 years prior to Christopher Columbus' arrival in the New World.

Leif Ericson was born around 970 A.D. in Greenland, son of the famous warrior, explorer, and discoverer of Greenland, ''Eric the Red.'' There are two traditional accounts of Leif Ericson's discovery of America. However, the one that is best upheld by the evidence states that a contemporary of Leif's, Bjarni Herjolfsson, chanced upon America after drifting off course. Herjolfsson did not land in the New World, but upon his return to Greenland, he described his course to Leif. Following Herjolfsson's course, Leif later landed in North America. He named the new land ''Vinland,'' after the plentiful supply of grapes he found there. He built a small settlement and spent the winter in Vinland before he returned to Greenland.

At the end of his career, Leif Ericson settled on his father's estate in Brattahlid, Greenland, where he lived until he died. It is rumored that he is buried in an unmarked grave in the Brattahlid cemetery.

The Leif Ericson Millennium Commemorative Coin Act will create silver dollars for the 1000-year anniversary of Ericson's landing in North America, in conjunction with a series of coins to be minted in the Republic of Iceland. All proceeds will support student exchanges between the U.S. and Iceland. This is an appropriate way to pay tribute to the pioneering spirit of Leif Ericson, and these coins will stand as symbols of his courage and perseverance—virtues we all must embrace in order to accomplish our goals.

Finally, this legislation will honor all Americans of Scandinavian descent. For generations, they have proven themselves brave and loyal Americans, carrying on the tradition of courage and exploration started by their Norse ancestors, including Leif Ericson.

Mr. LAFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. LEACH) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 31.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING UNITED STATES VICTORY IN THE COLD WAR AND FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 121) expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the victory of the United States in the cold war and the fall of the Berlin Wall, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 121

Whereas the cold war was an enduring struggle between communism and democracy throughout the second half of the 20th century;

Whereas an estimated 24,000,000 members of the United States Armed Forces served during the cold war;

Whereas 400,000,000 people were freed from the bondage of communism during the cold war in the countries then known as the Soviet Union, East Germany, Poland, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania;

Whereas the victory of the United States in the cold war will signify freedom and security for decades to come;

Whereas the fall of the Berlin Wall, one of the most significant events of the 20th century, symbolized the triumph of democracy over communism; and

Whereas November 9, 1999, will mark the 10th anniversary of this historic event: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That it is the sense of the Congress that the Nation should celebrate the victory of the United States in the cold war and the 10th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall by—

(1) promoting education about the cold war and its historical significance;

(2) supporting efforts to establish a memorial museum to victims of communism that reflects the suffering of millions of victims worldwide and the role of the United States in promoting freedom and democracy that led to the end of the cold war;

(3) celebrating peace, freedom, and the principles of democratic government;

(4) honoring and reflecting upon the role of the United States in the international struggle for individual human rights and the evolution of the free enterprise system; and

(5) recognizing the veterans who served during the cold war.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) and the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN).

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. GILMAN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, this resolution, H. Con. Res. 121, recognizes the essential role played by our Nation and the men and women in our armed forces who served in Europe during the Cold War. I commend the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) for his effort to see that our victory in this protracted struggle with the forces of communism is duly recognized. I commend the gentleman from California (Mr. LANTOS) who is joining me today on this resolution.

Ten years ago, the Berlin Wall, one of the enduring symbols of the brutality and repression of the Communist system, was finally brought down. It was the remarkable culmination of the 40-year struggle between the forces of freedom and liberty and those of tyranny and oppression. During this struggle, our citizens and those of Europe had a nuclear sword of Damocles hanging over them, and it is one of the truly noteworthy events in human history that it ended not with a bloody upheaval but a jubilant celebration by those on both sides of the Wall who never let their faith in democratic government and the intrinsic good of liberty desert them.

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Our victory was not completely bloodless, however, and a number of members of our Armed Forces, our public officials and ordinary citizens made the greatest sacrifice in order to bring about victory. So too did many of the people of Eastern Europe, some of whom were killed simply trying to escape from beyond the Iron Curtain and others who died resisting the tyrannical forces that ruled over them. This resolution is an appropriate tribute to all those who sacrificed so much.

Accordingly, I urge the House to unanimously approve H. Con. Res. 121.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

At the outset, let me commend my good friend, the distinguished chairman of the Committee on International Relations, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN), for bringing this resolution to the floor and for his decades of dedicated service on behalf of the democracy and freedom in Europe and elsewhere. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of this resolution.

Mr. Speaker, it is important, as we pay tribute to our own political leadership on a bipartisan basis during the Cold War and to the 24 million men and women who served the United States in uniform during the Cold War, that we recognize that the victory was not ours alone; it was ours, and it was the victory of equally committed freedom-loving democratic people throughout the

NATO alliance. From Norway to Spain, men and women committed to freedom and democracy and to opposing totalitarian regimes joined with us in succeeding in this tremendous historic victory that was symbolized by the collapse of the Berlin Wall.

The distinguished Democratic leader, the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GEPHARDT) and I happened to be in Berlin, Mr. Speaker, as the Berlin Wall was being dismantled. We were there along with scores of others from many countries chipping away at the wall and bringing home with us tiny segments of that symbol of tyranny. The Berlin Wall, as my colleagues will note, is the only wall ever erected in history not to keep the enemy out, but to keep the people inside this wall so they could not escape, and yet scores of individuals in a variety of ways, many of them giving their lives in the process, broke out, tried to break away from an era of tyranny.

I think we also need to pay enormous tribute to the people who lived within the Soviet Union and within the Soviet satellites who gave their lives to fight those regimes, the tens of thousands of refuseniks and dissidents and slaves of the giant gulag archipelago whose sacrifices far exceeded the sacrifices of all of us who lived in the free world.

I think it is important to realize, Mr. Speaker, that while the collapse of the Berlin Wall symbolized the end of the Cold War, it surely did not symbolize our struggle against tyranny, and, as we applaud our victory and the victory of our allies and the victory of the dissidents in the Soviet Empire over totalitarianism and tyranny, it is important for us to pay tribute to the judgment and determination of those who led the fight against the tyranny more recently in Bosnia Herzegovina and Kosovo.

The struggling Kosovo is a direct continuation of the Cold War. The name of the dictator has changed from Stalin to Milosevic, but the underlying issues have remained the same, and those who feel that we have seen the end of history have a thing coming. History has not ended. The voices of tyranny, the attempt to suppress and persecute people because of their political beliefs, ethnic backgrounds, religious views continues. And while we are all rejoicing in the collapse of the Berlin Wall, we are all rejoicing in our victory in the Cold War over the Soviet Union, the struggle goes on.

As our distinguished Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, reminded us on a recent occasion, problems neglected abroad will eventually reach our shores. This should be a reminder to all the neo-isolationists that the collapse of the Berlin Wall is not the end of our effort, but just a significant milestone in our struggle against totalitarian tyranny.

Mr. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of H. Con. Res. 121 which commemorates victory in the Cold War and the 10th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Most of us in the Congress today do not remember much of a time beyond what we refer to as the Cold War. Fortunately, for most of our children today, most of them will not remember a time which we refer to as the Cold War.

The Cold War between the U.S. and the Soviet Union was the defining international and military challenge which we faced for a half a century. It took many forms from an arms race, to a space race, from a debate about ideology to even a debate about the superiority of kitchens, but through it all, the U.S. remained firm and committed to winning the struggle against a totalitarian vision of government and society. This ominous vision is acknowledged by countries which suffered under totalitarian socialism to be bankrupt and without foundation.

The Cold War necessitated a world wide network of bases and the capacity to project American power overseas quickly and with effective force any where in the world. In the course of the Cold War, we had hot wars in Korea and Vietnam. My home island of Guam was instrumental in the prosecution of both wars and played an important part of the network of bases from which we could counteract the challenges presented by the Soviet Union and their allies. In fact, for many years, the people of Guam saw Soviet fishermen and their boats near the coast of Guam, fishing in decidedly unproductive grounds for fish, but productive for electronic eavesdropping and the monitoring of American military assets as they moved through Guam and the island's considerable military infrastructure. In order to prosecute both World War II and the Cold War, the military on Guam took enormous amounts of property in the 1940s and inappropriately stored and buried large amounts of military hardware, chemicals and weaponry some of which has just been discovered late last week.

I continue to work with the local military commands, the Pentagon, the administration and where necessary, the Congress to expedite the return of the lands no longer needed by the military and to make sure that the lands are adequately cleaned for agricultural or residential pursuits.

There is an unsung story about how we won the Cold War and how we need to bring closure to an embarrassing chapter of our own history. At the height of the arms race with the Soviet Union, our government decided to conduct nuclear tests in the Marshall Islands. Over the course of several years, some 66 nuclear devices were detonated in these islands which have made prominent names such places as Bikini, Eniwetok, Rongelap and Utirik. As the U.S. became more powerful, the Marshallese became enfeebled by radiation and its consequences which are with us today. There have been many good faith efforts on our government's part to provide appropriate redress and medical treatment for these very innocent victims of the Cold War and the Arms Race. However, we must continue to monitor and update our efforts to make sure that the latest information and research is applied to the historical data and present day conditions of the Marshallese. This is a continuing obligation of the United States which we should not forget as we commemorate the winning of the Cold War and the fall of the Berlin Wall in Europe.

The Cold War began in Europe and it is entirely appropriate that the fall of the Berlin Wall become the defining event which signaled its end. However, let us not forget that the Cold War was a world wide phenomenon and let us not forget the contributions of small Pacific islands to that struggle. Let us not forget that the Cold War had innocent victims. Let us not forget that the legacy of the Cold War is not just in the triumph of the ideals of democracy, but in the triumph of justice. The Cold War was a very just war, an effort that we all supported; but we must remember that not everything done in the pursuit of just aims can be entirely justified.

Congratulations to all of the men and women of our armed forces who served with distinction and a special sense of self-sacrifice, congratulations to all of our past Presidents who provided the leadership which ultimately resulted in the fall of the Berlin Wall and let us also remember all of the communities, both in the Pacific and in the North American continent which contributed their human and land resources for military facilities and nuclear testing.

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I want to begin by thanking my friend, Chairman BEN GILMAN, for marking up House Concurrent Resolution 121. This resolution states that it is the sense of Congress that Americans should celebrate our victory in the cold war in conjunction with the 10th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, which will be November 9th of this year.

As the 20th century slips away from us, November 9th, 1989 will always be one of its most historic and defining moments. On that night, the world watched as Berliners celebrated an end to the tyranny that had separated them from their friends and families. As the people took the Berlin Wall down brick-by-brick with their own bare hands, they were also bringing the future of communism to its knees. It was a turning-point in world civilization and a night to remember. Most importantly, it was a night we can't afford to let America forget.

Twenty-eight years before that night, the Soviets built a wall through a divided Germany, intent on keeping East Germans from fleeing to the West. Berliners awoke on the morning of August 13, 1961, to find their city divided. People began to risk their lives to flee from the tyranny. One of the saddest stories was that of eighteen-year-old Peter Fechter, a bricklayer apprentice in East Berlin. On August 17, 1962, he and a friend attempted to escape to the West over the wall near the infamous military post called ''Checkpoint Charlie.'' Peter's friend made it over the wall, but Peter was shot and fell into 'no man's land' between barbed wire and concrete. He cried for help for 50 minutes before he bled to death. From the western side of the Wall, American soldiers could only throw first-aid kits at him. Over the twenty-eight years that the Wall stood, dozens of freedom-seeking East Germans would share Peter's fate. These people, who sacrificed their lives in an attempt to reach freedom, are proof that American dedication to fight the forces of communism was an important contribution to humanity.

The Berlin Wall was a tragic microcosm of the Cold War, and the Cold War was perhaps the most defining event in American history. America was willing and committed to fight for

and protect individual human rights and democratic principles. The Cold War was an international struggle for the very principles our nation was founded on, the essence of our existence. America's Cold War victory wasn't just a victory for the U.S., it was a victory for mankind. It was a victory for Peter Fechter, who would never live to see it. Our cold war victory echoed through the microcosm of Berlin when the two East German border guards who shot Peter Fechter were convicted of manslaughter in March of 1997.

There are so many stories like those of Peter Fechter. Stories of people who died trying to flee, stories of people who successfully escaped, stories of soldiers fighting communist forces on the front lines, and stories of those who fought for freedom from behind the lines. These stories can be pieced together like a jigsaw puzzle to create a defining moment in history. The Cold War has consumed our history for the second half of the 20th Century. Who can forget the fear we felt during the Cuban Missile Crisis? The pride we felt when the American flag was planted on the moon during the space race? The anger we felt when the Soviets shot down Korean Air flight 007? America sent thousands and thousands of men to Korea and Vietnam, committed trillions of dollars in resources, and stood by its vow to fight the repression of communism.

I believe that it's important for our nation to celebrate our monumental achievement in winning this war, and to recognize the 24 million servicemen who dedicated their lives to the cause. Because the Cold War did not involve an official surrender with the signing of a document on a single day, our nation has never had the immediate opportunity to give the Cold War its due recognition. This year, on the tenth anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, it is time to commemorate our victory. I ask my colleagues to support House Concurrent Resolution 121.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, H. Con. Res. 121, as amended.

The question was taken.

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

CONGRATULATING PERU AND ECUADOR FOR ENDING BORDER DISPUTE

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 25) congratulating the Government of Peru and the Government of Ecuador for signing a peace agreement ending a border dispute which has resulted in several military clashes over the past 50 years.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 25

Whereas the Governments of Peru and Ecuador have been engaged in a serious border dispute dating as far back as Spanish colonial times;

Whereas the Rio Protocol signed in 1942 between Peru and Ecuador, and guaranteed by 4 nations including the United States, failed to settle the dispute;

Whereas Peru and Ecuador have gone to war 3 times over the border areas with the most recent clashes taking place in 1995 resulting in dozens of deaths on both sides; and

Whereas the Governments of Peru and Ecuador recently completed long and difficult negotiations and reached a final settlement of the dispute on October 26, 1998: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) congratulates the Governments of Peru and Ecuador for ending the border dispute between their two countries which has been a source of armed conflict for over 50 years;

(2) commends the Presidents of both nations for personally becoming involved in the negotiations and for reaching this historic agreement;

(3) recognizes the commitment of the Presidents of the guarantor nations of Argentina, Brazil, and Chile, along with the United States, in seeking a viable solution to the border dispute;

(4) urges both the Governments of Peru and Ecuador to honor the border settlement and to cooperate with each other in bringing peace, stability, and economic development to the troubled area; and

(5) reaffirms the commitment of the United States to support both governments in the implementation of the border agreement.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Res. 25.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. GILMAN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend our distinguished Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere chairman, the gentleman from California (Mr. GALLEGLY), and his ranking minority member, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) for introducing this resolution. It is appropriate that the Congress should acknowledge and commend Peru and Ecuador for achieving a permanent settlement of the border dispute that has cost lives on both sides of the conflict for a number of decades, has lost too many people and has upset Andean regional harmony.

Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori and Ecuadoran President Jamil Mahuad deserve credit for their personal leadership and courage in guiding their nations to establishing this peace agreement.

The negotiation of the peace accord was made possible by the concerted diplomatic efforts of Argentina, Brazil, Chile and the United States acting as guarantors under the 1942 Rio Accord. The United States is very fortunate to have Ambassador Luigi Einaudi leading our efforts in support of this negotiation as our special envoy. His unparalleled skill and experience doubtlessly contributed mightily to this diplomatic success.

The permanent resolution of the conflict between the nations of Peru and Ecuador also established an important precedent for regional cooperation. In response to the 1995 hostilities, the guarantor countries fielded the military observer mission, Ecuador/Peru known as MOMEP. The U.S. initially contributed helicopters and some 60 in personnel. In 1997, Brazil purchased four Blackhawk helicopters and took over MOMEP's air support operations.

MOMEP's mission ended on June 30. This is certainly an appropriate moment to extend our sincere thanks to the men and women from our military who have served the cause of peace so well in this remote part of South America, and a special word of thanks to the Government of Brazil for its leadership and substantial contribution to MOMEP is also in order.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the ranking Democrat on the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, the gentleman from New York (Mr. ACKERMAN) who is an original cosponsor of this resolution, let me just say that we are pleased to see the House considering it today. The nearly 60-year-old border dispute with Ecuador and Peru was the most dangerous unresolved border dispute in this entire hemisphere. Fighting in the border area, which erupted seriously in 1995, threatened to destabilize a region which already faces so many other challenges. This resolution commends the United States, Argentina, Brazil, and Chile, countries which as guarantor parties helped to bring a 1995 cease-fire and facilitate negotiations for a permanent peace.

First and foremost, it commends the Presidents and governments of Peru and Ecuador for negotiating a peace agreement that was signed last October, and since signing the peace agreement Ecuador and Peru have moved to implement the comprehensive agreement and to improve relations between its respective countries.

A few weeks ago Presidents Fujimori and Mahuad met at the border to seal the agreement. They do still need our help. International support is needed for some elements of the peace settlement, especially an agreement on border integration and development.

Manifestations of international support along the lines of what we are doing here today for the peace process will help to ensure its full implementation.

But, Mr. Speaker, I would be remiss if at the same time that we are congratulating Peru along with Ecuador for peace on their border I did not also mention some grave concerns that I and many colleagues in Congress have at this time regarding Peru. I am concerned about an erosion in Peru's democracy. Freedom of expression, judicial independence from the executive, and other aspects of the country's democracy have been threatened recently.

I know we will have other opportunities in the near future to address these concerns, I know that they are concerns shared by our distinguished chairman of the committee. I would only urge Peru that while we today in the Congress congratulate and that while itself as the government congratulates itself and the Peruvian people for reaching peace with Ecuador, it also look inward and make sure that Peruvian peace and democracy are not threatened at home.

Mr. GALLEGLY. I rise, as author of House Resolution 25 and as Chairman of the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, in support of H. Res. 25 which congratulates the governments of Ecuador and Peru for ending their long and violent border dispute.

For as far back as Spanish colonial times, Ecuador and Peru have disagreed over the border separating their two countries. Ecuador had always hoped to maintain a border which would give them access to waterways to the Amazon River and a commercial link to the Atlantic. In 1942 a Rio Protocol, which favored the Peruvian claim, was signed between the two nations and guaranteed by four nations including the United States. Despite the international guarantee, the dispute was never resolved.

Over the course of the past 50 years, both countries have engaged in violent military clashes with the most recent one taking place in 1995 resulting in dozens of deaths on both sides. In 1998, with both countries experiencing an economic downturn and both sides desiring to ease the military tensions, President Fujimori of Peru and newly elected President Mahuad of Ecuador decided to take matters into their own hands to resolve the crisis. After months of personal diplomacy by the two leaders, a final resolution was presented by the Guarantor nations and both Presidents signed the border agreement.

H. Res. 25 recognizes the achievement of this peaceful resolution of the dispute and congratulates the personal diplomacy of both Presidents as being instrumental in resolving this issue. It also commends the work of the United States, Brazil, Argentina and Chile in helping to develop the final agreement.

I want to thank the distinguished Chairman of the International Relations Committee, BEN GILMAN, for helping to bring this measure to the Floor for consideration and I urge the House to pass this resolution.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 25.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

IRAN NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION PREVENTION ACT OF 1999

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1477) to withhold voluntary proportional assistance for programs and projects of the International Atomic Energy Agency relating to the development and completion of the Bushehr nuclear power plant in Iran, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 1477

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''Iran Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Act of 1999''.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

The Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Iran remains the world's leading sponsor of international terrorism and is on the Department of State's list of countries that provide support for acts of international terrorism.

(2) Iran has repeatedly called for the destruction of Israel and Iran supports organizations, such as Hizballah, Hamas, and the Palestine Islamic Jihad, which are responsible for terrorist attacks against Israel.

(3) Iranian officials have stated their intent to complete at least three nuclear power plants by 2015 and are currently working to complete the Bushehr nuclear power plant located on the Persian Gulf coast.

(4) The United States has publicly opposed the completion of reactors at the Bushehr nuclear power plant because the transfer of civilian nuclear technology and training could help to advance Iran's nuclear weapons program.

(5) In an April 1997 hearing before the Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate, the former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, James Woolsey, stated that through the operation of the nuclear power reactor at the Bushehr nuclear power plant, Iran will develop substantial expertise relevant to the development of nuclear weapons.

(6) Construction of the Bushehr nuclear power plant was halted following the 1979 revolution in Iran because the former West Germany refused to assist in the completion of the plant due to concerns that completion of the plant could provide Iran with expertise and technology which could advance Iran's nuclear weapons program.

(7) In January 1995 Iran signed a $780,000,000 contract with the Russian Federation for Atomic Energy (MINATOM) to complete a VVER–1000 pressurized-light water reactor at the Bushehr nuclear power plant and in November 1998, Iran and Russia signed a protocol to expedite the construction of the nuclear reactor, setting a new timeframe of 52 months for its completion.

(8) In November 1998, Iran asked Russia to prepare a feasibility study to build three more nuclear reactors at the Bushehr site.

(9) Iran is building up its offensive military capacity in other areas as evidenced by its recent testing of engines for ballistic missiles capable of carrying 2,200 pound warheads more than 800 miles, within range of strategic targets in Israel.

(10) Iran ranks tenth among the 105 nations receiving assistance from the technical cooperation program of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

(11) Between 1995 and 1999, the International Atomic Energy Agency has provided and is expected to provide a total of $1,550,000 through its Technical Assistance and Cooperation Fund for the Iranian nuclear power program, including reactors at the Bushehr nuclear power plant.

(12) In 1999 the International Atomic Energy Agency initiated a program to assist Iran in the area of uranium exploration. At the same time it is believed that Iran is seeking to acquire the requisite technology to enrich uranium to weapons-grade levels.

(13) The United States provides annual contributions to the International Atomic Energy Agency which total more than 25 percent of the annual assessed budget of the Agency and the United States also provides annual voluntary contributions to the Technical Assistance and Cooperation Fund of the Agency which total approximately 32 percent ($18,250,000 in 1999) of the annual budget of the program.

(14) The United States should not voluntarily provide funding for the completion of nuclear power reactors which could provide Iran with substantial expertise to advance its nuclear weapons program and potentially pose a threat to the United States or its allies.

(15) Iran has no need for nuclear energy because of its immense oil and natural gas reserves which are equivalent to 9.3 percent of the world's reserves and Iran has 73,000,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas, an amount second only to the natural gas reserves of Russia.

SEC. 3. WITHHOLDING OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY FOR PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS IN IRAN.

Section 307 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2227) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(d) Notwithstanding subsection (c), the limitations of subsection (a) shall apply to programs and projects of the International Atomic Energy Agency in Iran, unless the Secretary of State makes a determination in writing to the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate that such programs and projects are consistent with United States nuclear nonproliferation and safety goals, will not provide Iran with training or expertise relevant to the development of nuclear weapons, and are not being used as a cover for the acquisition of sensitive nuclear technology. A determination made by the Secretary of State under the preceding sentence shall be effective for the 1-year period beginning on the date of the determination.''.

SEC. 4. ANNUAL REVIEW BY SECRETARY OF STATE OF PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY; UNITED STATES OPPOSITION TO PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OF THE AGENCY IN IRAN.

(a) ANNUAL REVIEW.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall undertake a comprehensive annual review of all programs and projects of the International Atomic Energy Agency in the countries described in section 307(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2227(a)) and shall determine if such programs and projects are consistent with United States nuclear nonproliferation and safety goals.

(2) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act and on an annual basis thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary shall prepare and submit to the Congress a report containing the results of the review under paragraph (1).

(b) OPPOSITION TO CERTAIN PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OF INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY.—The Secretary of State shall direct the United States representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency to oppose programs of the Agency that are determined by the Secretary under the review conducted under subsection (a)(1) to be inconsistent with nuclear nonproliferation and safety goals of the United States.

SEC. 5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and on an annual basis thereafter for 5 years, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the United States representative to the International Atomic Energy Agency, shall prepare and submit to the Congress a report that—

(1) describes the total amount of annual assistance to Iran from the International Atomic Energy Agency, a list of Iranian officials in leadership positions at the Agency, the expected timeframe for the completion of the nuclear power reactors at the Bushehr nuclear power plant, and a summary of the nuclear materials and technology transferred to Iran from the Agency in the preceding year which could assist in the development of Iran's nuclear weapons program; and

(2) contains a description of all programs and projects of the International Atomic Energy Agency in each country described in section 307(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2227(a)) and any inconsistencies between the technical cooperation and assistance programs and projects of the Agency and United States nuclear nonproliferation and safety goals in these countries.

(b) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT.—The report required to be submitted under subsection (a) shall be submitted in an unclassified form, to the extent appropriate, but may include a classified annex.

SEC. 7. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.

It is the sense of the Congress that the United States Government should pursue internal reforms at the International Atomic Energy Agency that will ensure that all programs and projects funded under the Technical Cooperation and Assistance Fund of the Agency are compatible with United States nuclear nonproliferation policy and international nuclear nonproliferation norms.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.R. 1477.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself as much time as I may consume.

(Mr. GILMAN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) for his perseverance on this important legislation. This bill is similar to legislation in the last Congress which was favorably reported by the committee and then passed by the House on August 3, 1998, by a vote of 405 to 134. This legislation amends current law to ensure that our Nation does not provide funding for the completion of any nuclear power reactors in Iran.

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We all know that the Iranians have dedicated significant resources to completing at least three nuclear power plants by the year 2015 and are now working with Russian assistance to complete the Bushehr nuclear power plant. The United States has opposed the completion of the reactor at the Bushehr facility because the transfer of civilian nuclear technology and training could help to advance Iran's nuclear weapons program.

Between 1995 and 1999, it is anticipated that the International Atomic Energy Agency, IAEA, will have provided over $1.5 million for the Iranian nuclear power program through its Technical Assistance and Cooperation Fund. Our Nation provides annual voluntary contributions to this fund totaling $60 million in 1996.

This bill does not halt our voluntary contribution to the IAEA, but its does require that none of our monies may be used to fund IAEA programs and projects in Iran, unless the Secretary of State certifies that such projects are consistent with the U.S. nuclear nonproliferation and safety goals, and will not provide Iran with training or expertise relevant to the development of weapons.

Mr. Speaker, this is exactly the right policy. Our Nation should not voluntarily provide funding which would help Iran complete nuclear power reactors that could assist them in developing their nuclear weapons program which could pose a threat to our Nation and to our allies.

This bill establishes two important reporting requirements: one will provide the Congress with a comprehensive report on IAEA assistance to Iran. The second requirement directs the Secretary of State to review IAEA programs and ensure that they are consistent with U.S. nuclear nonproliferation and safety goals. Based on that review, the Secretary of State shall direct the U.S. representative to the IAEA to oppose establishing any programs that are not consistent with our Nation's policy.

Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. MENENDEZ asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, let me first thank the distinguished chairman of the Committee on International Relations for both his support and encouragement in the committee, as well as today on the floor. This bill, which I have authored, seeks to protect the United States taxpayers from assisting countries like Iran which sponsor international terrorism, denounce the United States, and seek to develop weapons of mass destruction which may be used against us or our allies, from obtaining money indirectly from the United States through the International Atomic Energy Agency support for Iran's efforts to build a nuclear power plant on the Persian Gulf coast.

Let me first say that I recognize the importance of the International Atomic Energy Agency and its role in ensuring the safety of nuclear sites around the world. And so did the over 405 Members of the House who last year voted for this bill as well. But this bill will not affect the International Atomic Energy Administration's safeguards program, and the bill does not seek to withhold any funds to IAEA's safeguard program in Iran or elsewhere. The only funds affected by this bill are our voluntary, not assessed, contributions to the IAEA's Technical Assistance and Cooperation Fund for Iran.

Second, I have amended the bill from last year so that withholding is not mandatory. Withholding is contingent upon the Secretary of State's certification to this committee, the Committee on International Relations, of three things, which are, 1, that the International Atomic Energy Administration's activities in Iran are consistent with U.S. nuclear nonproliferation and safety goals; 2, that the International Atomic Energy Administration's activities will not provide Iran with training or expertise relevant to the development of nuclear weapons; and, 3, that the International Atomic Energy Administration's activities are not being used as a cover for the acquisition of sensitive nuclear technology.

If the Secretary can make that certification, then no funds will be withheld. If the Secretary cannot make that certification, then we are making the right decision by withholding funds.

Now, this bill is not a significant change in policy. In fact, prior to 1994, U.S. law required the withholding of proportional IAEA voluntary funds to all countries on our list of terrorist States; and despite the change in the law, the administration continued to withhold those funds for 2 more years until 1996.

What this bill does is require that the administration reinstate proportional

withholding of IAEA voluntary funds, those funds we pay above and beyond our membership fees for the Safeguard Program for Iran, if the Secretary cannot make the requisite certification. It also requires the Secretary of State to undertake a comprehensive review of all IAEA programs and projects in other states which sponsor international terrorism to determine if the IAEA is sponsoring any other projects which conflict with the United States' nuclear nonproliferation and safety goals. Clearly, our monies should not be going to any country, especially voluntary monies, if they oppose our own nuclear nonproliferation goals.

As it is, since the IAEA's inception, more than $52 million for the Technical Assistance and Cooperation Fund has gone to countries on the United States' list of states which sponsor terrorism. The United States is the largest supporter of the IAEA. We provide them with more than 25 percent of its annual budget. In the Technical Assistance and Cooperation Fund, we contribute about 32 percent, or over $18 million annually in voluntary funds.

It is from that fund that the IAEA is providing over $1.5 million to date for the development of the new Bushehr nuclear power plant. Moreover, the IAEA has launched a new program this year to help Iran in the area of uranium exploration. Clearly, when we suspect that Iran has the requisite technology to enrich uranium to weapons-grade levels, it is not a wise idea to help them in their efforts to locate more of it.

The Clinton administration has publicly stated its opposition to Iran's development of nuclear reactors and its concern about the development of the Bushehr nuclear power plant. In testimony before the United States Senate, Deputy Assistant Secretary Bob Einhorn explained, and I quote, ''In our views, this is a large reactor project. It will involve hundreds of Russians being in Iran, hundreds of Iranians or more being in Moscow being trained, and this large-scale kind of project can provide a kind of commercial cover for a number of activities that we would not like to see, perhaps much more sensitive activities than pursuing this power reactor project.

It also will inevitably provide additional training and expertise in the nuclear field for Iranian technicians. ''In our view,'' this is now the Deputy Assistant Secretary speaking, ''in our view, given Iran's intention to acquire nuclear weapons, we do not want to see them move up the nuclear learning curve at all, and we believe this project would contribute to them moving up that curve,'' and that is the end of the quote.

Last fall, during a press briefing at the State Department, its spokesman, James Rubin said of the Bushehr: ''We are convinced that Iran is using the Bushehr reactor project as a cover for acquiring sensitive Russian nuclear technology.''

Given Iran's historic support for terrorism, coupled with the fact that Iran boasts immense, immense oil and natural gas reserves and the seismic activity near Bushehr, we must question Tehran's motives for conducting expensive nuclear reactors. Moreover, the development of the nuclear reactors has been an economic nightmare for Iranians. Clearly, Iran does not need additional energy sources, considering it has some of the world's largest oil and natural gas reserves, nor is nuclear energy an economic choice for Iran.

So, in essence, what is it for? Clearly, the concerns expressed by the administration, clearly, those concerns are about nuclear weaponry. And if we add to that the fact that Iran's missile capacity has been developed, we now will not only have a uranium exploration and uranium enrichment, we now have all of the facets not only to create nuclear weapons, but to deliver them.

Mr. Speaker, we need to ask one basic question. Does it make sense for the United States and U.S. taxpayers to provide any kind of support for the construction of a nuclear reactor which we clearly and justifiably oppose.

This bill seeks to protect the United States taxpayers from assisting countries like Iran, which sponsors international terrorism. It seeks to make sure that our dollars are not going to develop weapons of mass destruction that can be used against us and our allies.

It is ludicrous for the United States to support a plan, even indirectly, which could pose a threat to its national security and to stability in the Middle East.

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

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1477.

The question was taken.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 2415, the American Embassy Security Act.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

AMERICAN EMBASSY SECURITY ACT OF 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILMAN). Pursuant to House Resolution 247 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 2415.

The Chair designates the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. KOLBE) as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, and requests the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PEASE) to assume the Chair temporarily.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 2415) to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes, with Mr. PEASE (Chairman pro tempore) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered as having been read the first time.

Under the rule, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) and the gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN).

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. GILMAN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, our Nation has never been more vulnerable to its enemies than today. Unfortunately, it took a catastrophic double bombing in East Africa to teach us that lesson. Twelve Americans, 10 Tanzanians, and over 200 Kenyans died when Osama bin Ladin's terrorists blew up our American embassies in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam nearly 1 year ago.

This tragedy revealed that our overseas diplomats and other officials, Americans who risk their lives for our Nation, are in grave danger. I am happy to report, however, that we are doing something about this danger. We are moving quickly to protect our people. Last year, the Congress passed and the President signed an emergency appropriation of $1.4 billion for security enhancements worldwide.

Let me start my remarks with a rundown of just what has happened in the past 12 months: Kenya, August 7; 1998; Tanzania, August 7, 1998; Moscow, our Moscow embassy, March 1999; Skopje, Macedonia, March 1999; Beijing, China, May 8, 1999; Chengdu in China, May 8, 1999.

Let me reach back a little further to June 25, 1996, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia where a truck bomb exploded next to the fence of the Khobar Towers military housing, killing 19 American servicemen and injuring over 502 other people.

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Mr. Chairman, H.R. 2415, the American Embassy Security Act, continues a work initiated last fall on security for our embassies.

We authorized the full $1.4 billion that had been recommended by Admiral William Crowe, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who chaired the Accountability Review Boards that examined American diplomatic security records.

The men and women who represent us abroad know that their work is not risk free, but if we are going to ask them to put themselves in harm's way we need to do everything possible to protect them from terrorism.

After last August's bombings, the Accountability Review Boards were established with Admiral Crowe, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff under President Reagan, serving as chairman of those boards. The Crowe boards recommended a long-term solution to the problem, including enhanced security measures, increased security personnel, and a capital building program based on requirements to meet the new range of global terrorist threats.

This bill fully funds the recommendations of Crowe's accountability review boards. The administration's request regrettably did not. H.R. 2415's full-fledged security program has won the endorsements not only of Admiral Crowe but also former Secretaries of State James Baker and Larry Eagleburger. FBI Director Louis Freeh has expressed his support for provisions in this bill that will help the FBI respond to any global crisis. Overall, this bill specifically authorizes $2.4 billion in spending for fiscal year 2000; authorizes funding for refugees and for Radio Free Asia; for minority recruitment and for the Human Rights Bureau. Many other accounts in this bill are authorized for such sums as may be necessary, delaying the final decision on funding levels to the Committee on Appropriations.

These include the regular operations for the State Department, which now includes the U.S. Information Agency and its public diplomacy programs, and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and International Broadcasting. These operations support broadcasting to our enemies in Iraq, in North Korea, and other rogue nations, as well as standard visa and support services for our constituents when they are overseas. The bill also supports programs to combat visa/passport fraud and to operate antiterrorism programs. The antiterrorism programs include a rewards program to give law enforcement a means to go after suspected terrorists.

Note the poster that has been broadly distributed, posting a $5 million reward for information leading to the arrest or conviction of the person responsible for the bombing of the two embassies. It contains important foreign policy provisions. For example, it requires a report to the Congress from the administration on the extent of international narcotics trafficking through Cuba.

It also contains a provision approved by the Committee on the Judiciary to allow our FBI, in an emergency, to lease an aircraft. Too many precious hours were wasted last August while the FBI was held up trying to get to the crime scenes in east Africa.

I want to be clear to our colleagues that this bill does not authorize U.N. arrears money and does not contain U.N. reform measures. By agreement with the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) on our committee, this bill will not authorize U.N. arrears and will not contain a Mexico City pro-life family planning amendment. I want to underscore that this is not a foreign assistance bill. This bill is about security and operations and the management of our State Department and U.S. missions overseas.

This is a strong bipartisan measure that continues congressional support for a strong American response to terrorist threats. Accordingly, I urge my colleagues to vote to protect American lives and to vote for a strong American presence abroad and to support this measure, H.R. 2415.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, we have before us in H.R. 2415, the American Embassy Security Act of 1999, a bill that has been the result of extensive bipartisan effort, especially by my colleague, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH), by the ranking member of the Committee on International Relations, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. GEJDENSON), and by my chairman, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN). They recommend that we pass this bill; and although it has some reservations, so does the administration.

The Embassy Security Act has a number of outstanding provisions. The most important element is the one for which the bill is named.

Mr. Chairman, Americans all over the globe were shocked as our embassies in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and Nairobi, Kenya were rocked by bomb blasts. This was able to happen, in part, because most of our diplomatic posts are housed in buildings over 40 years old, and 85 percent of our embassy buildings do not meet appropriate security standards. This bill authorizes $1.5 billion for embassy construction and security upgrades, an amount recommended to us by the independent commission headed by Admiral Crowe that looked into security at our diplomatic posts after the Dar and Nairobi bombings.

By taking this strong stand for security, we will avoid having on our hands the blood of diplomats and their families who will be killed in future attacks if we did nothing. We also protect the functions of the many agencies involved in such activities as law enforcement, business promotion, and military operations that are housed in our embassies.

While this is a big step, let us remember that this is only the first step. We will need a long-term commitment to make this happen, and we need to be prepared to do this.

Unfortunately, in order to move this bill to the floor, we were required to replace most of the other authorization levels with such sums as necessary to accomplish these ends, with us leaving this matter to conference where I and many of my colleagues intend to fight for the funding levels originally approved by the committee.

We have had to leave the issue of U.N. arrears to another day as well. The authorization levels still in the bill provide for strong programs in important areas. Apart from embassy security, the amounts authorized for refugee programs will keep a strong humanitarian element in our foreign policy, and other amounts in the bill will enable the Department of State to strengthen its minority recruitment, help those in need from Kosovo to Sierra Leone, fortify its efforts on human rights, and reduce delays in immigrant visa processing.

Another important section of this bill would ensure appropriate management of Vietnamese refugee programs. The American Legion, the International Rescue Committee and many religiously-related refugee organizations support these provisions. The people affected by these provisions worked with us and fought with us during the war. Although the administration has some concerns about this section, our bill ensures that these brave supporters of the United States are not left in the lurch because it has become politically expedient to do so.

I have been a sponsor of this bill from the beginning. While it is not a perfect bill, it is a strong effort to address many important issues, and I urge that we adopt it.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH), the distinguished chairman of our Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I want to thank my good friend, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN), for yielding me this time.

Mr. Chairman, I want to begin by urging all of our colleagues to support H.R. 2415, the American Embassy Security Act, and I just want to say how pleased I am to have introduced this legislation, along with my good friend and colleague, the gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY), the ranking member of our subcommittee.

The gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY) and I held four subcommittee hearings. We heard from all those interested in the components of this bill, including a very, very important hearing that we had on March 12, at which time we heard from Admiral Crowe who headed up an accountability review board. He made a passionate and very strong statement as to why in fiscal year 2000 we need to provide $1.4 billion to try to beef up our security at our embassies, especially in light of the devastating attacks in Africa on two of our embassies, and the ongoing threat to all our embassies.

In our hearing, Admiral Crowe said, and I will just quote very briefly, that throughout the proceedings the boards were most disturbed regarding two interconnected issues.

The first was the inadequacy of the resources to provide security against terrorist attacks and the second was the relatively low priority accorded security concerns throughout the U.S. Government by the Department of State, other agencies in general, and on the part of many employees both in Washington and in the field.

Admiral Crowe also pointed out that he found very troubling—again, this is quoting Admiral Crowe—the failure of the U.S. Government to take the necessary steps to prevent such tragedies in the interim, since the time when Bobby Inman made his recommendations back in the 1980's. There was so little done by all—the Congress, the White House—and now it is time to redress that.

We also heard from David Carpenter, the Assistant Secretary for Diplomatic Security, for the Department of State. He pointed out—and I think this bears underscoring and putting an exclamation point after it—the terrorist threat is global, lethal, multidimensional, and growing. Our analysts estimate that during the past 12 months, there were over 2,400 threats or incidents against U.S. interests overseas. Their estimate for the same period a year ago is approximately 1,150 such threats or incidents. This is an increase of over 100 percent in the past year.

The threat is generated by indigenous terrorists and transnational anti-American groups and by state sponsors of terrorism.

We also heard, Mr. Chairman, from Mr. Daniel Geisler, who is the President of the American Foreign Service Association, speaking on behalf of those who would be most affected: The Foreign Service officers overseas, their families, all of those who are on the front line at our missions and consuls abroad, who, while they do not want to shrink, as he pointed out, they never want to develop a bunker mentality, but he did point out, and I would like to quote him, he said to us that he had grave concerns that this failure will be corrected; that is to say the failure of funding to beef up our embassy security. He went on to say our doubts are heightened by the administration's grossly inadequate request for funds to build safer embassies.

The fiscal year 2000 budget request does not have a single penny, he went on, for construction funds, even though the State Department had proposed that OMB request $1.4 billion for worldwide security.

We would agree with the State Department on this bill. My colleague and I worked, during the work of this markup, both subcommittee, full committee. The gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER) lent a mighty hand in regard to embassy security, and the bottom line is we have the $1.4 billion. Hopefully, it will pass; and hopefully, the appropriators will provide an identical amount for embassy security.

I would also like to point out, Mr. Chairman, that several other provisions in this legislation promote our American values by promoting freedom and democracy around the world, and it does address a number of urgent humanitarian needs.

Section 106 of the bill will ensure that a fair share of U.S. contributions to international organizations be directed to the organizations that do the most good in the most effective way. This section does not increase the amount we will contribute to international organizations but does set aside $5 million of this amount for the world food program; $5 million for the U.N. Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture; $5 million for the International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor.

This section also sets aside $240,000 to the OAS for a Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression in the Western Hemisphere, of which at least $6,000 is to be spent investigating violations of freedom of expression by the Government of Cuba.

Section 106 also carries forward an important provision of current law that addresses the human rights and humanitarian needs of the people of Burma. This provision requires the U.S. to withhold from its contributions to the UNDP an amount equal that will be spent in Burma unless the President certifies that all UNDP activities in Burma meets four conditions.

First, these activities must be focused on the needs of the poor.

Second, they must be undertaken only through private and voluntary organizations independent of the Burmese dictatorship.

Third, the President must certify that they do not benefit the dictatorship.

Finally, they must be carried out only after consultation with the democratic leadership of Burma, the people who won, I might remind my colleagues, the 1988 election and then were forced into exile or worse by the military regime.

Mr. Chairman, H.R. 2415 contains a permanent authorization for Radio Free Asia, which would otherwise have to close its doors on September 30 of this year. It also provides an authorization that will allow increased broadcasting beyond the current 2 hours per day to Vietnam and to North Korea.

This is particularly important in the case of Vietnam, where the Hanoi regime currently jams Radio Free Asia broadcasts. The jamming costs the dictatorship about the same amount per hour as it does our broadcasts, and maybe even more.

Let me also point out the need that some of this will get through, and our hope is that the message of freedom and democracy will pierce that veil.

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Mr. Chairman, the bill also ensures the survival of one of our great freedom broadcasting services, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, by formally repealing a 1994 ''sense of Congress'' provision that Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty should receive no U.S. Government support after Fiscal Year 1999.

The 1994 provision is inconsistent with the administration's budget request and with the bipartisan Congressional consensus that freedom broadcasting continues to deserve U.S. support as the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union and its former satellites struggle to develop their own thoroughly free and thoroughly professional broadcast services.

The bill also increases from $75 million to $80 million the annual funding cap for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in order to permit necessary expenditures for Radio Free Iraq, Radio Liberty broadcasts to Iran, and necessary security upgrades in response to credible threats of retaliation to those broadcasts.

Mr. Chairman, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty is still irreplaceable, and this bill ensures its continued good work into the 21st Century.

Mr. Chairman, section 202 of the bill requires the President to report on the extent of international narcotics traffic through or to Cuba, as well as the extent of the involvement by the Cuban Government, its agencies and entities, and the United States' actions to investigate or prosecute such acts.

We have seen a few newspaper stories lately that suggest that the Castro regime would actually like to help us stop drug trafficking. I am informed, however, that our government is aware of substantial evidence that the regime itself has been involved in such trafficking. This report will help set the record straight one way or the other.

Section 205(a) continues a requirement enacted last year for periodic reports on outstanding claims by United States firms against the Government of Saudi Arabia. This amendment is necessary to help U.S. firms which have completed extensive work for the Saudi Government but have had no success in getting their due compensation. For example, Gibbs and Hill, Inc., of New Jersey has outstanding claims for $55 million for work on a desalinization plant completed in 1984.

Section 205(c) continues a report requiring the Secretary of State to report on the extent to which the Government of Vietnam is cooperating with the U.S. on the fullest possible accounting of POWs and MIAs, has made progress on the release of political and religious prisoners, is cooperating on requests by the U.S. to obtain full and free access to persons for interviews under the Orderly Departure and Resettlement Opportunities for Vietnamese Refugees programs, has taken efforts and actions to end corrupt practices in connection with exit visas, and is making efforts to interview and resettle former reeducation camp victims and other persons.

But, unfortunately, Mr. Chairman, not all of the problems with the Vietnamese refugee program are caused by the Vietnamese Government. I am ashamed to say that some of our former allies and their families have been left behind, or even forcibly returned to Vietnam, because of compassion fatigue or outright cynicism on the part of the people who work for the U.S. Government.

Section 274 of the bill is an attempt to get the attention of the State Department to this problem and to ensure that, if we are going to spend more money on diplomatic presence in Vietnam, we spend it, or at least part of it, on keeping our commitments to the people who stood by us and who have suffered because they share our values.

This section prohibits the use of funds authorized by the act to support an increased number of personnel assigned to U.S. posts in Vietnam unless the President first certifies to Congress that the Vietnamese in-country refugee processing program meets certain conditions and standards.

The conditions that will require modification of the State Department plans to phase out U.S. refugee programs in Vietnam in order not to abandon allied war veterans and other Vietnamese who have been persecuted on account of their wartime associations with the United States.

This provision has been endorsed by the American Legion, the U.S. Catholic Conference, Refugees International, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, and numerous other human rights organizations.

Mr. Chairman, we are not talking about a lot of people here, a few thousand compared to millions of refugees who have been resettled in the United States over the years; but it is important to complete this program in the same generous spirit with which it was begun.

Mr. Chairman, section 207 establishes a human rights fellowship program within the State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. The fellows would be selected on the basis of their human rights expertise and recruited for specific projects or assistance needed by the bureau. I think it is a useful way to bring some of the much-needed fresh air into the State Department. Our foreign policy needs the perspective, not only of diplomats, but also of people who have devoted their whole lives to the pursuit of human rights.

Section 321 of the bill establishes a Foreign Service Star, an award for civilian employees of the United States assigned to an official mission overseas who are killed or wounded in government service.

Section 408 requires the Secretary of State to take all appropriate steps to ensure that members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary are not participants in any program of educational or cultural exchange or training through the National Academy Program at Quantico, Virginia, unless and until the President certifies a complete, independent, and transparent investigation of the murders of Rosemary Nelson—whom my colleagues will remember appeared before our committee and said she feared the RUC—and Patrick Finucane have been initiated by the government of the UK.

There are 41 amendments, some of which will be en bloc. This is a good bill which deserves the support of my colleagues.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. FILNER).

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Chairman, I thank the very distinguished gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY) for yielding me this time.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of a Part B amendment sponsored by the gentleman from San Diego, California (Mr. BILBRAY) and myself that would encourage a common sense, innovative, public-private solution to the problem of international sewage along the border between the United States and Mexico, a problem that has been plaguing us for over 5 decades.

I thank the Committee on Rules for making this amendment in order. I thank the distinguished gentleman from New York (Chairman GILMAN) for his support of this approach, which will be very good for our area and California.

Just to describe the situation we face, briefly, let me quote one of the officials of the environmental Surfrider Foundation. He said, ''I'm surfing in sewage.'' He put it a little less delicately, and it is not a very genteel situation in my district when sewage washes up on the beach, flows down our rivers and canyons, and fouls the water where our children should be able to swim worry free.

A solution to not surfing in sewage? Build enough sewage treatment to handle the problem. That is what our amendment puts the Congress on record supporting. It says we want to pursue a plan that can easily treat 50 million gallons of sewage per day, not the 25 million gallons that is provided for in the present plan being pursued by EPA at this moment.

The plan makes even more sense when we know that the Mexican sewage will be reclaimed and reused by industrial and agricultural users in Mexico to help cover the cost. So all the hazardous and unhealthy sewage that now flows into our ocean without proper treatment will be cleaned; and much of it will be reused before it ever gets to the ocean. We owe that to our surfers and certainly to our children.

This solution that Congress will go on record if it supports this is good for our environment, good to our taxpayers. It is a true win-win situation. I urge support of the Bilbray-Filner amendment.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to yield 6 minutes to the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER), the vice chairman of our Committee on International Relations.

(Mr. BEREUTER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strongest possible support for H.R. 2415, the Embassy Security Act of 1999. It was slightly less than 1 year ago, on August 7, 1998, when terrorists successfully attacked U.S. embassies in Narobi, Kenya and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Over 220 people were killed, including 12 Americans and 40 local hires.

While all in this body would like to believe this could never happen again, tragically, unless we can act to prevent it, such acts of terrorism are more likely a prelude of things to come. There are too many evil or badly misguided people looking to make their mark, and American assets are just too vulnerable.

Indeed, recall the attempted rocket attack in Moscow just this April against our embassy that failed only because the perpetrators did not know how to operate the launcher. A rocket launch against our embassy in Athens also failed for technical reasons.

There were explosions in Uzbekistan in February that, while apparently not directed at the United States, blew out windows in a U.S. embassy annex.

In fact, as this body debates H.R. 2415, a number of U.S. embassies in Africa have recently been closed because of credible threats of terrorist attack of quite a high degree of sophistication.

Admiral William Crowe was tasked with chairing the Accountability Review Boards for the two embassy bombings. Admiral Crowe, while praising the efforts of the embassy personnel in Kenya and Tanzania, made it clear that U.S. facilities overseas were largely unequipped for the threats that have emerged.

The Crowe report urged a total of $1.4 billion per year over the next 10 years to address the security for the U.S. personnel living abroad.

Such recommendations are not new. Fourteen years ago, there was the Inman report, which pointed out the glaring inadequacies of our embassy security at the time and our need for serious upgrades. But only 15 percent of our embassies and consulates meet Inman standards.

This Member congratulates the distinguished gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) for working to address Crowe Commission recommendations. Working with this Member, the Committee on International Relations agreed to authorize the full $1.4 billion recommended by the Crowe Commission for embassy security funding for fiscal year 2000.

Obviously, this is a lot of money. But this Member would tell my colleagues on this committee and this body that we have a responsibility to address the safety and security of State Department employees. If we do not address this issue, we will share in the responsibility and the blame when the next disaster occurs.

Mr. Chairman, the men and women who serve in the United States overseas are not looking for absolute guarantees that they will be safe. But they have a right to expect that all reasonable precautions will be taken to ensure their security. In good conscience, this body can do no less. For this and no other important reasons, this Member urges support for H.R. 2415, the Embassy Security Act of 1999.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LOFGREN).

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentlewoman from Georgia for yielding me this time.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of section 274 of the State Department authorization bill. I believe, as do many of my constituents, that this section of the bill is critical in ensuring that the State Department properly implements Vietnamese refugee programs.

Section 274 successfully addresses the outstanding concerns of the Vietnamese American community and responds very well to my plea that humanitarian changes and programs for Vietnamese refugees be made.

For example, the appointment of a refugee counselor to run the in-country refugee program is critical to ensuring that someone who understands the plight of refugees administers the program.

Section 274 provides that a refugee counselor with a proven record of sensitivity supervise all U.S. refugee programs in Vietnam. Additionally, this individual would report directly to the ambassador or the general counsel in the U.S. consulate in Saigon.

Additionally, I am very strongly supportive of section 274 because it reverses restrictive rules such as the continuous co-residency provision.

The provision would allow for the reconsideration of children of re-education camp detainees who were left behind because of an INS directive on co-residence. These families have been torn apart. In some cases, one parent is in the U.S., the other in Vietnam with the children. Imagine, if my colleagues can, children who have not seen their parents in decades, or brothers and sisters who barely remember each other.

I have received letters from constituents who have indicated that the continuous co-residence provision has barred many of their loved ones from joining them in the U.S. This simply is not right.

I believe that section 274 is the right thing to do. It allows us to keep our commitment to Vietnamese Americans by ensuring that the administration has the tools to improve adjudication of all outstanding cases.

Lastly, I would like to thank the chairman and the ranking member for their hard work and leadership on this legislation and urge my colleagues to support passage of the legislation.

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Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield 3½ minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY).

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Chairman, I thank my dear friend and colleague, the gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY), for yielding me this time and for her great leadership on this bill and so many important issues before this Congress.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the underlying bill and in support of the work of the chairman and the ranking member for their prudent and far-sighted response to the threat of terrorism to our embassies across the world. I applaud their efforts and support this bill.

I likewise support the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) and the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. GEJDENSON) in their funding of UNFPA. Regrettably, last year the funding was deleted from the budget, $25 million, although our country had been a leader for well over 30 years in world population concerns both through the UNFPA and in the world.

This vote for the funding of UNFPA is a vote for maternal health and this is a vote for children's health. UNFPA serves women, children, and families in about 160 countries around the world where health care structures are fragile and, therefore, unable to address the specific health needs of mothers and children. It is a multilateral approach to a problem that is shared in our world, that of many, many hundreds of thousands of deaths of women every year. Over 500,000 women every year die in childbirth. And, in fact, half of the funding for UNFPA goes to maternal and child health needs.

This is also a vote for the environment. This October, the world's population will reach 6 billion and is expected to reach 9 billion only 50 years from now. Let me put this in perspective. It took hundreds of millions of years to reach the first billion in 1804 in our country, and it doubled to 2 billion in 1927, when my parents were young. It reached 3 billion in 1960, when I was a teenager, and doubled again in just 30 years. Without addressing family planning needs across the world, human population growth will overwhelm even the most dedicated successful work of any environmental organization.

I think that one of the best examples of what UNFPA is doing is this birthing kit, the safe delivery kit. It costs only $1.15 but it can save the lives of women. In the refugee crisis in Kosovo, UNFPA was the only one there helping women with their maternal needs, with their childbirth needs. It has sanitary uses; it contains a plastic sheet, a bar of soap, a surgical blade, a gauze, and razor. It is a tremendously important investment that can save the lives of mothers, save the lives of children, and save our natural resources.

Since there is a great deal of disinformation out there about what UNFPA does, I want to tell my colleagues what it does not do. Clearly, it is not an abortion vote and, it says so on page 2, line 6: The UNFPA does not fund abortions.

Secondly, no money goes to China. In the Gilman-Campbell-Maloney amendment not one cent goes to China, and it clearly states, and I quote page 2, line 6 in the bill, ''The UNFPA does not fund abortions.''

But what it does do is save lives, and editorials across this country agree and say that a vote for UNFPA is a vote for maternal health, for child health, and a safer world.

The Houston Chronicle says, and I quote:

> The sad irony is that the population program would actually do far more in the way of family planning and the prevention of unwanted pregnancies and abortions that its critics are willing to admit.
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> If the motivation for opposition to this measure is truly to halt abortion, then those who would kill it are actually doing the legislative equivalent of throwing gasoline onto a fire.

And today, from my hometown paper, the New York Times:

> Last year Congress disgracefully cut off funding to the United Nations Population Fund, an agency that supports voluntary family planning services, maternal and child health initiatives, and AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases prevention programs in 150 countries.
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> The Population Fund does not provide or pay for abortion services in any country, and can actually reduce the need for abortions.
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> The House now has no excuse for not financing family planning efforts that can improve the lives of women all over the world.

Let me tell my colleagues what this vote is about.

In October, there are going to be six billion people on the planet, And as the the Courier-Journal from Louisville, Kentucky says:

> The good news is that population growth has, in fact, slowed in many places, thanks in part to the UN's efforts. But one big obstacle to more progress has been money. . . . the House of Representatives will be able to do something about that, by restoring funds for the UN populations program . . .

There are other editorials from papers such as the Kansas City Star, the San Francisco Examiner, the LA Times, and others.

I urge my colleagues to join with me in voting to fund UNFPA.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to applaud the chairman for his leadership in funding UNFPA. This is a smart vote.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE).

Ms. LEE. Mr. Chairman, I want to thank the gentlewoman from Georgia for yielding me this time and for all her hard and dedicated work on behalf of women throughout the world.

First, I rise today in support of the United Nation's Population Fund and in stern opposition to the Smith amendment, which will come up later this evening. The United Nation's Population Fund provides responsible family planning and information on reproductive services to families worldwide. It targets families in developing countries who otherwise would have to go without such basic services yet such crucial needs as pre- and post-natal care. The UNFPA is also leading the charge in confronting the AIDS epidemic in Africa.

The Smith amendment will deprive women who are in dire economic and personal situations from receiving essential family planning which they need to survive. This is wrong. Furthermore, my conscience will not allow me to accept the deaths of an estimated 1,200 additional women and 22,500 infants who are projected to die if the House refuses to support the UNFPA. We must do everything to prevent the deaths of these women and children. It is our moral obligation to do so.

I urge my colleagues to vote against the Smith amendment later and for the Campbell-Maloney-Gilman-Crowley-Greenwood amendment for responsible family planning.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, could you tell me how much time each side has?

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). The gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY) has 17 minutes remaining, and the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) has 7 minutes remaining.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Hawaii (Mrs. MINK).

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Chairman, I thank my colleague from Georgia for yielding me this time, and I take this opportunity to express my very sincere appreciation to the members of the committee for including in this appropriation an additional sum for the operations and maintenance of the programs at the East-West Center, which is located in Honolulu, the State of Hawaii.

In 1996, the East-West Center's budget of $24 million, which had been an ongoing appropriation, was drastically cut to about $11.75 million, and it has had a tremendous crisis in trying to maintain its staff and to keep up with the program which it was required to perform on its establishment in 1960. So this year's appropriation increase, though not to the full $24 million, but the level of $17.5 million, is a tremendous boost. It is going to give confidence to those who have remained in the center to continue on this important work.

The East-West Center is an internationally respected research and educational institution. It has a 39-year record of achievement. It is important in the overall response of the United States to the importance of the Asia-Pacific region.

In 1960, it was the Eisenhower administration and Congress together that established this center. It is not an instrument or a department of the University of Hawaii, it is an independent incorporated entity. It is attached to and reports to the State Department and to the USIA. Numerous top-ranking officials from all of the Asia-Pacific countries have been through the East-West Center. They are familiar with the center, and it serves as an important forum for international cooperation and study.

Mr. Chairman, I think that one of the most important contributions that the United States can make is in our ideas. And if we have this center, we have a place where people from all over the Asia-Pacific area can come together, study, do research, and communicate on the problems of mutual concern. And it is one of the most important contributions, I think, that any center of this kind can make towards the diplomacy of our country.

The Asia Studies Development Program also, not only with the elements of individuals from Asia, but also we have an interconnect with our own universities and our own college students and with the minority colleges and with others who have an opportunity, because the center exists, to understand the curricula that would be necessary for the support of an Asia-Pacific concept.

So this nationwide program, which is unique in its kind, the only one that exists in the country, centered there at the East-West Center, serves to expand the opportunities of America's young people in understanding this most important area of the world where we have hundreds of millions of people that live and who serve as an important base for the diplomacy of the United States.

So with the very small staff of only 30 people, they have mounted this incredible outreach into the Pacific region. We always talk about the importance of this region. This center is the reason for our ability to expand our knowledge and our reach into this region of the world, and I am really very thankful that the committee has seen fit to grant us this modest increase this year.

The Asia-Pacific region accounts for more than half the world's population, about a third of the world's economy, and vast marine and land resources. The United States has vital national interests in connecting itself in partnership with the region. As the Asia-Pacific region continues to develop and change, it is essential that the Untied States be seen as a part of the region rather than an outsider.

People from Asian and Pacific countries are treated as partners at the Center. This is why the East-West Center has long had prestige in the region disproportionate to its small size. With only 30 positions, the Center's research staff is half the size of a typical department in a larger state university.

The Center has been able to attract considerable funding in addition to its Congressional appropriation, which was $12.5 million in FY 1999. In FY 1998, the Center received grants, contracts, and gifts of $6.5 million; however, the vast majority of these funds ($5.7 million) were restricted gifts set aside for specific studies or programs requested by the granting country or organization. It is essential that Congressional funding support the core functions of this national institution so that its agenda is not set by external funders.

The funding level authorized by H.R. 2415 would make possible expanding the Jefferson Fellows media program for journalists from the region and the United States; expanding the young leaders program for junior members of national or state legislative bodies; initiating an intensive professional training program for young strategic specialists from the region; creating a dialogue among private sector economists on regional economic and financial issues to occur in conjunction with meeting of U.S. and regional treasury and central bank officials, thus paralleling the existing Europe-focused ''Ballegio process''; strengthening research capabilities in economics, politics/security environment and health; expanding the reach of the Center's Asia Studies Development Program; and beginning a new Okinawan Education and Business Initiative, which would be jointly funded with Japan.

The Okinawan Education and Business Initiative seeks to connect a younger generation of Okinawans to the United States through the East-West Center. In the 1960s and 1970s, the Center trained many of Okinawa's elite: in fact, the Center's most active alumni chapter is in Okinawa. In recent years, however, few Okinawan students have come to the Center. The initiative would add a strong and symbolic non-military dimension to a U.S. relationship with Okinawa that is now dominated by the military bases.

In addition to its research and short-term training programs, the East-West Center provides scholarships for 165 students pursuing bachelor, master, and doctorate degrees. Of the 165 students, 44 are from the United States, 24 are from the Pacific Islands, and the balance are from Asia. Of the U.S. students, only 3 are from Hawaii: the balance are from 18 other states.

The grantees, who live and study together, form lifelong friendships and a deep appreciation and knowledge of other cultures and viewpoints. Their educational experience is greatly enriched by the opportunity to participate in Center research, dialogue, and training activities. Throughout Asia and the Pacific, former East-West Center grantees from the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s are leaders in government, business, academia, the media, and the arts. These opinion leaders gained a deep understanding of and connection to America in their years at the East-West Center. These former grantees stay in touch through alumni chapters located all over the United States, Asia and the Pacific.

The East-West Center, Asia Foundation, and the North-South Center are small but very cost-effective organizations. They complement the foreign policy objectives of the United

States by providing another dimension of engagement with leaders in Asia, the Pacific, and Latin America and help to increase the mutual understanding and cooperation that is essential for constructive relationships among the nations of these important regions. I urge all my colleagues to defeat the Sanford amendment.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO).

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Chairman, I first want to thank the gentlewoman for yielding me this time, and as we today debate the authorization for the State Department and other agencies, I rise in strong support of the Gilman-Campbell-Maloney amendment, which, in fact, reinstates the United States' contribution to the largest internationally funded source of family planning assistance and, in fact, will protect the lives of women and children around the world.

This is not about supporting abortion. Under current law, not $1 of U.S. family planning funds can be used to perform or even counsel women to obtain abortions anywhere in the world. This amendment retains that prohibition.

This is not about supporting China. This is about preventing illness and saving lives. U.S. family planning aid saves the lives of women. Around the world, 500,000 women die in childbirth every year. Access to family planning in the developing world would reduce unintended pregnancies by one-fifth and could save the lives of as many as 120,000 of those women.

The aid saves the lives of children. Family planning allows women and men to choose how many children they want and when to have them. Spacing children further apart, being able to breast-feed them, improves the child's chance of survival by up to 20 percent in most developing countries.

If we fail to pass this amendment today, in 1 year alone there will be an estimated 22,500 additional infant deaths and 1,200 additional maternal deaths. For many women, the health services provided by the United Nation's Family Planning Assistance program are the only source of preventive health care that can detect diseases such as cervical cancer in the early stage and save lives.

I call on my colleagues today to support this amendment, support women's health, support children's health and vote ''yes'' when it comes time on the Gilman-Campbell-Maloney amendment this afternoon.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I yield 6 minutes to the gentleman from California, a member of our Committee on International Relations.

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Chairman, I rise to commend the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) on his leadership on H.R. 2415, which, of course, emphasizes the need to enhance the security of the United States overseas diplomatic missions as well as our U.S. personnel overseas.

As the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) has stated, among the greatest threats to the security of American diplomatic missions and personnel is by Osama bin Laden and his legion of terrorists who train and operate out of Afghanistan. The primary benefactors of bin Laden's terrorists are elements in Pakistan and the extremist Taliban militia, who not only host and protect bin Laden but have imposed a reign of terror on the people of Afghanistan and especially on the women of Afghanistan.

Mr. Chairman, on numerous occasions I have charged and I repeat today that the Clinton administration, despite statements to the contrary, has a covert policy of cooperating with Pakistan and Saudi Arabia that has orchestrated the creation, the rise to power, and the ongoing tyranny of the Taliban. The Taliban are now competing with SLORC, the SLORC dictatorship in Burma, for the role of the world's largest producer of opium. They are harboring anti-American terrorists such as bin Laden, and the Taliban's fanatical leaders are waging a psychotic reign of terror on millions of women in Afghanistan.

On August 25, 1998, using my oversight responsibility as a senior member of the House Committee on International Relations, I sent a letter to the Department of State requesting the pertinent cables and documents related to U.S. policy on Afghanistan, especially when it relates to the Taliban. The State Department ignored my original request.

As the Taliban's tyranny against women and human rights abuses against their entire population intensified in Afghanistan, and at committee hearings, I repeatedly restated my call and my request for documents to the Assistant Secretary of State Rick Indefurth and other State Department officials.

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And even as my requests for information were ignored, actions taken by the State Department seemed to confirm my charges of a covert U.S. policy of support for the extremist Taliban cult in Afghanistan.

In November of 1998, at a closed hearing on Iraq, for the record, I asked Secretary of State Madeleine Albright when the Afghanistan material that I requested would be delivered. She said it would be coming soon.

Christmas, Hannukah, and the New Year came and went and still no documents.

At the outset of this Congressional session, in February at a full committee hearing in full public, I reminded Secretary Albright of her commitment to release the Afghan documents. At that time the gentleman from New York (Chairman GILMAN) supported my request for the record. Again Secretary Albright told us the documents were forthcoming.

During the following weeks, my staff and the committee staff of the gentleman from New York (Chairman GILMAN) continued to call on the State Department about this commitment for Afghan documents.

To cut the story down to size here, we still have not had one document from the State Department that would either confirm or disprove my charges. I am, therefore, ever more convinced and I would hope the women who have testified here today will join me in insisting that the State Department provide requested documents that would prove one way or the other whether or not this administration is again committing a sin against the people of the world whether it believes in human rights in supporting the Taliban, one of the world's worst human rights abusers and one of the world's worst enemies of women's freedom.

So I would ask my fellow colleagues to join me. After over a year of stonewalling and blockading our attempts to get to the information, I ask Members on both sides of the aisle to join me in getting the State Department to give up this stonewalling and to give us the pertinent information about Afghan policy and what the real position of this government is.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. ROHRABACHER. I yield to the gentleman from Nebraska.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for yielding. I join him in that request as the chairman of the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific.

Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for his statement. I wanted to engage the gentleman in a colloquy on the amendment that the gentleman is lead sponsor on, amendment No. 9, related to satellite export activities.

I want to ensure that my reading of the amendment of the gentleman is correct; and if it is, I certainly understand it, as a member of the Cox committee.

It is my understanding that the gentleman is attempting to provide for expedited approvals for NATO countries, non-NATO allies, and other friendly countries, but that he is specifically suggesting not that there would be no exports licenses for satellites but that there would be no expedited licenses for exports to the People's Republic of China.

Is my understanding correct?

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Chairman, reclaiming my time, that is correct.

This gentleman believes that the policy of this Congress is to be very careful about our technology exports to Communist China and other potentially hostile governments. However, in stating this policy, the State Department has used a sledge hammer and swung the pendulum so far over that it is getting in the way of business dealings and technology transactions with countries that are friendly, Democratic countries, Brazil, Sweden, Belgium, you name it. And we do not want that.

But my amendment says we should try to expedite that, and it emphasizes

that those dealings with China and other potential hostile powers not be expedited. That is the purpose of my language.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman would yield further, I understand the point of the gentleman. I understand this amendment will be en bloc and it is my only opportunity for debate.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY).

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me the time.

There has been a great deal of talk on the floor about what UNFPA does to save lives, to save mothers giving birth, to save children. But I want to talk about what is not in the bill.

Some of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are trying to imply that this is an abortion vote. But let me say very clearly, this vote is not a vote on abortion. It clearly states in the text, page 2, line 6: ''The UNFPA does not fund abortions.''

Also, not a single cent goes to China. But let me tell my colleagues that they do not need to take my word on it. I would like to quote the Houston Chronicle. It says:

> The sad irony is that the population program would actually do far more in the way of family planning and the prevention of unwanted pregnancies and abortions than its critics are willing to admit. If the motivation for opposition to this measure is truly to halt abortion, then those who would kill it are actually doing the legislative equivalent of throwing gasoline onto a fire.

In other words, UNFPA prevents abortions by family planning.

In my own hometown paper, the New York Times, they said last week:

> Last year Congress disgracefully cut off funding to the United Nations Population Fund, an agency that supports voluntary family planning services, maternal and child health initiatives, and AIDS and sexually transmitted disease prevention programs in over 150 countries across the world. The Population Fund does not provide or pay for abortion services in any country and can actually reduce the need for abortions.
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> The House has no excuse for not financing family planning efforts that can improve the lives of women all over the world.

Let me tell my colleagues another thing that this vote is about. It is about the fact that we are going to be six billion people on the planet.

The Courier-Journal from Louisville, Kentucky, says:

> The good news is that population growth has, in fact, slowed in many places, thanks in part to the U.N.'s efforts. But one big obstacle to more progress has been money. The House of Representatives will be able to do something about that by restoring funds for the U.N. population program.

There are other editorials from papers such as The Kansas City Star, the San Francisco Examiner, the L.A. Times, and others.

Well over 150 of my colleagues joined us on a bill in support of funding for UNFPA and, likewise, many organizations, non-governmental organizations, such as the Audubon Society and many others.

I would like to put the list into the RECORD of the nongovernmental organizations supporting this funding effort. It is important to save women's lives.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, how much time do I have remaining?

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). The gentlewoman has 8½ minutes remaining.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. OBERSTAR).

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentlewoman for yielding me the time.

Mr. Chairman, I take this time to engage in a discussion with the chairman about the ruling in Europe by the European Union on U.S. aircraft that are hush-kitted or reengined.

Last year, the EU began restricting the use of hushkitted or reengined aircraft in the European community of U.S. aircraft that have been reengined or had a hushkit installed to meet our Stage 3 quiet noise standard.

In fact, the U.S. is 2 years ahead of Europe in that matter. Nonetheless, the European restriction would apply only to U.S. aircraft and engines even though they are quieter than many other European aircraft and engines.

The U.S. Government objected. The House took strong exception. I introduced legislation which the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Chairman SHUSTER) cosponsored, the gentleman from Tennessee (Chairman DUNCAN), and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. LIPINSKI).

We passed this bill on the House floor. It has had the dramatic effect of getting Europe's attention because we would ban the operation of the noisiest aircraft in the fleet, the Concorde.

The EU agreed to delay implementation of the regulation. But we still do not have real serious protection for American Airlines who want to sell aircraft principally to Third World countries to operate those aircraft into the European Union.

I firmly believe that the European Commission and the European Parliament should act quickly to end this discriminatory practice.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. OBERSTAR. I yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I agree with the concerns of the gentleman. Our committee held a hearing recently to discuss this and other EU issues, and the hearing underscored the problems with recent EU actions in the aviation area.

As a matter of fact, in our meetings recently with the European parliamentarians, we raised this issue to them and stressed the need to clarify their position on this matter.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for his comments.

The chairman has been very diligent on this matter, and I am very appreciative. It has gotten Europe's attention. But we need to carry further and ask the European Union understand we are serious.

One option available to the U.S. is to file an Article 84 complaint under the Chicago Convention that would allow disagreements between ICAO member states to go to the ICAO Council for resolution.

Would the Chair support such an initiative?

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman would continue to yield, I agree with the gentleman that if the EU does not take strong action on this directive, the United States should use the options available to it, including filing an Article 84 complaint with the ICAO.

I look forward to continuing to work with the gentleman on this very important issue and appreciate his important leadership on this issue.

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Chairman, I thank the chairman for his strong support.

I would just say in conclusion that the gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY) has been a strong advocate for African economic development. Many of the African countries want to buy U.S. reengined hushkitted aircraft and operate them into the European Union, and this ruling by the European Commission would simply discriminate against Africa principally.

So I greatly appreciate the interest and support of the gentlewoman.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, the American Security Act of 1999 is a good bill. This bill shows strong support for humanitarian programs. In addition, human rights gains a prominence not seen in a very long time. We also have strong provisions in this bill for our former allies in Vietnam.

This legislation also provides much-needed minority recruitment. Black foreign service officers recently settled a lawsuit. We now learn that there are pending lawsuits that have been filed by the Voice of America black employees.

For the reason that this Congress for three standing Congresses has not yet provided an authorization bill, we have not yet provided the kind of oversight that we need to have provided. Cultural exchange programs now reflect our interests around the world and not just our specific interests in a few places around the world. And then, most importantly, embassy security is provided for.

We are going to see a spirited debate today on this bill, and I urge my colleagues to support the American Security Act of 1999.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH)

the senior member of our Committee on International Relations, the distinguished chairman of the Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I thank my good friend for yielding me the time.

Let me just say, Mr. Chairman, that I spoke earlier about some of the other merits of the bill. There will be a very important amendment for Members later on as we consider this bill.

I urge Members to vote ''no'' on the Campbell amendment. The Campbell amendment would provide a $20 million grant to the United Population Fund.

Let me remind everyone that last year the Congress passed and the President signed, albeit reluctantly, legislation that cut off funding to the U.N. Population Fund because of its ongoing complicity with the one-child-per-couple policy in the People's Republic of China, where forced abortion and forced sterilization are commonplace.

The gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BARCIA) and I are offering an amendment that says that $25 million can proceed if, and only if, the UNFPA has terminated all activities in the PRC or during the 12 months the President can certify that no abortions have been the result of coercion. The issue is coercion.

I would hope that Members would stand with the oppressed women who suffer unspeakable cruelty as a result of the one-child-per-couple policy. Vote ''no'' on the Campbell amendment when we get to it later on.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read for amendment under the 5-minute rule.

The text of H.R. 2415 is as follows:

H.R. 2415

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the ''American Embassy Security Act of 1999''.

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SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The term ''appropriate congressional committees'' means the Committee on International Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

(2) SECRETARY.—The term ''Secretary'' means the Secretary of State.

TITLE I—AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS

CHAPTER 1—DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SEC. 101. ADMINISTRATION OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

The following amounts are authorized to be appropriated for the Department of State under ''Administration of Foreign Affairs'' to carry out the authorities, functions, duties, and responsibilities in the conduct of the foreign affairs of the United States and for other purposes authorized by law, including the diplomatic security program:

(1) DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PROGRAMS.—

(A) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For ''Diplomatic and Consular Programs'' of the Department of State, such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000.

(B) LIMITATIONS.—

(i) WORLDWIDE SECURITY UPGRADES.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated by subparagraph (A), $254,000,000 for fiscal year 2000 is authorized to be appropriated only for worldwide security upgrades.

(ii) BUREAU OF DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND LABOR.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated by subparagraph (A), $15,000,000 for fiscal year 2000 is authorized to be appropriated only for salaries and expenses of the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

(iii) RECRUITMENT OF MINORITY GROUPS.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated by subparagraph (A), $2,000,000 for fiscal year 2000 is authorized to be appropriated only for the recruitment of members of minority groups for careers in the Foreign Service and international affairs.

(2) CAPITAL INVESTMENT FUND.—For ''Capital Investment Fund'' of the Department of State, such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000.

(3) SECURITY AND MAINTENANCE OF UNITED STATES MISSIONS.—

(A) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For ''Security and Maintenance of United States Missions'', $1,580,066,000 for the fiscal year 2000.

(B) SECURITY UPGRADES FOR UNITED STATES MISSIONS.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated by subparagraph (A), $1,146,000,000 for fiscal year 2000 is authorized to be appropriated only for security upgrades to United States missions abroad, including construction and relocation costs.

(4) REPRESENTATION ALLOWANCES.—For ''Representation Allowances'', such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000.

(5) EMERGENCIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR SERVICE.—For ''Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Service'', such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000.

(6) OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.—For ''Office of the Inspector General'', such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000.

(7) PAYMENT TO THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE IN TAIWAN.—For ''Payment to the American Institute in Taiwan'', such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000.

(8) PROTECTION OF FOREIGN MISSIONS AND OFFICIALS.—

(A) For ''Protection of Foreign Missions and Officials'', such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000.

(B) Each amount appropriated pursuant to this paragraph is authorized to remain available through September 30 of the fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the amount appropriated was made.

(9) REPATRIATION LOANS.—For ''Repatriation Loans'', such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000, for administrative expenses.

SEC. 102. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

(a) ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated for ''Contributions to International Organizations'', such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000 for the Department of State to carry out the authorities, functions, duties, and responsibilities in the conduct of the foreign affairs of the United States with respect to international organizations and to carry out other authorities in law consistent with such purposes.

(b) ASSESSED CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACEKEEPING ACTIVITIES.—There are authorized to be appropriated for ''Contributions for International Peacekeeping Activities'', such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000 for the Department of State to carry out the authorities, functions, duties, and responsibilities in the conduct of the foreign affairs of the United States with respect to international peacekeeping activities and to carry out other authorities in law consistent with such purposes.

SEC. 103. INTERNATIONAL COMMISSIONS.

The following amounts are authorized to be appropriated under ''International Commissions'' for the Department of State to carry out the authorities, functions, duties, and responsibilities in the conduct of the foreign affairs of the United States and for other purposes authorized by law:

(1) INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND MEXICO.—For ''International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico''—

(A) for ''Salaries and Expenses'' such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000; and

(B) for ''Construction'' such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000.

(2) INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY COMMISSION, UNITED STATES AND CANADA.—For ''International Boundary Commission, United States and Canada'', such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000.

(3) INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION.—For ''International Joint Commission'', such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000.

(4) INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES COMMISSIONS.—For ''International Fisheries Commissions'', such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000.

SEC. 104. MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE.

(a) MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE.—

(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated for ''Migration and Refugee Assistance'' for authorized activities, $750,000,000 for the fiscal year 2000.

(2) LIMITATIONS.—

(A) TIBETAN REFUGEES IN INDIA AND NEPAL.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated in paragraph (1), not more than $2,000,000 for the fiscal year 2000 is authorized to be available only for humanitarian assistance, including food, medicine, clothing, and medical and vocational training, to Tibetan refugees in India and Nepal who have fled Chinese-occupied Tibet.

(B) REFUGEES RESETTLING IN ISRAEL.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated in paragraph (1), $60,000,000 for the fiscal year 2000 is authorized to be available only for assistance for refugees resettling in Israel from other countries.

(C) HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE FOR DISPLACED BURMESE.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated in paragraph (1), $2,000,000 for the fiscal year 2000 for humanitarian assistance are authorized to be available only for assistance (including food, medicine, clothing, and medical and vocational training) to persons displaced as a result of civil conflict in Burma, including persons still within Burma.

(D) ASSISTANCE FOR DISPLACED SIERRA LEONEANS.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated in paragraph (1), $2,000,000 for the fiscal year 2000 for humanitarian assistance are authorized to be available only for assistance (including food, medicine, clothing, and medical and vocational training) and resettlement of persons who have been severely mutilated as a result of civil conflict in Sierra Leone, including persons still within Sierra Leone.

(E) ASSISTANCE FOR KOSOVAR REFUGEES.—

(i) Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated in paragraph (1), $50,000,000 for the fiscal year 2000 are authorized to be appropriated only for the Front Line States Initiative defined in clause (ii).

(ii) For the purposes of this subparagraph, the term ''Front Line States Initiative'' means assistance for the relief of refugees fleeing from the conflict in Kosovo provided through nongovernmental organizations in the form of food, housing, clothing, transportation, and other material, with priority assistance for the relief of refugees in the front line states of Albania and Macedonia.

(b) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Funds appropriated pursuant to this section are authorized to remain available until expended.

SEC. 105. PUBLIC DIPLOMACY PROGRAMS.

The following amounts are authorized to be appropriated for the Department of State to carry out international information activities and educational and cultural exchange programs under the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948, the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, Reorganization Plan Number 2 of 1977, the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center Act of 1991, and the National Endowment for Democracy Act, and to carry out other authorities in law consistent with such purposes:

(1) INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION PROGRAMS.—For ''International Information Programs'', such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000.

(2) EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.—

(A) FULBRIGHT ACADEMIC EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.—There are authorized to be appropriated for the ''Fulbright Academic Exchange Programs'' (other than programs described in subparagraph (B)), such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000.

(B) OTHER EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.—

(i) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be appropriated for other educational and cultural exchange programs authorized by law, including the Claude and Mildred Pepper Scholarship Program of the Washington Workshops Foundation and the Mike Mansfield Fellowship Program, such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000.

(ii) SOUTH PACIFIC EXCHANGES.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated under clause (i), $750,000 for the fiscal year 2000 is authorized to be available for ''South Pacific Exchanges''.

(iii) EAST TIMORESE SCHOLARSHIPS.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated under clause (i), $500,000 for the fiscal year 2000 is authorized to be available for ''East Timorese Scholarships''.

(iv) TIBETAN EXCHANGES.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated under clause (i), $500,000 for the fiscal year 2000 is authorized to be available for ''Ngawang Choephel Exchange Programs'' (formerly known as educational and cultural exchanges with Tibet) under section 103(a) of the Human Rights, Refugee, and Other Foreign Relations Provisions Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–319).

(v) AFRICAN EXCHANGES.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated under clause (i), $500,000 for the fiscal year 2000 is authorized to be available only for ''Educational and Cultural Exchanges with Sub-Saharan Africa''.

(3) CENTER FOR CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL INTERCHANGE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST.—For the ''Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange between East and West'', $17,500,000 for the fiscal year 2000.

(4) NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR DEMOCRACY.—

(A) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the ''National Endowment for Democracy'', $34,000,000 for the fiscal year 2000.

(B) LIMITATION.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated by subparagraph (A), $2,000,000 for the fiscal year 2000 is authorized to be appropriated only for a fellowship program, to be known as the ''Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows'', for democracy activists and scholars from around the world at the International Forum for Democratic Studies in Washington, D.C., to study, write, and exchange views with other activists and scholars and with Americans.

(5) DANTE B. FASCELL NORTH-SOUTH CENTER.—For ''Dante B. Fascell North-South Center'' such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000.

SEC. 106. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

(a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated for ''Voluntary Contributions to International Organizations'', such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000.

(b) LIMITATIONS ON AUTHORIZATIONS OF APPROPRIATIONS.—

(1) WORLD FOOD PROGRAM.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated under subsection (a), $5,000,000 for the fiscal year 2000 is authorized to be appropriated only for a United States contribution to the World Food Program.

(2) UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY FUND FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE.—Of the amount authorized to be appropriated under subsection (a), $5,000,000 for the fiscal year 2000 is authorized to be appropriated only for a United States contribution to the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture.

(3) INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM ON THE ELIMINATION OF CHILD LABOR.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated under subsection (a), $5,000,000 for the fiscal year 2000 is authorized to be appropriated only for a United States contribution to the International Labor Organization for the activities of the

International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor.

(4) ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated under subsection (a), $240,000 for the fiscal year 2000 is authorized to be appropriated only for a United States contribution to the Organization of American States for the Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression in the Western Hemisphere to conduct investigations, including field visits, to establish a network of nongovernmental organizations, and to hold hemispheric conferences, of which $6,000 for each fiscal year is authorized to be appropriated only for the investigation and dissemination of information on violations of freedom of expression by the Government of Cuba.

(c) RESTRICTIONS ON UNITED STATES VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.—

(1) LIMITATION.—Of the amounts made available under subsection (a) for the fiscal year 2000 for United States voluntary contributions to the United Nations Development Program an amount equal to the amount the United Nations Development Program will spend in Burma during each fiscal year shall be withheld unless during such fiscal year the Secretary of State submits to the appropriate congressional committees the certification described in paragraph (2).

(2) CERTIFICATION.—The certification referred to in paragraph (1) is a certification by the Secretary of State that all programs and activities of the United Nations Development Program (including United Nations Development Program—Administered Funds) in Burma—

(A) are focused on eliminating human suffering and addressing the needs of the poor;

(B) are undertaken only through international or private voluntary organizations that have been deemed independent of the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC) (formerly known as the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC), after consultation with the leadership of the National League for Democracy and the leadership of the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma;

(C) provide no financial, political, or military benefit to the SPDC; and

(D) are carried out only after consultation with the leadership of the National League for Democracy and the leadership of the National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma.

(d) CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND.—

(1) LIMITATIONS ON AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION.—Of the amounts made available under subsection (a), not more than $25,000,000 for fiscal year 2000 shall be available for the United Nations Population Fund (hereinafter in this subsection referred to as the ''UNFPA'').

(2) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS IN CHINA.—None of the funds made available under subsection (a) may be made available for the UNFPA for a country program in the People's Republic of China.

(3) CONDITIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts made available under subsection (a) for fiscal year 2000 for the UNFPA may not be made available to UNFPA unless—

(A) the UNFPA maintains amounts made available to the UNFPA under this section in an account separate from other accounts of the UNFPA;

(B) the UNFPA does not commingle amounts made available to the UNFPA under this section with other sums; and

(C) the UNFPA does not fund abortions.

(4) WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS SUBJECT TO CERTIFICATION.—

(A) Of the amounts made available for fiscal year 2000 for United States voluntary contributions to the UNFPA an amount equal to the amount that UNFPA will spend on a country program in the People's Republic of China during each fiscal year shall be withheld unless during such fiscal year, the Secretary of State submits to the appropriate congressional committees the certification described in subparagraph (B).

(B) The certification referred to in subparagraph (A) is a certification by the Secretary of State that the country program of the UNFPA in the People's Republic of China—

(i) focuses on improving the delivery of voluntary family planning information and services;

(ii) is designed in conformity with the human rights principles affirmed at the International Conference on Population and Development with the support of 180 nations including the United States;

(iii) is implemented only in counties in the People's Republic of China where all quotas and targets for the recruitment of program participants have been abolished and the use of coercive measures has been eliminated;

(iv) is carried out in consultation with, and under the oversight and approval of, the UNFPA executive board, including the United States representative;

(v) is subject to regular independent monitoring to ensure compliance with the principles of informed consent and voluntary participation; and

(vi) suspends operations in project counties found to be in violation of program guidelines.

(e) AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts authorized to be appropriated under subsection (a) are authorized to remain available until expended.

SEC. 107. GRANTS TO THE ASIA FOUNDATION.

Section 404 of The Asia Foundation Act (title IV of Public Law 98–164) is amended to read as follows:

''SEC. 404. There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of State such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000 for grants to The Asia Foundation pursuant to this title.''.

CHAPTER 2—BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

SEC. 121. INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING.

The following amounts are authorized to be appropriated for the Broadcasting Board of Governors to carry out certain international broadcasting activities under the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994, the Radio Broadcasting to Cuba Act, and the Television Broadcasting to Cuba Act, and for other purposes authorized by law:

(1) INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING OPERATIONS.—

(A) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For ''International Broadcasting Operations'', such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000.

(B) ALLOCATION.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated under subparagraph (A), the Broadcasting Board of Governors shall seek to ensure that the amounts made available for broadcasting to nations whose people do not fully enjoy freedom of expression do not decline in proportion to the amounts made available for broadcasting to other nations.

(2) BROADCASTING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS.—For ''Broadcasting Capital Improvements'', such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000.

(3) RADIO FREE ASIA.—For ''Radio Free Asia'', $30,000,000 for the fiscal year 2000.

(4) BROADCASTING TO CUBA.—

(A) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For ''Broadcasting to Cuba'', such sums as may be necessary for the fiscal year 2000.

(B) LIMITATION.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated under subparagraph (A), $712,000 for the fiscal year 2000 is authorized to be appropriated only for the Office of Cuba Broadcasting to develop and implement new technology and enhance current methods to strengthen and improve the transmission capabilities of Radio Marti and TV Marti.

TITLE II—DEPARTMENT OF STATE AUTHORITIES AND ACTIVITIES

CHAPTER 1—AUTHORITIES AND ACTIVITIES

SEC. 201. AUTHORITY TO LEASE AIRCRAFT TO RESPOND TO A TERRORIST ATTACK ABROAD.

Subject to the availability of appropriations, in the event of an emergency which involves a terrorist attack abroad, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice is authorized to lease commercial aircraft to transport equipment and personnel in response to such attack if there have been reasonable efforts to obtain appropriate Department of Defense aircraft and such aircraft are unavailable. The leasing authority under this section shall include authority to provide indemnification insurance or guarantees, if necessary and appropriate.

SEC. 202. REPORT ON CUBAN DRUG TRAFFICKING.

Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act and every 180 days thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees an unclassified report (with a classified annex) on the extent of international drug trafficking from, through, or over Cuba. Each report shall include the following:

(1) Information concerning the extent to which the Cuban Government or any official, employee, or entity of the Government of Cuba has engaged in, facilitated, or condoned such trafficking.

(2) The extent to which the appropriate agencies of the United States Government have investigated and prosecuted such activities of the Cuban Government or any official, employee, or entity of the Government of Cuba.

(3) A determination of whether the Government of Cuba should be included in the list of nations considered to be major drug trafficking countries.

SEC. 203. REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE HAGUE CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL CHILD ABDUCTION.

Section 2803(a) of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (as enacted by division G of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999; Public Law 105–277) is amended—

(1) by striking ''1999,'' and inserting ''2000,'';

(2) in paragraph (2) by striking ''abducted.'' and inserting ''abducted, are being wrongfully retained in violation of United States court orders, or which have failed to comply with any of their obligations under such convention with respect to applications for the return of children, access to children, or both, submitted by United States citizens or lawful residents.'';

(3) in paragraph (3)—

(A) by striking ''children'' and inserting ''children, access to children, or both,''; and

(B) by inserting ''or lawful residents'' after ''citizens''; and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (5) the following new paragraph:

''(6) A list of the countries which are Parties to the Convention, but in which due to

the absence of a prompt and effective method for enforcement of civil court orders, the absence of a doctrine of comity, or other factors, there is a substantial possibility that an order of return or access under a Hague Convention proceeding, or a United States custody, access, or visitation order, will not be promptly enforced.''.

SEC. 204. ELIMINATION OF OBSOLETE REPORTS.

(a) POST LANGUAGE COMPETENCE.—Section 304(c) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3944(c)) is repealed.

(b) SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH.—Section 574 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1996 (Public Law 104–107) is repealed.

(c) REDUNDANT REPORTS ON CERTAIN WEAPONS.—

(1) Section 308 of the Chemical and Biological Weapons and Warfare Elimination Act of 1991 (Public Law 102–182) is repealed.

(2) Section 585 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997 (Public Law 104–208), is repealed.

(d) SITUATION IN IRAQ.—Section 3 of Public Law 102–1 is amended by striking ''60 days'' and inserting ''six months''.

SEC. 205. CONTINUATION OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

(a) REPORTS ON CLAIMS BY UNITED STATES FIRMS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA.—Section 2801(b) of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (as enacted by division G of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999; Public Law 105–277) is amended—

(1) by striking ''the earlier of—'';

(2) by striking paragraph (1); and

(3) by striking the designation for paragraph (2) and adjusting the tabulation.

(b) REPORTS ON DETERMINATIONS UNDER TITLE IV OF THE LIBERTAD ACT.—Section 2802(a) of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (as enacted by division G of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999; Public Law 105–277) is amended by striking ''during the period ending September 30, 1999,'' and inserting a comma.

(c) RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM.—Section 2805 of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (as enacted by division G of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999; Public Law 105–277) is amended by striking ''during the period ending September 30, 1999,''.

(d) REPORTS ON BALLISTIC MISSILE COOPERATION WITH RUSSIA.—Section 2705(d) of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (as enacted by division G of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999; Public Law 105–277) is amended by striking ''and January 1, 2000,'' and inserting ''January 1, 2000, January 1, 2001, and January 1, 2002,''.

SEC. 206. INTERNATIONAL ARMS SALES CODE OF CONDUCT.

(a) NEGOTIATIONS.—The Secretary of State shall attempt to achieve the foreign policy goal of an international arms sales code of conduct with all Wassenaar Arrangement countries. The Secretary of State shall take the necessary steps to begin negotiations with all Wassenaar Arrangement countries within 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. The purpose of such negotiations shall be to conclude an agreement on restricting or prohibiting arms transfers to countries that do not meet the criteria under subsection (b).

(b) CRITERIA.—The criteria referred to in subsection (a) are as follows:

(1) PROMOTING DEMOCRACY.—Such government—

(A) was chosen by and permits free and fair elections;

(B) promotes civilian control of the military and security forces and has civilian institutions controlling the policy, operation, and spending of all law enforcement and security institutions, as well as the armed forces;

(C) promotes the rule of law, equality before the law, and respect for individual and minority rights, including freedom to speak, publish, associate, and organize; and

(D) promotes the strengthening of political, legislative, and civil institutions of democracy, as well as autonomous institutions to monitor the conduct of public officials and to combat corruption.

(2) RESPECTS HUMAN RIGHTS.—Such government—

(A) does not engage in gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, including—

(i) extrajudicial or arbitrary executions;

(ii) disappearances;

(iii) torture or severe mistreatment;

(iv) prolonged arbitrary imprisonment;

(v) systematic official discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, national origin, or political affiliation; and

(vi) grave breaches of international laws of war or equivalent violations of the laws of war in internal conflicts;

(B) vigorously investigates, disciplines, and prosecutes those responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights;

(C) permits access on a regular basis to political prisoners by international humanitarian organizations such as the International Committee of the Red Cross;

(D) promotes the independence of the judiciary and other official bodies that oversee the protection of human rights;

(E) does not impede the free functioning of domestic and international human rights organizations; and

(F) provides access on a regular basis to humanitarian organizations in situations of conflict or famine.

(3) NOT ENGAGED IN CERTAIN ACTS OF ARMED AGGRESSION.—Such government is not currently engaged in acts of armed aggression in violation of international law.

(4) FULL PARTICIPATION IN UNITED NATIONS REGISTER OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS.—Such government is fully participating in the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms.

(c) REPORTS.—

(1) REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.—Not later than 6 months after the commencement of negotiations under subsection (a), and not later than the end of every 6-month period thereafter until an agreement described in subsection (a) is concluded, the Secretary of State shall report to the appropriate congressional committees on the progress of such negotiations.

(2) HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT.—In the report required by sections 116(d) and 502B of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, the Secretary of State shall describe the extent to which the practices of each country evaluated meet the criteria of subsection (b).

(d) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the term ''Wassenaar Arrangement countries'' means those participating in the Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual Use Goods and Technologies, done at Vienna on July 11–12, 1996.

SEC. 207. HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY FELLOWSHIPS.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Department of State a program which shall be known as the ''Human Rights and Democracy Fellowship Program''. The program shall be administered by the Secretary with the assistance of the Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. The program shall provide for the employment of not less than 6 and not more than 12 fellows in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor. Fellowships shall be for an initial 1 year period which may be extended for a total of not more than 3 years. Fellowships shall be available to individuals who have expertise in human rights policy, human rights law, or related subjects and who are not permanent employees of the United States Government.

(b) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION.—There are authorized to be appropriated for the Human Rights and Democracy Fellowship Program under subsection (a) $1,000,000 for fiscal year 2000.

SEC. 208. JOINT FUNDS UNDER AGREEMENTS FOR COOPERATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL, SCIENTIFIC, CULTURAL AND RELATED AREAS.

Amounts made available to the Department of State for participation in joint funds under agreements for cooperation in environmental, scientific, cultural and related areas prior to fiscal year 1996 which, pursuant to express terms of such international agreements, were deposited in interest-bearing accounts prior to disbursement may earn interest, and interest accrued to such accounts may be used and retained without return to the Treasury of the United States and without further appropriation by Congress. The Department of State shall take action to ensure the complete and timely disbursement of appropriations and associated interest within joint funds covered by this section and final disposition of such agreements.

SEC. 209. REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL EXTRADITION.

Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall prepare and submit to the Congress a report concerning international extradition. The report shall review all extradition treaties and agreements to which the United States is signatory; identify those countries that have become ''safe havens'' for individuals fleeing the American justice system; identify the factors which contribute to the international extradition problem, particularly laws in foreign countries which prohibit the extradition to another country of certain classes of persons; and propose appropriate legislative and diplomatic solutions to such problem, including, where appropriate, the renegotiation of extradition treaties.

SEC. 210. EFFECTIVE REGULATION OF SATELLITE EXPORT ACTIVITIES.

(a) LICENSING REGIME.—The Secretary of State shall establish a regulatory regime for the licensing for export of satellites, satellite technologies, components, and systems which shall include preferential treatment and expedited approval, as appropriate, of the licensing for export by United States companies of satellites, satellite technologies, components, and systems to NATO allies, major non-NATO allies, and other friendly countries.

(b) FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES.—The Secretary of State, pursuant to the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999, shall obligate expeditiously $2,000,000 of amounts appropriated under that Act, above levels made available to the Office of Defense Trade Controls for fiscal year 1998, to enable that office to carry out its responsibilities.

CHAPTER 2—CONSULAR AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

SEC. 251. DEATHS AND ESTATES OF UNITED STATES CITIZENS ABROAD.

(a) REPEAL.—Section 1709 of the Revised Statutes (22 U.S.C. 4195) is repealed.

(b) AMENDMENT TO STATE DEPARTMENT BASIC AUTHORITIES ACT OF 1956.—The State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 is amended by inserting after section 43 the following new sections:

"SEC. 43A. NOTIFICATION OF NEXT OF KIN; REPORTS OF DEATH.

''Pursuant to such regulations as the Secretary of State may prescribe—

''(1) When a United States citizen or national dies abroad, a consular officer shall endeavor to notify, or assist the Secretary of State in notifying, the next of kin or legal guardian as soon as possible; provided, that in the case of death of Peace Corps Volunteers, members of the Armed Forces, their dependents, or Department of Defense civilian employees, the consular officer shall assist the Peace Corps or the appropriate military authorities in making such notifications.

''(2) The consular officer may, for any United States citizen who dies abroad, (A) in the case of a finding by appropriate local authorities, issue a report of death or of presumptive death, or (B) in the absence of a finding by appropriate local authorities, issue a report of presumptive death.

"SEC. 43B. CONSERVATION AND DISPOSITION OF ESTATES.

''(a) CONSERVATION OF ESTATES ABROAD.—

''(1) AUTHORITY TO ACT AS CONSERVATOR.—Pursuant to such regulations as the Secretary of State may prescribe, when a United States citizen or national dies abroad, a consular officer shall act as the provisional conservator of the decedent's estate and, subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), shall—

''(A) take possession of the personal effects within his jurisdiction;

''(B) inventory and appraise the personal effects, sign the inventory, and annex thereto a certificate as to the accuracy of the inventory and appraised value of each article;

''(C) when appropriate, collect the debts due to the decedent in the officer's jurisdiction and pay from the estate the obligations owed there by the decedent;

''(D) sell or dispose of, as appropriate, all perishable items of property;

''(E) sell, after reasonable public notice and notice to such next of kin as can be ascertained with reasonable diligence, such additional items of property as necessary to provide funds sufficient to pay the decedent's debts and property taxes in the country of death, funeral expenses, and other expenses incident to the disposition of the estate;

''(F) at the end of one year from the date of death (or after such additional period as may be required for final settlement of the estate), if no claimant shall have appeared, sell or dispose of the residue of the personal estate, except as provided in subparagraph (G) below, in the same manner as United States Government-owned foreign excess property;

''(G) transmit to the United States, to the Secretary of State, the proceeds of any sales along with any financial instruments (including bonds, shares of stock, and notes of indebtedness), jewelry, heirlooms, and other ticles of obvious sentimental value, to be held in trust for the legal claimant; and

''(H) in the event that the decedent's estate includes an interest in real property located within the jurisdiction of the officer and such interest does not devolve by the applicable laws of intestate succession or otherwise, provide for title to the property to be conveyed to the Government of the United States unless the Secretary declines to accept such conveyance.

''(2) AUTHORITY TO ACT AS ADMINISTRATOR.—The Secretary of State may expressly authorize the officer to act as administrator of the estate in exceptional circumstances, pursuant to such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe. The officer shall not otherwise act in such capacity.

''(3) EXCEPTIONS.—

''(A) The function provided for in this section shall not be performed to the extent that the decedent has left or there is otherwise appointed, in the country where the death occurred or where the decedent was domiciled, a legal representative, partner in trade, or trustee appointed to take care of his personal estate. If the decedent's legal representative shall appear at any time prior to transmission of the estate to the Secretary and demand the proceeds and effects being held by the officer, the officer shall deliver them to the representative after having collected any prescribed fee for the services rendered pursuant to this section.

''(B) Nothing in this section shall affect the authority of military commanders under title 10 of the United States Code with respect to persons or property under military command or jurisdiction or the authority of the Peace Corps with respect to Peace Corps Volunteers or their property.

''(4) CONDITIONS.—The functions provided for in this section shall be performed only when authorized by treaty provisions or permitted by the laws or authorities of the country wherein the death occurs, or the decedent is domiciled, or if such functions are permitted by established usage.

''(b) DISPOSITION OF ESTATES BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.—

''(1) PERSONAL ESTATES.—

''(A) After receipt of personal estates pursuant to subsection (a), the Secretary, pursuant to such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe for the conservation of such estates, may seek payment of all outstanding debts to the estate as they become due, may receive any balances due on such estates, may endorse all checks, bills of exchange, promissory notes, and other instruments of indebtedness payable to the estate for the benefit thereof, and may take such other action as is reasonably necessary for the conservation of the estate.

''(B) If by the end of the fifth full fiscal year after receipt of the personal estate pursuant to subsection (a), no legal claimant for such estate has appeared, title to the estate shall pass to the Secretary who shall dispose of the estate in the same manner as surplus United States Government-owned property or by such means as may be appropriate in light of the nature and value of the property involved. The expenses of sales shall be paid from the estate, and any lawful claim received thereafter shall be payable to the extent of the value of the net proceeds of the estate as a refund from the appropriate Treasury account.

''(C) The net cash estate after disposition as provided in subparagraph (B) shall be remitted to the Treasury as miscellaneous receipts.

''(2) REAL PROPERTY.—Pursuant to such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe—

''(A) in the event that real property is conveyed to the Government of the United States pursuant to subsection (a)(1)(H) and is not needed by the Department of State, such property shall be considered foreign excess property under title IV of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 511 et seq.); and

''(B) in the event that the Department needs such property, the Secretary shall treat such property as if it were an unconditional gift accepted on behalf of the Department of State pursuant to section 25 of this Act and section 9(a)(3) of the Foreign Service Buildings Act of 1926, as amended.

''(c) LOSSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSERVATION OF ESTATES.—

''(1) AUTHORITY.—Pursuant to such regulations as the Secretary of State may prescribe, the Secretary is authorized to compensate the estate of any United States citizen, who has died overseas, for property, the conservation of which has been undertaken under either section 43 or subsection (a) of this section, and that has been lost, stolen, or destroyed while in the custody of officers or employees of the Department of State. Any such compensation shall be in lieu of personal liability of officers or employees of the Department of State. Officers and employees of the Department of State may be liable in appropriate cases to the Department of State to the extent of any compensation provided pursuant to this subsection.

''(2) LIABILITY.—The liability of officers or employees of the Department of State to the Department for payments made pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section shall be determined pursuant to the Department's procedures for determining accountability for United States Government property.''.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall take effect 6 months after enactment of this Act or upon the effective date of any regulations promulgated hereunder, whichever is sooner.

SEC. 252. DUTIES OF CONSULAR OFFICERS.

Section 43 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2715) is amended—

(1) by inserting ''(a) AUTHORITY.—'' before ''In'';

(2) by striking ''disposition of personal effects.'' in the last sentence and inserting ''disposition of personal estates pursuant to section 43B of this Act.''; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(b) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section and sections 43A and 43B of this Act, the term 'consular officer' includes any United States citizen employee of the Department of State who is designated by the Secretary of State to perform consular services pursuant to such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe.''.

SEC. 253. MACHINE READABLE VISAS.

Section 140(a) of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 (8 U.S.C. 1351 note) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3) by amending the first sentence to read as follows: ''For each of the fiscal years 2000, 2001, and 2002, any amount collected under paragraph (1) that exceeds $316,715,000 for fiscal year 2000, $338,885,000 for fiscal year 2001, and $362,607,000 for fiscal year 2002 may be made available only if a notification is submitted to Congress in accordance with the procedures applicable to reprogramming notifications under section 34 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956.''; and

(2) by striking paragraphs (4) and (5).

SEC. 254. PROCESSING OF VISA APPLICATIONS.

(a) POLICY.—It shall be the policy of the Department of State to process immigrant visa applications of immediate relatives of United States citizens and nonimmigrant k–1 visa applications of fiances of United States citizens within 30 days of the receipt of all necessary documents from the applicant and the Immigration and Naturalization Service. In the case of a visa application where the sponsor of such applicant is a relative other than an immediate relative, it should be the policy of the Department of State to process such an application within 60 days of the receipt of all necessary documents from the applicant and the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(b) REPORTS.—For each of the fiscal years 2000 and 2001, the Secretary of State shall submit to the appropriate congressional

committees an annual report on the extent to which the Department of State is meeting the policy standards under subsection (a). Each report shall be based on a survey of the 22 consular posts which account for approximately 72 percent of immigrant visas issued and, in addition, the consular posts in Guatemala City, Nicosia, Caracas, Naples, and Jakarta. Each report should include data on the average time for processing each category of visa application under subsection (a), a list of the embassies and consular posts which do not meet the policy standards under subsection (a), the amount of funds collected for processing of visa applications, the costs of processing such visa applications, and the steps being taken by the Department of State to achieve such policy standards.

(c) TASK FORCE.—The Secretary of State, in consultation with other Federal agencies, shall establish a joint task force with the goal of reducing the overall processing time for visa applications.

SEC. 255. REPEAL OF OUTDATED PROVISION ON PASSPORT FEES.

Section 4 of the Passport Act of June 4, 1920 (22 U.S.C. 216, 41 Stat. 751) is repealed.

SEC. 256. FEES RELATING TO AFFIDAVITS OF SUPPORT.

(a) AUTHORITY FOR FEE FOR PREPARATION ASSISTANCE.—Subject to subsection (b), the Secretary of State is authorized to charge a fee for services provided by the Department of State to an individual for assistance in the preparation and filing of an affidavit of support pursuant to section 213A of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1183A) to ensure that the affidavit is properly completed before consideration of the affidavit and an immigrant visa application by a consular officer.

(b) LIMITATION.—An individual may be charged a fee under this section only once, regardless of the number of separate affidavits of support and visa applications for which services are provided.

(c) TREATMENT OF FEES.—Fees collected under the authority of subsection (a) shall be deposited as an offsetting collection to any Department of State appropriation, to recover the costs of providing affidavit preparation services under subsection (a). Such fees shall remain available for obligation until expended. Fees collected shall be available only to such extent and in such amounts as are provided in advance in an appropriation act.

CHAPTER 3—REFUGEES

SEC. 271. UNITED STATES POLICY REGARDING THE INVOLUNTARY RETURN OF REFUGEES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—None of the funds made available by this Act or by section 2(c) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962 (22 U.S.C. 2601(c)) shall be available to effect the involuntary return by the United States of any person to a country in which the person has a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion, except on grounds recognized as precluding protection as a refugee under the United Nations Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees of July 28, 1951, and the Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees of January 31, 1967, subject to the reservations contained in the United States Senate Resolution of Ratification.

(b) MIGRATION AND REFUGEE ASSISTANCE.—None of the funds made available by this Act or by section 2(c) of the Migration and Refugee Assistance Act of 1962 (22 U.S.C. 2601(c)) shall be available to effect the involuntary return of any person to any country unless the Secretary of State first notifies the appropriate congressional committees, except that in the case of an emergency involving a threat to human life the Secretary of State shall notify the appropriate congressional committees as soon as practicable.

(c) INVOLUNTARY RETURN DEFINED.—As used in this section, the term ''to effect the involuntary return'' means to require, by means of physical force or circumstances amounting to a threat thereof, a person to return to a country against the person's will, regardless of whether the person is physically present in the United States and regardless of whether the United States acts directly or through an agent.

SEC. 272. HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS.

Section 502B(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304(b)) is amended by inserting after the fourth sentence the following: ''Each report under this section shall describe the extent to which each country has extended protection to refugees, including the provision of first asylum and resettlement.''.

SEC. 273. GUIDELINES FOR REFUGEE PROCESSING POSTS.

(a) GUIDELINES FOR ADDRESSING HOSTILE BIASES.—Section 602(c) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–292; 112 Stat. 2812) is amended by inserting ''and of the Department of State'' after ''Service''.

(b) GUIDELINES FOR OVERSEAS REFUGEE PROCESSING.—Section 602(c) of such Act is further amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(3) Not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2000, the Secretary of State (after consultation with the Attorney General) shall issue guidelines to ensure that persons with potential biases against any refugee applicant, including persons employed by, or otherwise subject to influence by, governments known to be involved in persecution on account of religion, race, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion, shall not in any way be used in processing determinations of refugee status, including interpretation of conversations or examination of documents presented by such applicants.''.

SEC. 274. VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.

No funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act may be made available to support a larger number of personnel assigned to United States diplomatic or consular posts in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam than the number assigned to such posts on March 22, 1999, unless not less than 60 days prior to any obligation or expenditure of such funds the Secretary of State submits a certification to the appropriate congressional committees that—

(1) all United States refugee programs in Vietnam, as well as programs to provide visas for Amerasians and for immediate relatives of refugees and asylees, are supervised by a Refugee Counselor or Refugee Coordinator who has a proven record of sensitivity to the problems of refugees and other victims of human rights violations and who reports directly to the Ambassador or the Consul General at the United States Consulate in Saigon and receives policy guidance from the Assistant Secretary of State for the bureau with principal responsibility for refugees;

(2) a program has been established in which all former United States Government employees who were adjudicated through a Vietnamese government interpreter and whose applications for refugee status were denied will be re-interviewed by Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) Asylum Officers reporting directly to INS headquarters in Washington, D.C., and receiving specialized training and written guidance from the INS Asylum Division and Office of General Counsel;

(3) members of the Montagnard ethnic minority groups who fought alongside United States forces prior to 1975, and who later served three years or more in prisons or re-education camps, will not be disqualified from eligibility for resettlement in the United States as refugees on the sole ground that they continued to fight the Communists after 1975 and therefore did not begin their prison or re-education sentences until several years later;

(4) allied combat veterans whose three-year re-education or prison sentences began before April 30, 1975, because they were serving in parts of the country that fell to the Communists before Saigon, and who are otherwise eligible for resettlement as refugees in the United States, are not disqualified on the sole ground of the date their re-education or prison sentences began;

(5) persons who were eligible for the Orderly Departure Program (ODP), but who missed the application deadline announced and imposed in 1994 because they were still in detention, in internal exile in a remote and inaccessible location, unable to afford bribes demanded by corrupt local officials for documentation and permission to attend refugee interviews, or for other reasons beyond their control, will be considered for interviews on a case-by-case basis, and that such case-by-case consideration is subject to clear written guidance and administrative review to ensure that persons who missed the deadline for reasons beyond their control will not be denied consideration on the merits;

(6) widows of allied combat veterans who died in re-education camps, including those who did not apply before the 1994 deadline solely because they lacked documentary evidence from the Communist authorities to prove the death and/or marriage, and who are otherwise eligible for ODP will have their cases considered on the merits;

(7) unmarried sons and daughters of persons eligible for United States programs, including persons described in section 2244 of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (enacted as Division G of the Omnibus Consolidated Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1999, Public Law 105–277) will not be disqualified from accompanying or following to join their parents on the sole ground that they have not been continuously listed on the household registration issued to their parents by the government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam;

(8) returnees from refugee camps outside Vietnam who met the criteria for the Resettlement Opportunities for Vietnamese Returnees (ROVR) program, in that they either signed up for repatriation or were actually repatriated between October 1, 1995, and June 30, 1996, but did not fill out a ROVR application before their repatriation, will be given the opportunity to fill out an application in Vietnam and will have their cases considered on the merits;

(9) returnees whose special circumstances denied them any meaningful opportunity to apply for ROVR in the camps, such as those who were not offered applications because they were in hospitals or were being held in detention centers within certain camps, or who were erroneously told by camp administrators or Vietnamese government officials that they were ineligible for the program, will be given an opportunity to apply in Vietnam and will have their cases considered on the merits, even if their repatriation took place after June 30, 1996;

(10) a program has been established to identify, interview, and resettle persons who

have experienced recent persecution or credible threats of persecution because of political, religious, or human rights activities in Vietnam, subject to clear written standards to ensure that such persons will have access to the program whether or not they are included in a ROVR or ODP interview category and whether or not their cases are referred by an international organization;

(11) written guidance with respect to applications for reconsideration has been issued by the Immigration and Naturalization Service Office of General Counsel to ensure that applicants whose cases were denied on grounds described in paragraphs (2) through (10), because they were unwilling or unable to describe mistreatment by the Vietnamese government in the presence of a Vietnamese government interpreter, or for other reasons contrary to the interest of justice, will be reinterviewed; and

(12) all applicants described in paragraphs (2) through (11) will have the assistance of a Joint Voluntary Agency (JVA) in preparing their cases.

TITLE III—ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; PERSONNEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; FOREIGN SERVICE

CHAPTER 1—ORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SEC. 301. ESTABLISHMENT OF BUREAU FOR INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION PROGRAMS AND BUREAU FOR EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.

Section 1 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(i) ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN BUREAUS, OFFICES, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL ENTITIES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—

''(1) BUREAU FOR INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION PROGRAMS.—There is established within the Department of State the Bureau for International Information Programs which shall assist the Secretary of State in carrying out international information activities formerly carried out by the United States Information Agency.

''(2) BUREAU FOR EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.—There is established within the Department of State a Bureau for Educational and Cultural Exchange Programs which shall assist the Secretary of State in carrying out educational and cultural exchange programs.''.

SEC. 302. CORRECTION OF DESIGNATION OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

(a) AMENDMENTS TO FOREIGN SERVICE ACT OF 1980.—The Foreign Service Act of 1980 is amended—

(1) in section 105(b)(2)(B) by striking ''State and the Foreign Service)'' and inserting ''State)'';

(2) in section 209(a)(1)—

(A) by striking ''State and the Foreign Service,'' and inserting ''State,''; and

(B) by striking the second sentence;

(3) in section 603(a) by striking ''State and the Foreign Service,'' and inserting ''State,''; and

(4) in section 1002(12)(E) by striking ''and the Foreign Service''.

(b) AMENDMENTS TO THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS REFORM AND RESTRUCTURING ACT OF 1998.—The Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (as enacted in division G of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999; Public Law 105–277) is amended—

(1) in section 2208(c) by striking ''and the Foreign Service''; and

(2) in section 1314(e) by striking ''and the Foreign Service''.

(c) AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC LAW 103–236.—Effective October 2, 1999, subsections (i) and (j) of section 308 of the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 (22 U.S.C. 6207 (i) and (j)) are amended by striking ''Inspector General of the Department of State and the Foreign Service'' each place it appears and inserting ''Inspector General of the Department of State''.

(d) AMENDMENTS TO UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING ACT OF 1994.—Section 304(a)(3)(A) of the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 (22 U.S.C. 6203(a)(3)(A)) is amended by striking ''and the Foreign Service''.

CHAPTER 2—PERSONNEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

SEC. 321. ESTABLISHMENT OF FOREIGN SERVICE STAR.

The State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 is amended by inserting after section 36 the following new section:

''SEC. 36A. THE FOREIGN SERVICE STAR.

''(a) AUTHORITY.—The President may award a decoration called the 'Foreign Service Star' to an individual—

''(1) who is killed or injured after August 1, 1998,

''(2) whose death or injury occurs while the individual is a member of the Foreign Service or a civilian employee of the Government of the United States—

''(3) whose death or injury occurs while the individual—

''(A) is employed at, or assigned permanently or temporarily to, an official mission overseas, or

''(B) was traveling abroad on official business, and

''(4) whose death or injury occurs while performing official duties, while on the premises of a United States mission abroad, or due to such individual's status as an employee of the United States Government, and results from any form of assault including terrorist or military action, civil unrest, or criminal activities directed at facilities of the Government of the United States.

''(b) SELECTION.—The Secretary shall submit recommendations for the Foreign Service Star to the President. The Secretary shall establish criteria and procedures for nominations for the Foreign Service Star pursuant to such regulations as the Secretary may prescribe for awards under this section.

''(c) FUNDING.—Any expenses incident to an award under this section may be paid out of the applicable current account of the agency with which the individual was or is employed.

''(d) POSTHUMOUS AWARD.—A Foreign Service Star award to an individual who is deceased shall be presented to the individual's next of kin or representative, as designated by the President.''.

SEC. 322. UNITED STATES CITIZENS HIRED ABROAD.

Section 408(a)(1) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3968(a)(1)) is amended in the last sentence by striking ''(A)'' and all that follows through ''(B)''.

SEC. 323. BORDER EQUALIZATION ADJUSTMENT.

Chapter 4 of title I of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3901 et seq.) is amended by adding the following new section at the end:

''SEC. 414. BORDER EQUALIZATION ADJUSTMENT.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—An employee who regularly commutes from his or her place of residence in the continental United States to an official duty station in Canada or Mexico shall receive a border equalization adjustment equal to the amount of comparability payments under section 5304 of title 5, United States Code, that he or she would receive if assigned to an official duty station within the United States locality pay area closest to the employee's official duty station.

''(b) DEFINITION OF EMPLOYEE.—For purposes of this section, the term 'employee' shall mean a person who—

''(1) is an 'employee' as defined under section 2105 of title 5, United States Code; and

''(2) is employed by the United States Department of State, the United States Agency for International Development, or the International Joint Commission, except that the term shall not include members of the Foreign Service as defined by section 103 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (Public Law 96–465), section 3903 of title 22 of the United States Code.

''(c) TREATMENT AS BASIC PAY.—An equalization adjustment payable under this section shall be considered basic pay for the same purposes as are comparability payments under section 5304 of title 5, United States Code, and its implementing regulations.

''(d) REGULATIONS.—The agencies referenced in subsection (b)(2) are authorized to promulgate regulations to carry out the purposes of this section.''.

SEC. 324. TREATMENT OF GRIEVANCE RECORDS.

Section 1103(d)(1) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4133(d)(1)) is amended by adding the following new sentence at the end: ''Nothing in this subsection shall prevent a grievant from placing a rebuttal to accompany a record of disciplinary action in such grievant's personnel records nor prevent the Department from including a response to such rebuttal, including documenting those cases in which the Board has reviewed and upheld the discipline.''.

SEC. 325. REPORT CONCERNING FINANCIAL DISADVANTAGES FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that administrative and technical personnel posted to United States missions abroad who do not have diplomatic status suffer financial disadvantages from their lack of such status.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees concerning the extent to which administrative and technical personnel posted to United States missions abroad who do not have diplomatic status suffer financial disadvantages from their lack of such status, including proposals to alleviate such disadvantages.

SEC. 326. EXTENSION OF OVERSEAS HIRING AUTHORITY.

Section 202(a) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 3922(a)) is amended by inserting at the end the following new paragraph:

''(4) When and to the extent the Secretary of State deems it in the best interests of the United States Government, the Secretary of State may authorize the head of any agency or other Government establishment (including any establishment in the legislative or judicial branch), to appoint pursuant to section 303 individuals hired abroad as members of the Service and to utilize the Foreign Service personnel system under such regulations as the Secretary of State may prescribe, provided that appointments of United States citizens under this subsection shall be limited to appointments authorized by section 311(a).''.

SEC. 327. MEDICAL EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE.

Section 5927 of title 5, United States Code, is amended to read as follows:

''§ 5927. Advances of pay

''(a) Up to three months' pay may be paid in advance—

''(1) to an employee upon the assignment of the employee to a post in a foreign area;

''(2) to an employee, other than an employee appointed under section 303 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (and employed under section 311 of such Act), who—

''(A) is a citizen of the United States;

''(B) is officially stationed or located outside the United States pursuant to Government authorization; and

''(C) requires (or has a family member who requires) medical treatment outside the United States, in circumstances specified by the President in regulations; and

''(3) to a foreign national employee appointed under section 303 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, or a nonfamily member United States citizen appointed under such section 303 (and employed under section 311 of such Act) for service at such nonfamily member's post of residence, who—

''(A) is located outside the country of employment of such foreign national employee or nonfamily member (as the case may be) pursuant to Government authorization; and

''(B) requires medical treatment outside the country of employment of such foreign national employee or nonfamily member (as the case may be), in circumstances specified by the President in regulations.

''(b) For the purpose of this section, the term 'country of employment', as used with respect to an individual under subsection (a)(3), means the country (or other area) outside the United States where such individual is appointed (as described in subsection (a)(3)) by the Government.''.

SEC. 328. FAMILIES OF DECEASED FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL.

Section 5922 of title 5, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(f)(1) If an employee dies at post in a foreign area, a transfer allowance under section 5924(2)(B) may be granted to the spouse or dependents of such employee (or both) for the purpose of providing for their return to the United States.

''(2) A transfer allowance under this subsection may not be granted with respect to the spouse or a dependent of the employee unless, at the time of death, such spouse or dependent was residing—

''(A) at the employee's post of assignment; or

''(B) at a place, outside the United States, for which a separate maintenance allowance was being furnished under section 5924(3).

''(3) The President may prescribe any regulations necessary to carry out this subsection.''.

SEC. 329. PARENTAL CHOICE IN EDUCATION.

Section 5924(4) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (A) by striking ''between that post and the nearest locality where adequate schools are available,'' and inserting ''between that post and the school chosen by the employee, not to exceed the total cost to the Government of the dependent attending an adequate school in the nearest locality where an adequate school is available,''; and

(2) by adding after subparagraph (B) the following new subparagraph:

''(C) In those cases in which an adequate school is available at the post of the employee, if the employee chooses to educate the dependent at a school away from post, the education allowance which includes board and room, and periodic travel between the post and the school chosen, shall not exceed the total cost to the Government of the dependent attending an adequate school at the post of the employee.''.

SEC. 330. WORKFORCE PLANNING FOR FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL BY FEDERAL AGENCIES.

Section 601(c) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (22 U.S.C. 4001(c)) is amended by striking paragraph (4) and inserting the following:

''(4) Not later than March 1, 2001, and every four years thereafter, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate which shall include the following:

''(A) A description of the steps taken and planned in furtherance of—

''(i) maximum compatibility among agencies utilizing the Foreign Service personnel system, as provided for in section 203, and

''(ii) the development of uniform policies and procedures and consolidated personnel functions, as provided for in section 204.

''(B) A workforce plan for the subsequent five years, including projected personnel needs, by grade and by skill. Each such plan shall include for each category the needs for foreign language proficiency, geographic and functional expertise, and specialist technical skills. Each workforce plan shall specifically account for the training needs of Foreign Service personnel and shall delineate an intake program of generalist and specialist Foreign Service personnel to meet projected future requirements.

''(5) If there are substantial modifications to any workforce plan under paragraph (4)(B) during any year in which a report under paragraph (4) is not required, a supplemental annual notification shall be submitted in the same manner as is required under paragraph (4).''.

SEC. 331. COMPENSATION FOR SURVIVORS OF TERRORIST ATTACKS OVERSEAS.

The Secretary of State shall examine the current benefit structure for survivors of United States Government employees who are killed while serving at United States diplomatic facilities abroad as a result of terrorist acts. Such a review shall include an examination of whether such benefits are adequate, whether they are fair and equitably distributed without regard to category of employment, and how they compare to benefits available to survivors of other United States Government employees serving overseas, including noncivilian employees.

TITLE IV—UNITED STATES INFORMATIONAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS

SEC. 401. EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TIBETANS AND BURMESE.

(a) DESIGNATION OF NGAWANG CHOEPHEL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.—Section 103(a) of the Human Rights, Refugee, and Other Foreign Relations Provisions Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–319) is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following: ''Exchange programs under this subsection shall be known as the 'Ngawang Choephel Exchange Programs'.''.

(b) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TIBETANS AND BURMESE.—Section 103(b)(1) of the Human Rights, Refugee, and Other Foreign Relations Provisions Act of 1996 (Public Law 104–319; 22 U.S.C. 2151 note) is amended by striking ''for the fiscal year 1999'' and inserting ''for the fiscal year 2000''.

SEC. 402. CONDUCT OF CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.

Section 102 of the Human Rights, Refugee, and Other Foreign Relations Provisions Act of 1996 (22 U.S.C. 2452 note) is amended by striking ''Director'' and all that follows through the period and inserting the following: ''Secretary of State, with the assistance of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, shall—

''(1) include, as a substantial proportion of the participants in such programs, nationals of such countries who have demonstrated a commitment to freedom and democracy;

''(2) consult with human rights and democracy advocates from such countries on the selection of participants and grantees for such programs; and

''(3) select grantees for such programs only after a competitive process in which proposals are solicited from multiple applicants and in which important factors in the selection of a grantee include the relative likelihood that each of the competing applicants would be willing and able:

''(A) to identify and recruit as participants in the program persons described in paragraph (1); and

''(B) in selecting participants who are associated with governments or other institutions wielding power in countries described in this section, to identify and recruit those most likely to be open to freedom and democracy and to avoid selecting those who are so firmly committed to the suppression of freedom and democracy that their inclusion could create an appearance that the United States condones such suppression.''.

SEC. 403. NOTIFICATION TO CONGRESS OF GRANTS.

Section 705 of the United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948 (22 U.S.C. 1477c(b)) is amended—

(1) by inserting ''(a)'' after ''705.''; and

(2) by inserting at the end the following new subsection:

''(b) For fiscal year 2000 and each subsequent fiscal year, the Secretary of State may not award any grant to carry out the purposes of this Act until 45 days after written notice has been provided to the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate of the intent to award such grant. In determining whether to award a grant the Secretary shall consider any objections or modifications raised in the course of consultations with such committees.''.

SEC. 404. NATIONAL SECURITY MEASURES.

The United States Information and Educational Exchange Act of 1948 is amended by adding after section 1011 the following new sections:

''NATIONAL SECURITY MEASURES

''SEC. 1012. In coordination with other appropriate executive branch officals, the Secretary of State shall take all appropriate steps to prevent foreign espionage agents from participating in educational and cultural exchange programs under this Act.

''PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

''SEC. 1013. The Secretary of State shall take all appropriate steps to ensure that no individual, who is employed by or attached to an office or department involved with the research, development, or production of missiles or weapons of mass destruction, from a country identified by the Central Intelligence Agency, the Department of Defense, the National Security Agency, or the Department of Energy, as a country involved in the proliferation of missiles or weapons of mass destruction is a participant in any program of educational or cultural exchange under this Act. Appropriate steps under this section shall include prior consultation with the Federal agencies designated in the first sentence with respect to all prospective participants in such programs with respect to whom there is a reasonable basis to believe that such prospective participant may be employed by or attached to an office or department identified under the first sentence.''.

SEC. 405. DESIGNATION OF NORTH/SOUTH CENTER AS THE DANTE B. FASCELL NORTH-SOUTH CENTER.

(a) DESIGNATION.—Section 208 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1992 and 1993 (22 U.S.C. 2075) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

''(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the 'Dante B. Fascell North-South Center Act of 1991'.'';

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) by amending the section heading to read as follows: ''DANTE B. FASCELL NORTH-SOUTH CENTER.—''; and

(B) by striking ''known as the North/South Center,'' and inserting ''which shall be known and designated as the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center,''; and

(3) in subsection (d) by striking ''North/South Center'' and inserting ''Dante B. Fascell North-South Center''.

(b) REFERENCES.—

(1) CENTER.—Any reference in any other provision of law to the educational institution in Florida known as the North/South Center shall be deemed to be a reference to the ''Dante B. Fascell North-South Center''.

(2) SHORT TITLE.—Any reference in any other provision of law to the North/South Center Act of 1991 shall be deemed to be a reference to the ''Dante B. Fascell North/South Center Act of 1991''.

SEC. 406. ADVISORY COMMISSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY.

Section 1334 of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (enacted as Division G of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 1999; Public Law 105–277) is repealed.

SEC. 407. INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITIONS.

(a) LIMITATION.—Except as provided in subsection (b), notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of State may not obligate or expend any funds for a United States Government funded pavilion or other major exhibit at any international exposition or world's fair registered by the Bureau of International Expositions in excess of amounts expressly authorized and appropriated for such purpose.

(b) EXCEPTIONS.—

(1) The Department of State is authorized to utilize its personnel and resources to carry out its responsibilities—

(A) under section 102(a)(3) of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2452(a)(3), to provide for United States participation in international fairs and expositions abroad;

(B) under section 105(f) of such Act with respect to encouraging foreign governments, international organizations, and private individuals, firms, associations, agencies and other groups to participate in international fairs and expositions and to make contributions to be utilized for United States participation in international fairs and expositions; and

(C) to encourage private support to the United States Commissioner General for participation in international fairs and expositions.

(2) Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as authorizing the use of funds appropriated to the Department of State to make payments for—

(A) contracts, grants, or other agreements with any other party to carry out the activities described in this subsection; or

(B) any legal judgment or the costs of litigation brought against the Department of State arising from activities described in this subsection.

(c) REPEAL.—Section 230 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 (22 U.S.C. 2452 note) is repealed.

SEC. 408. ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY.

The Secretary of State shall take all appropriate steps to ensure that members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) are not participants in any program of educational or cultural exchange or training through the National Academy Program at Quantico, Virginia, under the auspices of the Department of State or the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice unless the President certifies that complete, independent, credible and transparent investigations of the murders of defense attorneys Rosemary Nelson and Patrick Finucane have been initiated by the Government of the United Kingdom and that the Government has taken appropriate steps to protect defense attorneys against RUC harassment in Northern Ireland, in which case the President may permit any program, exchange, or training set forth herein.

TITLE V—INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING

SEC. 501. PERMANENT AUTHORIZATION FOR RADIO FREE ASIA.

(a) REPEAL OF SUNSET PROVISION.—Section 309 of the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 (22 U.S.C. 6208) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (g); and

(2) in subsection (d)(2) by striking ''Government,'' and all that follows through the period and inserting ''Government.''.

(b) REPEAL OF FUNDING LIMITATIONS.—Section 309 of the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 is further amended—

(1) in subsection (d) by striking paragraphs (4) and (5) and by redesignating paragraph (6) as paragraph (4); and

(2) in subsection (c)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(A) by striking ''the funding'' and all that follows through the semicolon and inserting ''any funding limitations under subsection (d);''; and

(B) in paragraph (3) by striking ''the funding'' and all that follows through the period and inserting ''any funding limitations under subsection (d).''.

SEC. 502. PRESERVATION OF RFE/RL (RADIO FREE EUROPE/RADIO LIBERTY).

(a) REPEAL OF PRIVATIZATION POLICY STATEMENT.—Section 312 of the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 (22 U.S.C. 6211) is repealed.

(b) INCREASE IN LIMITATION ON GRANT AMOUNTS.—Section 308(c) of the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 (22 U.S.C. 6207(c)) is amended by striking ''$75,000,000'' and inserting ''$80,000,000''.

SEC. 503. IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY FOR BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Section 304 of the United States International Broadcasting Act of 1994 (22 U.S.C. 6203) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(g) IMMUNITY FROM CIVIL LIABILITY.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Volunteer Protection Act of 1997 shall apply to the members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors when acting in their capacities as members of the boards of directors of RFE/RL, Incorporated and Radio Free Asia.''.

TITLE VI—INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMISSIONS

SEC. 601. INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUPS.

(a) AMERICAN DELEGATIONS TO CONFERENCES.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, whenever either the House of Representatives or the Senate does not appoint its allotment of members as part of the American delegation or group to a conference or assembly of the British-American Interparliamentary Group, the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group, the North Atlantic Assembly, or any similar interparliamentary group of which the United States is a member or participates and so notifies the other body of Congress, the other body may make appointments to complete the membership of the American delegation. Any appointment pursuant to this section shall be for the period of such conference or assembly and the body of Congress making such an appointment shall be responsible for the expenses of any member so appointed. Any such appointment shall be made in same manner in which other appointments to the delegation by such body of Congress are made.

(b) TRANSATLANTIC LEGISLATIVE DIALOGUE.—Section 109(c) of the Department of State Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1984 and 1985 (22 U.S.C. 276 note) is amended by striking ''United States-European Community Interparliamentary Group'' and inserting ''Transatlantic Legislative Dialogue (United States-European Union Interparliamentary Group)''.

SEC. 602. AUTHORITY TO ASSIST STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

(a) AUTHORITY.—The Commissioner of the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission may provide technical tests, evaluations, information, surveys, or others similar services to State or local governments upon the request of such State or local government on a reimbursable basis.

(b) REIMBURSEMENTS.—Reimbursements shall be paid in advance of the goods or services ordered and shall be for the estimated or actual cost as determined by the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission. Proper adjustment of amounts paid in advance shall be made as agreed to by the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission on the basis of the actual cost of goods or services provided. Reimbursements received by the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission for providing services under this section shall be credited to the appropriation from which the cost of providing the services will be charged.

SEC. 603. INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION.

(a) EXPANDED AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS.—Section 2(b) of the American-Mexican Chamizal Convention Act of 1964 (Public Law 88–300; 22 U.S.C. 277d–18(b)) is amended by inserting ''operations, maintenance, and'' after ''cost of''.

SEC. 604. CONCERNING UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION ES–10/6.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress makes the following findings:

(1) In an Emergency Special Session, the United Nations General Assembly voted on February 9, 1999, to pass Resolution ES–10/6, Illegal Israeli Actions In Occupied East Jerusalem And The Rest Of The Occupied Palestinian Territory, to convene for the first time in 50 years the parties of the Fourth Geneva Convention for the Protection of Civilians in Time of War.

(2) Such resolution unfairly places full blame for the deterioration of the Middle East Peace Process on Israel and dangerously politicizes the Geneva Convention, which was established to deal with critical humanitarian crises.

(3) Such vote is intended to prejudge direct negotiations, put added and undue pressure on Israel to influence the results of those negotiations, and single out Israel for unprecedented enforcement proceedings which have never been invoked against governments with records of massive violations of the Geneva Convention.

(b) CONGRESSIONAL STATEMENT OF POLICY.—The Congress—

(1) commends the Department of State for the vote of the United States against United

Nations General Assembly Resolution ES–10/6 affirming that the text of such resolution politicizes the Fourth Geneva Convention which was primarily humanitarian in nature; and

(2) urges the Department of State to continue its efforts against convening the conference.

TITLE VII—GENERAL PROVISIONS

SEC. 701. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS IN CUBA.

It is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) the United States should increase its support to democracy and human rights activists in Cuba, providing assistance with the same intensity and decisiveness with which it supported the pro-democracy movements in Eastern Europe during the Cold War; and

(2) the United States should substantially increase funding for programs and activities under section 109 of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act of 1996 (22 U.S.C. 6021 et seq.) designed to support democracy and human rights activists and others in Cuba who are committed to peaceful and democratic change on the island.

SEC. 702. RELATING TO CYPRUS.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress makes the following findings:

(1) At the urging of the United States Government, the Republic of Cyprus refrained from exercising that country's sovereign right to self-defense, a right fully recognized by the United States Government and by Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations, and canceled the deployment on Cyprus of defensive antiaircraft missiles.

(2) In close cooperation with the United States Government and the Government of Greece, Cyprus rerouted the missiles to the Greek island of Crete.

(3) This extraordinarily conciliatory and courageous action was taken in the interest of peace.

(4) With this action, the Republic of Cyprus displayed its full compliance with the recently adopted United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1217 and 1218 which address the Cyprus issue, demonstrated its support for President Bill Clinton's December 22, 1998, commitment to ''take all necessary steps to support a sustained effort to implement United Nations Security Council Resolution 1218'', and continued its efforts of the last 25 years to take substantive steps to reduce tensions and move toward a Cyprus settlement.

(5) The Republic of Cyprus has no navy, air force, or army and faces one of the world's largest and most sophisticated military forces, just minutes away, in Turkey, as well as an area described by the United Nations Secretary General as, ''one of the most densely militarized areas in the world'' in the Turkish-occupied area of northern Cyprus.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) in light of this and other similar extraordinary actions taken by the Republic of Cyprus, as well as the importance of a Cyprus settlement to American security and other interests, the United States should do all that is possible to bring about commensurate actions by Turkey;

(2) the time has come for the United States to expect from Turkey actions on the Cyprus issue in the interest of peace, including steps in conformity with United States proposals concerning Cyprus and in compliance with provisions contained in United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1217 and 1218; and

(3) such an effort would also be in the best interest of the people of Turkey, as well as in the interest of all others involved.

The CHAIRMAN. Before consideration of any other amendment, it shall be in order to consider the first amendment printed in part A of House Report 106–235 if offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) or his designee. That amendment shall be considered read, shall be debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

If that amendment is adopted, the bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment.

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No further amendment shall be in order except those printed in the report and amendments en bloc described in section 2 of House Resolution 247. Each amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as specified in the report, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

It shall be in order at any time for the chairman of the Committee on International Relations or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in part B of the report not earlier disposed of or germane modifications of any such amendment.

The amendments en bloc shall be considered read, except that modifications shall be reported, shall be debatable for 20 minutes, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member, or their designees, shall not be subject to amendment and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

The original proponent of an amendment included in the amendments en bloc may insert a statement in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD immediately before disposition of the amendments en bloc.

The Chairman of the Committee of the Whole may postpone a request for a recorded vote on any amendment and may reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the time for voting on any postponed question that immediately follows another vote, provided that the time for voting on the first question shall be a minimum of 15 minutes.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 OFFERED BY MR. GILMAN

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Part A amendment No. 1 offered by Mr. Gilman:

Page 4, after line 9, add the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

DIVISION A—DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND RELATED PROVISIONS

Page 12, line 4, before the period insert ''and for returned or returning refugees, displaced persons, and other victims of the humanitarian crisis within Kosovo''.

Page 15, strike lines 1 through 16, and insert the following:

(4) NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR DEMOCRACY.—For the ''National Endowment for Democracy'', $32,000,000 for the fiscal year 2000.

(5) REAGAN-FASCELL DEMOCRACY FELLOWS.—For a fellowship program, to be known as the ''Reagan-Fascell Democracy Fellows'', for democracy activists and scholars from around the world at the International Forum for Democratic Studies in Washington, D.C., to study, write, and exchange views with other activists and scholars and with Americans, $2,000,000 for the fiscal year 2000.

Page 17, after line 14, insert the following:

(5) UNICEF.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated under subsection (a), $110,000,000 for the fiscal year 2000 is authorized to be appropriated only for a United States contribution to UNICEF.

Page 21, line 25, strike ''such sums as may be necessary'' and insert ''$15,000,000''.

Page 56, strike line 16.

Page 67, after line 22, insert the following new section:

SEC. 332. PRESERVATION OF DIVERSITY IN REORGANIZATION.

Section 1613(c) of the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (as enacted by division G of the Omnibus Consolidated and Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, 1999; Public Law 105-277) is amended in the first sentence by striking ''changed.'' and inserting ''changed, nor shall the relative positions of women and minorities in the administrative structures of the agencies subject to this section be adversely affected as a result of such transfers.''.

Page 68, strike line 21, and all that follows through line 4 on page 70 and insert the following:

SEC. 402. CONDUCT OF CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.

Section 102 of the Human Rights, Refugee, and Other Foreign Relations Provisions Act of 1996 (22 U.S.C. 2452 note) is amended by striking ''Director'' and all that follows through the period and inserting the following: ''Secretary of State, with the assistance of the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, shall—

''(1) include, as a significant proportion of the participants in such programs, nationals of such countries who the Secretary has reason to believe are committed to freedom and democracy;

''(2) consult with human rights and democracy advocates from such countries on the inclusion of participants and grantee organizations for such programs;

''(3) take all appropriate steps to ensure that inclusion in such programs does not compromise the personal safety of participants; and

''(4) select grantee organizations for such programs through an open, competitive process in which proposals are solicited from multiple applicants and in which important factors inthe selection of a grantee include the relative likelihood that each of the competing applicants would be willing and able—

''(A) to recruit as participants in the program persons described in paragraph (1); and

''(B) in selecting participants who are associated with governments or other institutions wielding power in countries described in this section, to recruit those most likely to be open to an understanding of the principles of freedom and democracy, and to avoid—

''(i) giving such governments inappropriate influence in the selection process; and

''(ii) selecting those who are so firmly committed to the suppression of freedom and democracy that their inclusion could create an appearance that the United States condones such suppression.''.

Page 84, after line 16, add the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

DIVISION B—SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROVISIONS

SEC. 1001. SHORT TITLE.

This division may be cited as the ''Security Assistance Act of 1999''.

TITLE XI—TRANSFERS OF EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES

SEC. 1101. EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES FOR CENTRAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

Section 105 of Public Law 104–164 (110 Stat. 1427) is amended by striking ''1996 and 1997'' and inserting ''2000 and 2001''.

SEC. 1102. EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES FOR CERTAIN INDEPENDENT STATES OF THE FORMER SOVIET UNION.

(a) USES FOR WHICH FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.—Notwithstanding section 516(e) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j(e)), during each of the fiscal years 2000 and 2001, funds available to the Department of Defense may be expended for crating, packing, handling, and transportation of excess defense articles transferred under the authority of section 516 of that Act to Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

(b) CONTENT OF CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATION.—Each notification required to be submitted under section 516(f) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j(f)) with respect to a proposed transfer of a defense article described in subsection (a) shall include an estimate of the amount of funds to be expended under subsection (a) with respect to that transfer.

TITLE XII—FOREIGN MILITARY SALES AUTHORITIES

SEC. 1201. TERMINATION OF FOREIGN MILITARY FINANCED TRAINING.

Section 617 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2367) is amended—

(1) by inserting in the second sentence ''and the Arms Export Control Act'' after ''under this Act'' the first place it appears;

(2) by striking ''under this Act'' the second place it appears; and

(3) by inserting in the third sentence ''and under the Arms Export Control Act'' after ''this Act''.

SEC. 1202. SALES OF EXCESS COAST GUARD PROPERTY.

Section 21(a)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2761(a)(1)) is amended in the text above subparagraph (A) by inserting ''and the Coast Guard'' after ''Department of Defense''.

SEC. 1203. COMPETITIVE PRICING FOR SALES OF DEFENSE ARTICLES.

Section 22(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2762(d)) is amended—

(1) by striking ''Procurement contracts'' and inserting ''(1) Procurement contracts''; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

''(2) Direct costs associated with meeting additional or unique requirements of the purchaser shall be allowable under contracts described in paragraph (1). Loadings applicable to such direct costs shall be permitted at the same rates applicable to procurement of like items purchased by the Department of Defense for its own use.''.

SEC. 1204. REPORTING OF OFFSET AGREEMENTS.

(a) GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT SALES.—Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2776(b)(1)) is amended in the fourth sentence by striking ''(if known on the date of transmittal of such certification)'' and inserting ''and, if known on the date of transmittal of such certification, a description of the offset agreement. Such description may be included in the classified portion of such numbered certification''.

(b) COMMERCIAL SALES.—Section 36(c)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2776(c)(1)) is amended in the second sentence by striking ''(if known on the date of transmittal of such certification)'' and inserting ''and, if known on the date of transmittal of such certification, a description of the offset agreement. Such description may be included in the classified portion of such numbered certification''.

SEC. 1205. NOTIFICATION OF UPGRADES TO DIRECT COMMERCIAL SALES.

Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2776(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

''(4) The provisions of subsection (b)(5) shall apply to any equipment, article, or service for which a numbered certification has been transmitted to Congress pursuant to paragraph (1) in the same manner and to the same extent as that subsection applies to any equipment, article, or service for which a numbered certification has been transmitted to Congress pursuant to subsection (b)(1). For purposes of such application, any reference in subsection (b)(5) to 'a letter of offer' or 'an offer' shall be deemed to be a reference to 'a contract'.''.

SEC. 1206. EXPANDED PROHIBITION ON INCENTIVE PAYMENTS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 39A(a) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2779a(a)) is amended—

(1) by inserting ''or licensed'' after ''sold''; and

(2) by inserting ''or export'' after ''sale''.

(b) DEFINITION OF UNITED STATES PERSON.—Section 39A(d)(3)(B)(ii) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2779a(d)(3)(B)(ii)) is amended by inserting ''or by an entity described in clause (i)'' after ''subparagraph (A)''.

SEC. 1207. ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FOR LEASING OF DEFENSE ARTICLES.

Section 61(a) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2796(a)) is amended in paragraph (4) of the first sentence by inserting after ''including reimbursement for depreciation of such articles while leased,'' the following: ''a fee for the administrative services associated with processing such leasing,''.

TITLE XIII—STOCKPILING OF DEFENSE ARTICLES FOR FOREIGN COUNTRIES

SEC. 1301. ADDITIONS TO UNITED STATES WAR RESERVE STOCKPILES FOR ALLIES.

Paragraph (2) of section 514(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321h(b)(2)) is amended to read as follows:

''(2)(A) The value of such additions to stockpiles of defense articles in foreign countries shall not exceed $340,000,000 for fiscal year 1999 and $60,000,000 for fiscal year 2000.

''(B)(i) Of the amount specified in subparagraph (A) for fiscal year 1999, not more than $320,000,000 may be made available for stockpiles in the Republic of Korea and not more than $20,000,000 may be made available for stockpiles in Thailand.

''(ii) Of the amount specified in subparagraph (A) for fiscal year 2000, not more than $40,000,000 may be made available for stockpiles in the Republic of Korea and not more than $20,000,000 may be made available for stockpiles in Thailand.''.

SEC. 1302. TRANSFER OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE OR SURPLUS DEFENSE ARTICLES IN THE WAR RESERVES STOCKPILE FOR ALLIES.

(a) ITEMS IN THE KOREAN STOCKPILE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 514 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321h), the President is authorized to transfer to the Republic of Korea, in return for concessions to be negotiated by the Secretary of Defense, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, any or all of the items described in paragraph (2).

(2) COVERED ITEMS.—The items referred to in paragraph (1) are munitions, equipment, and material such as tanks, trucks, artillery, mortars, general purpose bombs, repair parts, ammunition, barrier material, and ancillary equipment, if such items are—

(A) obsolete or surplus items;

(B) in the inventory of the Department of Defense;

(C) intended for use as reserve stocks for the Republic of Korea; and

(D) as of the date of enactment of this Act, located in a stockpile in the Republic of Korea.

(b) ITEMS IN THE THAILAND STOCKPILE.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding section 514 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321h), the President is authorized to transfer to Thailand, in return for concessions to be negotiated by the Secretary of Defense, with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, any or all of the items in the WRS–T stockpile described in paragraph (2).

(2) COVERED ITEMS.—The items referred to in paragraph (1) are munitions, equipment, and material such as tanks, trucks, artillery, mortars, general purpose bombs, repair parts, ammunition, barrier material, and ancillary equipment, if such items are—

(A) obsolete or surplus items;

(B) in the inventory of the Department of Defense;

(C) intended for use as reserve stocks for Thailand; and

(D) as of the date of enactment of this Act, located in a stockpile in Thailand.

(c) VALUATION OF CONCESSIONS.—The value of concessions negotiated pursuant to subsections (a) and (b) shall be at least equal to the fair market value of the items transferred. The concessions may include cash compensation, services, waiver of charges otherwise payable by the United States, and other items of value.

(d) PRIOR NOTIFICATIONS OF PROPOSED TRANSFERS.—Not less 30 days before making a transfer under the authority of this section, the President shall transmit to the chairmen of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives a detailed notification of the proposed transfer, which shall include an identification of the items to be transferred and the concessions to be received.

(e) TERMINATION OF AUTHORITY.—No transfer may be made under the authority of this section more than three years after the date of enactment of this Act.

TITLE XIV—INTERNATIONAL ARMS SALES CODE OF CONDUCT ACT OF 1999

SEC. 1401. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the ''International Arms Sales Code of Conduct Act of 1999''.

SEC. 1402. FINDINGS.

The Congress finds the following:

(1) The proliferation of conventional arms and conflicts around the globe are multilateral problems. The only way to effectively prevent rogue nations from acquiring conventional weapons is through a multinational ''arms sales code of conduct''.

(2) Approximately 40,000,000 people, over 75 percent of whom were civilians, died as a result of civil and international wars fought with conventional weapons during the 45 years of the cold war, demonstrating that conventional weapons can in fact be weapons of mass destruction.

(3) Conflict has actually increased in the post cold war era.

(4) It is in the national security and economic interests of the United States to reduce dramatically the $840,000,000,000 that all countries spend on armed forces every year, $191,000,000,000 of which is spent by developing countries, an amount equivalent to 4 times the total bilateral and multilateral foreign assistance such countries receive every year.

(5) The Congress has the constitutional responsibility to participate with the executive branch in decisions to provide military assistance and arms transfers to a foreign government, and in the formulation of a policy designed to reduce dramatically the level of international militarization.

(6) A decision to provide military assistance and arms transfers to a government that is undemocratic, does not adequately protect human rights, or is currently engaged in acts of armed aggression should require a higher level of scrutiny than does a decision to provide such assistance and arms transfers to a government to which these conditions do not apply.

SEC. 1403. INTERNATIONAL ARMS SALES CODE OF CONDUCT.

(a) NEGOTIATIONS.—The President shall attempt to achieve the foreign policy goal of an international arms sales code of conduct with all Wassenaar Arrangement countries. The President shall take the necessary steps to begin negotiations with all Wassenaar Arrangement countries within 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. The purpose of these negotiations shall be to conclude an agreement on restricting or prohibiting arms transfers to countries that do not meet the following criteria:

(1) PROMOTES DEMOCRACY.—The government of the country—

(A) was chosen by and permits free and fair elections;

(B) promotes civilian control of the military and security forces and has civilian institutions controlling the policy, operation, and spending of all law enforcement and security institutions, as well as the armed forces;

(C) promotes the rule of law, equality before the law, and respect for individual and minority rights, including freedom to speak, publish, associate, and organize; and

(D) promotes the strengthening of political, legislative, and civil institutions of democracy, as well as autonomous institutions to monitor the conduct of public officials and to combat corruption.

(2) RESPECTS HUMAN RIGHTS.—The government of the country—

(A) does not engage in gross violations of internationally recognized human rights, including—

(i) extra judicial or arbitrary executions;

(ii) disappearances;

(iii) torture or severe mistreatment;

(iv) prolonged arbitrary imprisonment;

(v) systematic official discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, gender, national origin, or political affiliation; and

(vi) grave breaches of international laws of war or equivalent violations of the laws of war in internal conflicts;

(B) vigorously investigates, disciplines, and prosecutes those responsible for gross violations of internationally recognized human rights;

(C) permits access on a regular basis to political prisoners by international humanitarian organizations such as the International Committee of the Red Cross;

(D) promotes the independence of the judiciary and other official bodies that oversee the protection of human rights;

(E) does not impede the free functioning of domestic and international human rights organizations; and

(F) provides access on a regular basis to humanitarian organizations in situations of conflict or famine.

(3) NOT ENGAGED IN CERTAIN ACTS OF ARMED AGGRESSION.—The government of the country is not currently engaged in acts of armed aggression in violation of international law.

(4) FULL PARTICIPATION IN UNITED NATIONS REGISTER OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS.—The government of the country is fully participating in the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms.

(b) REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—(1) In the report required in sections 116(d) and 502B of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, the Secretary of State shall describe the extent to which the practices of each country evaluated meet the criteria in paragraphs (1) through (4) of subsection (a).

(2) Not later than 6 months after the commencement of the negotiations under subsection (a), and not later than the end of every 6-month period thereafter until an agreement described in subsection (a) is concluded, the President shall report to the appropriate committees of the Congress on the progress made during these negotiations.

(c) DEFINITION.—The term ''Wassenaar Arrangement countries'' means Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom.

TITLE XV—AUTHORITY TO EXEMPT INDIA AND PAKISTAN FROM CERTAIN SANCTIONS

SEC. 1501. WAIVER AUTHORITY.

(a) AUTHORITY.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), the President may waive, with respect to India or Pakistan, the application of any sanction or prohibition (or portion thereof) contained in section 101 or 102 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2799aa or 2799aa–1), section 620E(e) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2375(e)), or section 2(b)(4) of the Export Import Bank Act of 1945 (12 U.S.C. 635(b)(4)).

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—A waiver of the application of a sanction or prohibition (or portion thereof) under paragraph (1) shall be effective only for a period ending on or before September 30, 2000.

(b) EXCEPTION.—The authority to waive the application of a sanction or prohibition (or portion thereof) under subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a sanction or prohibition contained in subparagraph (B), (C), or (G) of section 102(b)(2) of the Arms Export Control Act.

(c) NOTIFICATION.—A waiver of the application of a sanction or prohibition (or portion thereof) contained in section 541 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 shall not become effective until 15 days after notice of such waiver has been reported to the congressional committees specified in section 634A(a) of such Act in accordance with the procedures applicable to reprogramming notifications under that section.

SEC. 1502. CONSULTATION.

Prior to each exercise of the authority provided in section 1501, the President shall consult with the appropriate congressional committees.

SEC. 1503. REPORTING REQUIREMENT.

Not later than August 31, 2000, the Secretary of State shall prepare and submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on economic and national security developments in India and Pakistan.

SEC. 1504. APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.

In this title, the term ''appropriate congressional committees'' means—

(1) the Committee on International Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives; and

(2) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

TITLE XVI—TRANSFER OF NAVAL VESSELS TO CERTAIN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

SEC. 1601. AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER NAVAL VESSELS.

(a) DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to transfer to the Government of the Dominican Republic the medium auxiliary floating dry dock AFDM 2. Such transfer shall be on a grant basis under section 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j).

(b) ECUADOR.—The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to transfer to the Government of Ecuador the ''OAK RIDGE'' class medium auxiliary repair dry dock ALAMOGORDO (ARDM 2). Such transfer shall be on a sales basis under section 21 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2761).

(c) EGYPT.—The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to transfer to the Government of Egypt the ''NEWPORT'' class tank landing ships BARBOUR COUNTY (LST 1195) and PEORIA (LST 1183). Such transfers shall be on a sales basis under section 21 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2761).

(d) GREECE.—(1) The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to transfer to the Government of Greece the ''KNOX'' class frigate CONNOLE (FF 1056). Such transfer shall be on a grant basis under section 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j).

(2) The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to transfer to the Government of Greece the medium auxiliary floating dry dock COMPETENT (AFDM 6). Such transfer shall be on a sales basis under section 21 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2761).

(e) MEXICO.—The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to transfer to the Government of Mexico the ''NEWPORT'' class tank landing ship NEWPORT (LST 1179) and the ''KNOX'' class frigate WHIPPLE (FF 1062). Such transfers shall be on a sales basis under section 21 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2761).

(f) POLAND.—The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to transfer to the Government of Poland the ''OLIVER HAZARD PERRY'' class guided missile frigate CLARK (FFG 11). Such transfer shall be on a grant basis under section 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j).

(g) TAIWAN.—The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to transfer to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States (which is the Taiwan instrumentality designated pursuant to section 10(a) of the Taiwan Relations Act) the ''NEWPORT'' class tank landing ship SCHENECTADY (LST 1185). Such transfer shall be on a sales basis under section 21 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2761).

(h) THAILAND.—The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to transfer to the Government of Thailand the ''KNOX'' class frigate TRUETT (FF 1095). Such transfer shall be on a grant basis under section 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j).

(i) TURKEY.—The Secretary of the Navy is authorized to transfer to the Government of Turkey the ''OLIVER HAZARD PERRY'' class guided missile frigates FLATLEY (FFG 21) and JOHN A. MOORE (FFG 19). Such transfers shall be on a sales basis under section 21 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2761).

SEC. 1602. INAPPLICABILITY OF AGGREGATE ANNUAL LIMITATION ON VALUE OF TRANSFERRED EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES.

The value of a vessel transferred to another country on a grant basis under section 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j) pursuant to authority provided by section 1601 shall not be counted for the purposes of section 516(g) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 in the aggregate value of excess defense articles transferred to countries under that section in any fiscal year.

SEC. 1603. COSTS OF TRANSFERS.

Any expense incurred by the United States in connection with a transfer of a vessel authorized by section 1601 shall be charged to the recipient.

SEC. 1604. EXPIRATION OF AUTHORITY.

The authority to transfer vessels under section 1601 shall expire at the end of the 2-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 1605. REPAIR AND REFURBISHMENT OF VESSELS IN UNITED STATES SHIPYARDS.

The Secretary of the Navy shall require, to the maximum extent possible, as a condition of a transfer of a vessel under section 1601, that the country to which the vessel is transferred have such repair or refurbishment of the vessel as is needed, before the vessel joins the naval forces of that country, performed at a shipyard located in the United States, including a United States Navy shipyard.

SEC. 1606. SENSE OF THE CONGRESS RELATING TO TRANSFER OF NAVAL VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES.

(a) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) the President should transfer to the Government of the Philippines, on a grant basis under section 516 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2321j), the excess defense articles described in subsection (b); and

(2) the United States should not oppose the transfer of F–5 aircraft by a third country to the Government of the Philippines.

(b) EXCESS DEFENSE ARTICLES.—The excess defense articles described in this subsection are the following:

(1) UH–1 helicopters, A–4 aircraft, and the ''POINT'' class Coast Guard cutter POINT EVANS.

(2) Amphibious landing craft, naval patrol vessels (including patrol vessels of the Coast Guard), and other naval vessels (such as frigates), if such vessels are available.

TITLE XVII—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

SEC. 1701. ANNUAL MILITARY ASSISTANCE REPORTS.

Section 655(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2415(b)) is amended to read as follows:

''(b) INFORMATION RELATING TO MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND MILITARY EXPORTS.—Each such report shall show the aggregate dollar value and quantity of defense articles (including excess defense articles), defense services, and international military education and training activities authorized by the United States and of such articles, services, and activities provided by the United States, excluding any activity that is reportable under title V of the National Security Act of 1947, to each foreign country and international organization. The report shall specify, by category, whether such defense articles—

''(1) were furnished by grant under chapter 2 or chapter 5 of part II of this Act or under any other authority of law or by sale under chapter 2 of the Arms Export Control Act;

''(2) were furnished with the financial assistance of the United States Government, including through loans and guarantees; or

''(3) were licensed for export under section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act.''.

SEC. 1702. PUBLICATION OF ARMS SALES CERTIFICATIONS.

Section 36 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2776) is amended in the second subsection (e) (as added by section 155 of Public Law 104–164)—

(1) by inserting ''in a timely manner'' after ''to be published''; and

(2) by striking ''the full unclassified text of'' and all that follows and inserting the following: ''the full unclassified text of—

''(1) each numbered certification submitted pursuant to subsection (b);

''(2) each notification of a proposed commercial sale submitted under subsection (c); and

''(3) each notification of a proposed commercial technical assistance or manufacturing licensing agreement submitted under subsection (d).''.

SEC. 1703. NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL EXPORT OF SIGNIFICANT MILITARY EQUIPMENT ON UNITED STATES MUNITIONS LIST.

(a) NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT.—Section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778) is amended by adding at the end the following:

''(i) As prescribed in regulations issued under this section, a United States person to whom a license has been granted to export an item identified as significant military equipment on the United States Munitions List shall, not later than 15 days after the item is exported, submit to the Department of State a report containing all shipment information, including a description of the item and the quantity, value, port of exit, and destination of the item.''.

(b) QUARTERLY REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Section 36(a) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2776(a)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (11), by striking ''and'' at the end;

(B) in paragraph (12), by striking ''third-party transfers.'' and inserting ''third-party transfers; and''; and

(C) by adding after paragraph (12) (but before the last sentence of the subsection), the following:

''(13) a report on all exports of significant military equipment for which information has been provided pursuant to section 38(i).''.

SEC. 1704. ENFORCEMENT OF ARMS EXPORT CONTROL ACT.

The Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.) is amended in sections 38(e), 39A(c), and 40(k) by inserting after ''except that'' each place it appears the following: ''section 11(c)(2)(B) of such Act shall not apply, and instead, as prescribed in regulations issued under this section, the Secretary of State may assess civil penalties for violations of this Act and regulations prescribed thereunder and further may commence a civil action to recover such civil penalties, and except further that''.

SEC. 1705. VIOLATIONS RELATING TO MATERIAL SUPPORT TO TERRORISTS.

Section 38(g)(1)(A)(iii) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778(g)(1)(A)(iii)) is amended by adding at the end before the comma the following: ''or section 2339A of such title (relating to providing material support to terrorists)''.

SEC. 1706. AUTHORITY TO CONSENT TO THIRD PARTY TRANSFER OF EX-U.S.S. BOWMAN COUNTY TO USS LST SHIP MEMORIAL, INC.

(a) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) It is the long-standing policy of the United States Government to deny requests for the retransfer of significant military equipment that originated in the United States to private entities.

(2) In very exceptional circumstances, when the United States public interest would be served by the proposed retransfer and end-use, such requests may be favorably considered.

(3) Such retransfers to private entities have been authorized in very exceptional circumstances following appropriate demilitarization and receipt of assurances from the private entity that the item to be transferred would be used solely in furtherance of Federal Government contracts or for static museum display.

(4) Nothing in this section should be construed as a revision of long-standing policy referred to in paragraph (1).

(5) The Government of Greece has requested the consent of the United States Government to the retransfer of HS Rodos (ex-U.S.S. Bowman County (LST 391)) to the USS LST Ship Memorial, Inc.

(b) AUTHORITY TO CONSENT TO RETRANSFER.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), the President may consent to the retransfer by the Government of Greece of HS Rodos (ex-U.S.S. Bowman County (LST 391)) to the USS LST Ship Memorial, Inc.

(2) CONDITIONS FOR CONSENT.—The President should not exercise the authority under paragraph (1) unless USS LST Memorial, Inc.—

(A) utilizes the vessel for public, nonprofit, museum-related purposes;

(B) submits a certification with the import application that no firearms frames or receivers, ammunition, or other firearms as defined in section 5845 of the National Firearms Act (26 U.S.C. 5845) will be imported with the vessel; and

(C) complies with regulatory policy requirements related to the facilitation of monitoring by the Federal Government of, and the mitigation of potential environmental hazards associated with, aging vessels, and has a demonstrated financial capability to so comply.

SEC. 1707. EXCEPTIONS RELATING TO PROHIBITIONS ON ASSISTANCE TO COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN TRANSFER OR USE OF NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 2 of the Agriculture Export Relief Act of 1998 (Public Law 105–194; 112 Stat. 627) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (d); and

(2) by striking the second sentence of subsection (e).

(b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by subsection (a) shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act or September 30, 1999, whichever occurs earlier.

SEC. 1708. CONTINUATION OF THE EXPORT CONTROL REGULATIONS UNDER IEEPA.

To the extent that the President exercises the authorities of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act to carry out the provisions of the Export Administration Act of 1979 in order to continue in full force and effect the export control system maintained by the Export Administration regulations issued under that Act, including regulations issued under section 8 of that Act, the following shall apply:

(1) The penalties for violations of the regulations continued pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act shall be the same as the penalties for violations under section 11 of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as if that section were amended—

(A) by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

''(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), whoever knowingly violates or conspires to or attempts to violate any provision of this Act or any license, order, or regulation issued under this Act—

''(1) except in the case of an individual, shall be fined not more than $500,000 or 5 times the value of any exports involved, whichever is greater; and

''(2) in the case of an individual, shall be fined not more than $250,000 or 5 times the value of any exports involved, whichever is greater, or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both.'';

(B) in subsection (b)—

(i) in paragraphs (1)(A) and (2)(A) by striking ''five times'' and inserting ''10 times'';

(ii) in paragraph (1)(B) by striking ''$250,000'' and inserting ''$500,000''; and

(iii) in paragraph (2)(B) by striking ''$250,000, or imprisoned not more than 5 years'' and inserting ''$500,000, or imprisoned not more than 10 years'';

(C) in subsection (c)(1)—

(i) by striking ''$10,000'' and inserting ''$250,000''; and

(ii) by striking ''except that the civil penalty'' and all that follows through the end of the paragraph and inserting ''except that the civil penalty for a violation of the regulations issued pursuant to section 8 may not exceed $50,000.''; and

(D) in subsection (h)(1), by inserting after ''Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778)'' the following: ''section 16 of the Trading with the enemy Act (50 U.S.C. 16), or, to the extent the violation involves the export of goods or technology controlled under this or any other Act or defense articles or defense services controlled under the Arms Export Control Act, section 371 or 1001 of title 18, United States Code,''.

(2) The authorities set forth in section 12(a) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 may be exercised in carrying out the regulations continued pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

(3) The provisions of sections 12(c) and 13 of the Export Administration Act of 1979 shall apply in carrying out the regulations continued pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

(4) The continuation of the provisions of the Export Administration Regulations pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act shall not be construed as not having satisfied the requirements of that Act.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 247, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN).

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, this is a bipartisan, noncontroversial amendment put together in conjunction with the ranking minority member on the Committee on International Relations, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. GEJDENSON), and the ranking minority member on the subcommittee on international operations and human rights, the gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY).

This amendment makes technical corrections. It provides $110 million for the U.S. contribution to the U.N. Children's fund, UNICEF. It authorizes $15 million for a grant to the Asia Foundation. It amends the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to provide that personnel transfers from the agencies being consolidated into the State Department shall not adversely affect the relative positions of women and minorities.

This amendment also modifies section 402 of H.R. 2415 which requires the inclusion of persons committed to democracy in U.S. international exchange programs.

The amendment also requires periodic reports on the investigation into the March 1997 grenade attack in Cambodia that killed 17 democracy activists.

Finally, the amendment adds a new division B, the Security Assistance Act of 1999. This provision is identical to H.R. 973 which passed the House under suspension of the rules on June 15, 1999. It modifies authorities with respect to the provision of security assistance. These provisions address the transfer of excess defense articles, the foreign military sales program, new reporting requirements for offset agreements associated with arms transfers, and ensuring the Department of Defense charges foreign customers for the administrative costs of processing leases.

Accordingly, I urge Members to support this bipartisan amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Chairman, while not in opposition, I ask unanimous consent to have the time allotted in opposition.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Connecticut?

There was no objection.

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume. I join the chairman in supporting this en bloc amendment.

There are a number of important provisions here. One that I am particularly interested in, of course, is the multilateral code of conduct to get this administration to take a lead in establishing some controls on arms proliferation. The world is not made safer when particularly poor, impoverished countries are entered into arms races time and time again, increasing the volatility and diverting important resources from the needs of their own people and feeding and educating them. So I think that is a particularly important amendment.

I also think the waiver authority of the Glenn amendment sanctions is particularly important. India and Pakistan are two important countries. We have to figure out a way to deal with this problem and we have to find a way to engage particularly the Indians, the world's most populous democracy.

The increased penalties in the Export Administration Act of 1979 are important. Some of these fines are so antiquated that it is frankly cheaper for many companies to take the fines even if they know they are violating the rules then under the present regime. Increasing these fines will make at least the fines be a deterrent.

This amendment is an important amendment. There are a number of other critical provisions in this bill. I join with the chairman for its passage.

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Chairman, I rise today to express my strong support for Section 274 of ''The State Department Authorization Act''.

This section seeks to resolve the serious problems in our refugee programs in Vietnam. Serious problems that many of my constituents face on a daily basis.

In my hand I hold copies of hundreds of unresolved constituent cases. My constituents are facing situations which none of us in this chamber would ever want to face.

Many refugees resettled in Orange County without their children and have not been able to re-unite with their loved ones because the INS refuses to reconsider their cases.

This section would correct this situation. This section also calls for the retention of the JVA as an advocate for refugees.

As many of you know, this organization has been most helpful in helping applications in Viet Nam overcome the communist bureaucracy and rampant corruption.

I recently traveled to Viet Nam and met with U.S. consular officials and Immigration and Naturalization Service personnel who participate in the refugee programs. I discussed with them the problems many individuals face including: bribery, corruption and extortion. I expressed to them my support of the recommendations offered in Section 274.

I urge my colleagues to support this effort and vote ''yes'' on Section 274.

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Chairman, I rise to express my support for a provision in this bill of great importance to the future of U.S. public diplomacy. This legislation reestablishes the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, an important bipartisan, advisory and oversight committee responsible for the promotion and improvement of U.S. international information and exchange programs.

In particular, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. CHRIS SMITH), the chairman of the Subcommittee on International Organizations and Human Rights for his support and hard work to reestablish the advisory commission. I also thank the other Members of the Committee for their continued support and recognition that public diplomacy is an integral component of our foreign policy objectives.

Mr. Chairman, the Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy, which is currently part of the U.S. Information Agency—is bipartisan and presidentially-appointed, with the consent of the U.S. Senate. Its membership has included distinguished Americans like Father Ted Hesburgh, George Gallup, William F. Buckley, Frank Stanton and James Michener, who have all served without compensation save travel reimbursements.

Before USIA was created and when the overseas information and cultural programs were still located in the State Department, Congress decided in the Smith-Mundt Act that distinguished Americans be asked to provide ''great constructive value to the Secretary of State and the Congress in the best development of public relations programs in the foreign relations of the United States .'' I strongly believe this policy remains relevant today more than ever.

Currently, the advisory commission has a budget of less than $500,000 and it has returned an average of $75,000 to the taxpayers in each of the last three years. Certainly, American taxpayers are getting their money's worth. For more than 50 years, the advisory commission and its predecessor bodies have issued several intelligent and thoughtful reports in which relevant public diplomacy

issues have been examined and recommendations delivered to the American public, the Congress and the U.S. Information Agency, which will be merged into the Department of State later this year.

For example, the advisory commission helped USIA expand its research and program evaluation to target information to women's and labor groups abroad during the 1960s and 1970s. Furthermore, it helped improve Voice of America programming and signal delivery, in addition to direct broadcast satellite research. Without question, the advisory commission's contributions in these areas have gone a long way to help the United States communicate its message to the rest of the world regarding democracy, human rights, free market principles, as well as other traditional American values.

In the 1980s, the commission broke new ground when it released a special report entitled ''Terrorism and Security: The Challenge for Public Diplomacy,'' which recommended ways to make the difficult and dedicate balance between the need to protect our diplomats and overseas installations and the need to reach out to overseas publics. It has done so again in the 1990s by focusing on a new diplomacy for the information age.

Mr. Chairman, our country enjoys a considerable ''edge'' in public diplomacy, both in reaching publics through advanced technology and in communicating our message of democracy, human rights, free markets as well as ethnic and cultural diversity. Clearly, it is to our advantage to use that edge. In the post-Cold war era of instant global journalism and people power, foreign public opinion is critical to the success of American foreign policy initiatives. The advisory commission's reports illustrate how the increase in global communications and technology makes foreign publics far more important than ever and why we should use our advanced skills in these areas to inform, understand and influence those foreign publics.

For instance, last year's report—entitled ''A New Diplomacy for the Information Age''—explains how Saddam Hussein used public diplomacy to his advantage when he shifted the focus of the world media from his arsenal of weapons of mass destruction to the tragic suffering of Iraqi children, a campaign that did nothing to help the United States build the same coalition in 1998 as assembled against Saddam's sinister regime in 1991. The advisory commission's report, which can be accessed via USIA's web page, also includes intelligent and thoughtful recommendations on how to deal with such problems in the future. I believe this represents one of the most important advisory functions of the commission, and I encourage my colleagues to read the report.

Mr. Chairman, the new State Department we have created since enacting the reorganization bill last year must be a responsive and flexible diplomatic institution that can deal as effectively with foreign publics as with foreign governments. We need the insight and experience of the advisory commission to make this transition successful and to achieve our foreign policy goals. In this age of information and democracy, of globalized free markets and the Internet, foreign publics are far more important than ever. As we are developing a new diplomacy for the 21st Century, the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy is of even greater constructive value to the Congress and the Administration.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I want to thank the gentleman for his supporting remarks and for his working with the majority in trying to work out this amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN).

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PEASE) having assumed the chair, Mr. KOLBE, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2415) to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the following three bills that were considered today: H.R. 1033, H.R. 31, and H. Con. Res. 121.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until approximately 6 p.m.

□ 1802

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PETRI) at 6 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.

COMMUNICATION FROM HON. J.C. WATTS, CHAIRMAN, HOUSE REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable J.C. WATTS, Chairman of the House Republican Conference:

HOUSE REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE,
Washington, DC, July 19, 1999.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: This is to inform you that pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X, Representative Michael P. Forbes is no longer a member of the Republican Conference.

Sincerely,

J.C. WATTS, Jr.,
Chairman.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

THE SPEAKER'S ROOMS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 19, 1999.

Hon. C.W. BILL YOUNG,
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is to advise you that Representative MICHAEL P. FORBES' election to the Committee on Appropriations has been automatically vacated pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X effective today.

Sincerely,

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

THE SPEAKER'S ROOMS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, July 19, 1999.

Hon. JAMES M. TALENT,
Chairman, Committee on Small Business,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is to advise you that Representative Michael P. Forbes's election to the Committee on Small Business has been automatically vacated pursuant to clause 5(b) of rule X effective today.

Sincerely,

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will now put the question on each motion to suspend the rules on which further proceedings were postponed earlier today in the order in which that motion was entertained.

Votes will be taken in the following order: H.R. 1033 by the yeas and nays, H. Con. Res. 121 by the yeas and nays, and H.R. 1477, by the yeas and nays.

The Chair will reduce to 5 minutes the time for any electronic vote after the first such vote in this series.

LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATIVE COIN ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 1033.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1033, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 381, nays 1, not voting 51, as follows:

[Roll No. 308]

YEAS—381

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Aderholt
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baird
Baldacci
Baldwin
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett (WI)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Becerra
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berkley
Berry
Biggert
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop
Blagojevich
Bliley
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bonior
Bono
Borski
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Brown (OH)
Bryant
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Campbell
Canady
Cannon
Capps
Capuano
Cardin
Carson
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Coburn
Combest
Condit
Conyers
Cook
Costello
Cox
Coyne
Cramer
Crane
Cubin
Cummings
Cunningham
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (VA)
Deal
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
DeLay
DeMint
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doolittle
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
Engel
English
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Everett
Ewing
Farr
Fattah
Filner
Fletcher
Foley
Forbes
Ford
Frank (MA)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frost
Gallegly
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gephardt
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Granger
Green (TX)
Green (WI)
Greenwood
Gutknecht
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hansen
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Hefley
Herger
Hill (IN)
Hill (MT)
Hilleary
Hilliard
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoeffel
Hoekstra
Holden
Holt
Hooley
Horn
Hostettler
Hoyer
Hulshof
Hunter
Hutchinson
Hyde
Inslee
Isakson
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee (TX)
Jenkins
John
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Jones (OH)
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kasich
Kelly
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kleczka
Knollenberg
Kolbe
Kucinich
Kuykendall
LaFalce
LaHood
Lampson
Lantos
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Lee
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Lowey
Lucas (KY)
Lucas (OK)
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Manzullo
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McCrery
McGovern
McHugh
McInnis
McIntyre
McKeon
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Menendez
Metcalf
Mica
Millender-McDonald
Miller (FL)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Morella
Murtha
Myrick
Nadler
Napolitano
Nethercutt
Ney
Northup
Nussle
Oberstar
Obey
Ortiz
Ose
Oxley
Packard
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor
Payne
Pease
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Petri
Phelps
Pickering
Pickett
Pitts
Pombo
Pomeroy
Portman
Price (NC)
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Regula
Reyes
Reynolds
Riley
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Rogan
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rothman
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Ryan (WI)
Sabo
Salmon
Sandlin
Sanford
Sawyer
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaffer
Schakowsky
Scott
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherman
Sherwood
Shimkus
Shows
Shuster
Simpson
Sisisky
Skeen
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Souder
Spence
Spratt
Stabenow
Stark
Stearns
Stenholm
Strickland
Stump
Stupak
Sununu
Talent
Tancredo
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor (MS)
Terry
Thomas
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thornberry
Thune
Tiahrt
Tierney
Traficant
Turner
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Upton
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Vitter
Walden
Walsh
Wamp
Waters
Watkins
Watt (NC)
Watts (OK)
Waxman
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
Wexler
Weygand
Whitfield
Wicker
Wilson
Wolf
Woolsey
Wu
Wynn
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

NAYS—1

Paul

NOT VOTING—51

Allen
Andrews
Baker
Barrett (NE)
Berman
Brown (FL)
Chenoweth
Coble
Collins
Cooksey
Crowley
Danner
Edwards
Fossella
Fowler
Gutierrez
Hayes
Hinchey
Houghton
Jefferson
Johnson (CT)
Kennedy
Klink
Larson
Lewis (GA)
McDermott
McIntosh
Meeks (NY)
Mollohan
Moore
Neal
Norwood
Olver
Owens
Peterson (PA)
Porter
Pryce (OH)
Rush
Ryun (KS)
Sanchez
Sanders
Sessions
Smith (TX)
Sweeney
Tauzin
Taylor (NC)
Thurman
Toomey
Towns
Weiner
Wise

□ 1828.

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof), the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 308 on July 19, 1999, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted ''aye.''

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 308, I was not able to be here due to a delayed airline flight. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yea.''

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETRI). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair announces that he will reduce to a minimum of 5 minutes the period of time within which a vote by electronic device will be taken on each additional motion to suspend the rules on which the Chair has postponed further proceedings.

EXPRESSING SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING UNITED STATES VICTORY IN THE COLD WAR AND FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and agreeing to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 121, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 121, as amended, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 381, nays 0, answered ''present'' 2, not voting 50, as follows:

[Roll No. 309]

YEAS—381

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Aderholt
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baird
Baldacci
Baldwin
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett (WI)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Becerra
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berkley
Berry
Biggert
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop
Blagojevich
Bliley
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bonior
Bono
Borski
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Brown (OH)
Bryant
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Campbell
Canady
Cannon
Capps
Capuano
Cardin
Carson
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Coburn
Combest
Condit
Conyers
Cook
Costello
Cox
Coyne
Cramer
Crane
Cubin
Cummings
Cunningham
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (VA)
Deal
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
DeLay
DeMint
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doolittle
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
Engel
English
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Everett
Ewing
Farr
Fattah
Filner
Fletcher
Foley
Forbes
Ford
Frank (MA)
Franks (NJ)
Frelinghuysen
Frost
Gallegly
Ganske
Gejdenson
Gekas
Gephardt
Gibbons
Gilchrest
Gillmor
Gilman
Gonzalez
Goode
Goodlatte
Goodling
Gordon
Goss
Graham
Green (TX)
Green (WI)
Greenwood
Gutknecht
Hall (OH)
Hall (TX)
Hansen
Hastings (FL)
Hastings (WA)
Hayworth
Hefley
Herger
Hill (IN)
Hill (MT)
Hilleary
Hilliard
Hinojosa
Hobson
Hoeffel
Hoekstra
Holden
Holt
Hooley
Horn
Hostettler
Hoyer
Hulshof
Hunter
Hutchinson

Hyde
Inslee
Isakson
Istook
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee (TX)
Jenkins
John
Johnson, E. B.
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Jones (OH)
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kasich
Kelly
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind (WI)
King (NY)
Kingston
Kleczka
Knollenberg
Kolbe
Kuykendall
LaFalce
LaHood
Lampson
Lantos
Largent
Latham
LaTourette
Lazio
Leach
Levin
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Lofgren
Lowey
Lucas (KY)
Lucas (OK)
Luther
Maloney (CT)
Maloney (NY)
Manzullo
Markey
Martinez
Mascara
Matsui
McCarthy (MO)
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum
McCrery
McGovern
McHugh
McInnis
McIntyre
McKeon
McKinney
McNulty
Meehan
Meek (FL)
Menendez
Metcalf
Mica
Millender-McDonald
Miller (FL)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Minge
Mink
Moakley
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Morella
Murtha
Myrick
Nadler
Napolitano
Nethercutt
Ney
Northup
Nussle
Oberstar
Obey
Ortiz
Ose
Oxley
Packard
Pallone
Pascrell
Pastor
Paul
Payne
Pease
Pelosi
Peterson (MN)
Petri
Phelps
Pickering
Pickett
Pitts
Pombo
Pomeroy
Portman
Price (NC)
Quinn
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Regula
Reyes
Reynolds
Riley
Rivers
Rodriguez
Roemer
Rogan
Rogers
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Rothman
Roukema
Roybal-Allard
Royce
Rush
Ryan (WI)
Sabo
Salmon
Sandlin
Sanford
Sawyer
Saxton
Scarborough
Schaffer
Schakowsky
Scott
Sensenbrenner
Serrano
Shadegg
Shaw
Shays
Sherman
Sherwood
Shimkus
Shows
Shuster
Simpson
Sisisky
Skeen
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (MI)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Souder
Spence
Spratt
Stabenow
Stark
Stearns
Stenholm
Strickland
Stump
Stupak
Sununu
Talent
Tancredo
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor (MS)
Terry
Thomas
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Thornberry
Thune
Tiahrt
Tierney
Traficant
Turner
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Upton
Velazquez
Vento
Visclosky
Vitter
Walden
Walsh
Wamp
Waters
Watkins
Watt (NC)
Watts (OK)
Waxman
Weiner
Weldon (FL)
Weldon (PA)
Weller
Wexler
Weygand
Whitfield
Wicker
Wilson
Wolf
Woolsey
Wu
Wynn
Young (AK)
Young (FL)

ANSWERED ''PRESENT''—2

Kucinich
Lee

NOT VOTING—50

Allen
Andrews
Baker
Barrett (NE)
Berman
Brown (FL)
Chenoweth
Coble
Collins
Cooksey
Crowley
Danner
Edwards
Fossella
Fowler
Granger
Gutierrez
Hayes
Hinchey
Houghton
Jefferson
Johnson (CT)
Kennedy
Klink
Larson
Lewis (GA)
McDermott
McIntosh
Meeks (NY)
Mollohan
Moore
Neal
Norwood
Olver
Owens
Peterson (PA)
Porter
Pryce (OH)
Ryun (KS)
Sanchez
Sanders
Sessions
Smith (TX)
Sweeney
Tauzin
Taylor (NC)
Thurman
Toomey
Towns
Wise

□ 1836

So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the concurrent resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. Speaker during rollcall vote No. 309 on July 19, 1999, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted ''aye.''

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 309, I was not able to be here due to a delayed airline flight. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yea.''

IRAN NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION PREVENTION ACT OF 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PETRI). The pending business is the question of suspending the rules and passing the bill, H.R. 1477.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 1477, on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 383, nays 1, not voting 49, as follows:

[Roll No. 310]

YEAS—383

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Aderholt
Archer
Armey
Bachus
Baird
Baldacci
Baldwin
Ballenger
Barcia
Barr
Barrett (WI)
Bartlett
Barton
Bass
Bateman
Becerra
Bentsen
Bereuter
Berkley
Berry
Biggert
Bilbray
Bilirakis
Bishop
Blagojevich
Bliley
Blumenauer
Blunt
Boehlert
Boehner
Bonilla
Bonior
Bono
Borski
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd
Brady (PA)
Brady (TX)
Brown (OH)
Bryant
Burr
Burton
Buyer
Callahan
Calvert
Camp
Campbell
Canady
Cannon
Capps
Capuano
Cardin
Castle
Chabot
Chambliss
Clay
Clayton
Clement
Clyburn
Coburn
Combest
Condit
Conyers
Cook
Costello
Cox
Coyne
Cramer
Crane
Cubin
Cummings
Cunningham
Davis (FL)
Davis (IL)
Davis (VA)
Deal
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
DeLay
DeMint
Deutsch
Diaz-Balart
Dickey
Dicks
Dingell
Dixon
Doggett
Dooley
Doolittle
Doyle
Dreier
Duncan
Dunn
Ehlers
Ehrlich
Emerson
Engel
English
Eshoo
Etheridge
Evans
Everett
Ewing
Farr
Fattah
Filner
Fletcher
Foley
Forbes
Ford
Frank (MA)
Franks (NJ)
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So (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Ms. SANCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, during rollcall vote No. 310, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted ''aye.''

Mr. RYUN of Kansas. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 310, I was not able to be here due to a delayed airline flight. Had I been present, I would have voted ''yea.''

AMERICAN EMBASSY SECURITY ACT OF 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 247 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2415.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2415) to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes, with Mr. MILLER of Florida (Chairman pro tempore) in the Chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today, amendment number 1 printed in part A of House Report 106–235 offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) had been disposed of.

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AMENDMENTS EN BLOC OFFERED BY MR. GILMAN

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, pursuant to the authority granted in H. Res. 247, I offer amendments en bloc.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). The Clerk will designate the amendments en bloc.

The text of the amendments en bloc is as follows:

Part B amendments en bloc offered by Mr. GILMAN, consisting of the following:

Amendment No. 5 offered by Mr. CAPUANO:

Page 12, after line 4, insert the following:

(F) INTERNATIONAL RAPE COUNSELING PROGRAM—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated in paragraph (1), $2,500,000 for the fiscal year 2000 are authorized to be appropriated only for a United States based rape counseling program for assistance to women who have been victimized by the systematic use of rape as a weapon in times of conflict and war.

Amendment No. 7 offered by Mr. SANDERS:

Page 15, after line 20, insert the following:

(6) ISRAEL-ARAB PEACE PARTNERS PROGRAM.—Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated under clause (i), $1,500,000 for the fiscal year 2000 is authorized to be available only for people-to-people activities (with a focus on young people) to support the Middle East peace process involving participants from Israel, the Palestinian Authority, Arab countries, and the United States, to be known as the ''Israel-Arab Peace Partners Program''. Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit a plan to the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives for implementation of such program, The Secretary shall not implement the plan until 45 days after its submission to the Committee.

Amendment No. 14 offered by Mr. SANDERS:

Page 35, after line 9, insert the following:

SEC 211. GENDER RELATED PERSECUTION TASK FORCE.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF TASK FORCE.—The Secretary of State, in consultation with other Federal agencies, shall establish a task force with the goal of determining eligibility guidelines for women seeking refugee status overseas due to gender-related persecution (including but not limited to domestic and workplace violence and female genital mutilation).

(b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall prepare and submit to the Congress a report outlining the guidelines determined by the task force under subsection (a).

Amendment No. 17 offered by Mr. ANDREWS:

Page 46, after line 22, insert the following:

SEC. 257. DENIAL OF PASSPORTS TO NONCUSTODIAL PARENTS SUBJECT TO STATE ARREST WARRANTS IN CASES OF NONPAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT.

The Secretary of State is authorized to refuse a passport or revoke, restrict, or limit a passport in any case in which the Secretary of State determines, or is informed by competent authority, that the applicant or passport holder is a noncustodial parent who is the subject of an outstanding State warrant of arrest for nonpayment of child support, where the amount in controversy is not less than $2,500.

Amendment No. 19 offered by Mr. EHLERS:

Page 57, after line 18, insert the following:

SEC. 303. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISER TO SECRETARY OF STATE.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITION.—Section 1 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 (22 U.S.C. 2651a) is amended by adding at the end the following new subsection:

''(g) SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ADVISER.—

''(1) IN GENERAL.—There shall be within the Department of State a Science and Technology Adviser (in this paragraph referred to as the 'Adviser'). The Adviser shall have substantial experience in the area of science and technology. The Adviser shall report to the Secretary of State through the Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs.

''(2) DUTIES.—The Adviser shall—

''(A) advise the Secretary of State, through the Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs, on international science and technology matters affecting the foreign policy of the United States; and

''(B) perform such duties, exercise such powers, and have such rank and status as the Secretary of State shall prescribe.''.

(b) REPORT.—Not later than six months after receipt by the Secretary of State of the report by the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences with respect to the contributions that science, technology, and health matters can make to the foreign policy of the United States, the Secretary of State, acting through the Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs, shall submit a report to Congress setting forth the Secretary of State's plans for implementation, as appropriate, of the recommendations of the report.

Amendment No. 20 offered by Mrs. CAPPS:

Page 68, after line 20, insert the following:

(c) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PRESERVATION OF TIBET'S CULTURE, LANGUAGE, AND RELIGION.—Section 103(b)(1) of the Human Rights, Refugee, and Other Foreign Relations Provisions Act of 1966 (Public Law 104–319; 22 U.S.C. 2151 note) is further amended by striking ''Tibet,'' and inserting ''Tibet (whenever practical giving consideration to individuals who are active in the preservation of Tibet's culture, language, and religion),''.

Amendment No. 21 offered by Mr. ENGEL:

Page 75, line 7, strike ''The Secretary of State'' and insert ''(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), the Secretary of State''.

''Page 75, line 8, strike ''that members'' and insert ''the following:

(1) Members''.

Page 75, beginning on line 13, strike ''unless'' and insert a period.

Page 75, after line 13, insert the following:

(2) Items designated as crime control and detection instruments and equipment for purposes of section 6(n) of the Export Administration Act (50 U.S.C. app. 2405(n)) are not approved for export for use by the RUC.

Page 75, line 14, strike ''the President'' and insert the following:

''(b) EXCEPTION.—Subsection (a) shall not apply if the President''.

Page 75, beginning on line 20, strike '', in which case'' and all that follows through line 21 and insert a period.

Amendment No. 38 offered by Mr. ENGEL:

Page 84, after line 16, add the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

SEC. 703. RECOGNITION OF THE MAGEN DAVID ADOM SOCIETY IN ISRAEL AS A FULL MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MOVEMENT.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

(1) It is the mission of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement to prevent and alleviate human suffering, wherever it may be found, without discrimination

(2) The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is a worldwide institution in which all National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies have equal status and share equal responsibilities.

(3) The state of Israel has ratified the Geneva Conventions which govern the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

(4) The Magen David Adom Society is the national humanitarian society in the state of Israel.

(5) The Magen David Adom Society follows all the principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

(6) Since the founding of the Magen David Adom Society in 1930, the American Red Cross has regarded it as a sister national society and close working ties have been established between the two societies.

(7) The Magen David Adom Society is excluded from full membership in the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement solely because the Society is not an official protective symbol recognized by either the Geneva Conventions governing the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement or the Statutes of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

(8) During the past 25 years the American Red Cross has consistently advocated recognition and membership of the Magen

David Adom Society in the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

(9) The state of Israel has unsuccessfully tried in the past to amend the Geneva Conventions to allow for the emblematic recognition of the Magen David Adom Society.

(10) Recognition of the Magen David Adom Society in Israel as a member of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement would help fortify the spirit of goodwill in the Middle East peace process.

(b) SENSE OF THE CONGRESS.—It is the sense of the Congress that—

(1) the President should, at the earliest possible date, enlist the cooperation of all nations that are signatory to the Geneva Conventions to ensure that the recognition of the Magen David Adom Society in Israel as a full member of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement is resolved at the forthcoming 27th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent; and

(2) the President should support a resolution by that Conference requesting the International Committee of the Red Cross to waive on an exceptional basis the 5th condition of recognition in article 4 of its Statutes of the Movement, thus enabling the full participation of the Magen David Adom Society as a member of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

Amendment No. 39 offered by Mr. DELAHUNT:

Page 84, after line 16, add the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

SEC. 703. ANNUAL REPORTING ON WAR CRIMES, CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY, AND GENOCIDE.

(a) SECTION 116 OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961.—Section 116(d) of the Foreign assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2151n(d)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (6), by striking ''and'' at the end;

(2) in paragraph (7), by striking the period at the end and inserting ''and''; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

''(8) wherever applicable, consolidated information regarding the commission of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and evidence of acts that may constitute genocide.''.

(b) SECTION 502B OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961.—Section 502B(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2304(b)) is amended by inserting after the first sentence the following: ''Wherever applicable, such report shall include consolidated information regarding the commission of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and evidence of acts that may constitute genocide.''.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The Clerk will report the amendments, as modified.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment No. 9, as modified, offered by Mr. ROHRABACHER:

Page 34, strike line 18, and all that follows through line 9 on page 35, and insert the following:

SEC. 210. EFFECTIVE REGULATION OF SATELLITE EXPORT ACTIVITIES.

(a) LICENSING REGIME.—

(1) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary of State shall establish a regulatory regime for the licensing for export of commercial satellites, satellite technologies, their components, and systems which shall include expedited approval, as appropriate, of the licensing for export by United States companies of commercial satellites, satellite technologies, their components, and systems, to NATO allies, major non-NATO allies, and other friendly countries, but not to the Peoples Republic of China.

(2) REQUIREMENTS.—For proposed exports to those nations which meet the requirements of paragraph (1) above, the regime should include expedited processing of requests for export authorizations that—

(A) are time-critical, including a transfer or exchange of information relating to a satellite failure or anomaly in-flight or on-orbit;

(B) are required to submit bids to procurements offered by foreign persons;

(C) relate to the re-export of unimproved materials, products, or data; or

(D) are required to obtain launch and on-orbit insurance.

(b) FINANCIAL AND PERSONNEL RESOURCES.—Of the funds authorized to be appropriated in section 101(1)(A), $11,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated for the Office of Defense Trade Controls for fiscal year 2000, to enable that office to carry out its responsibilities.

(c) IMPROVEMENT AND ASSESSMENT.—The Secretary shall, not later than six months after the date of enactment of this Act, submit to the Congress a plan for—

(1) continuously gathering industry and public suggestions for potential improvements in the State Department's export control regime for commercial satellites; and

(2) arranging for the conduct and submission to Congress, not later than 15 months after the date of enactment of this Act, an independent review of the export control regime for commercial satellites as to its effectiveness at promoting national security and economic competitiveness.

Amendment No. 12, as modified, offered by Mr. ROHRABACHER:

Page 35, after line 9, insert the following:

SEC. 211. REPORT CONCERNING ATTACK IN CAMBODIA.

Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, and every 6 months thereafter until the investigation referred to in this section is completed, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Attorney General, shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees, in classified and unclassified form, containing the most current information on the investigation into the March 30, 1997, grenade attack in Cambodia, including a discussion of communication between the United States Embassy in Phnom Penh and Washington.

Amendment No. 16, as modified, offered by Mr. SALMON:

Page 46, after line 22, insert the following new section:

SEC. 257. REPORT ON TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN WHICH UNITED STATES CITIZENS WERE KILLED AND RELATED MATTERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than six months after the date of enactment of this Act, and every 6 months thereafter, the Secretary of State shall prepare and submit a report, with a classified annex as necessary, to the appropriate congressional committees regarding terrorist attacks in Israel, in territory administered by Israel, and in territory administered by the Palestinian Authority.

(b) CONTENTS.—Each report under subsection (a) shall contain the following information:

(1) A list of formal commitments the Palestinian Authority has made to combat terrorism.

(2) A list of terrorist attacks, occurring between September 13, 1993 and the date of the report, against United States citizens in Israel, in territory administered by Israel, or in territory administered by the Palestinian Authority, including—

(A) a list of all citizens of the United States killed or injured in such attacks;

(B) the date of each attack and the total number of people killed or injured in each attack;

(C) the person or group claiming responsibility for the attack and where such person or group has found refuge or support;

(D) a list of suspects implicated in each attack and the nationality of each suspect, including information on—

(i) which suspects are in the custody of the Palestinian Authority and which suspects are in the custody of Israel;

(ii) which suspects are still at large in areas controlled by the Palestinian Authority or Israel; and

(iii) the whereabouts (or suspected whereabouts) of suspects implicated in each attack.

(3) Of the suspects implicated in the attacks described in paragraph (2) and detained by Palestinian or Israeli authorities, information on—

(A) the date each suspect was incarcerated;

(B) whether any suspects have been released, the date of such release, and whether any released suspect was implicated in subsequent acts of terrorism; and

(C) the status of each case pending against a suspect, including information on whether the suspect has been indicted, prosecuted, or convicted by the PalestinianAuthority or Israel.

(4) The policy of the Department of State with respect to offering rewards for information on terrorist suspects, including any information on whether a reward has been posted for suspects involved in terrorist attacks listed in the report.

(5) A list of each request by the United States for assistance in investigating terrorist attacks listed in the report, a list of each request by the United States for the transfer of terrorist suspects from the Palestinian Authority and Israel since September 13, 1993, and the response to each request from the Palestinian Authority and Israel.

(6) A description of efforts made by United States officials since September 13, 1993, to bring to justice perpetrators of terrorist acts against United States citizens as listed in the report.

(7) A list of any terrorist suspects in each such case who are members of Palestinian police or security forces, the Palestine Liberation Organization, or any Palestinian governing body.

(c) CONSULTATION WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS.—In preparing each report required by this section, the Secretary of State shall consult and coordinate with all other Government officials who have information necessary to complete the report. Nothing contained in this section shall require the disclosure, on a classified or unclassified basis, of information that would jeopardize sensitive sources and methods or other vital national security interests or jeopardize ongoing criminal investigations or proceedings.

(d) INITIAL REPORT.—The initial report filed under this section shall cover the period between September 13, 1993, and the date of the report.

(e) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—For purposes of this section, the term ''appropriate congressional committee'' means the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate and the Committee on International Relations of the House of Representatives.

Amendment No. 40, as modified, offered by Mr. HALL of Ohio:

Page 84, after line 16, insert the following:

SEC. 703. SENSE OF CONGRESS SUPPORTING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF BURMA.

It is the sense of the Congress that the United States Government should support

humanitarian assistance that is targeted to the people of Burma and does not support the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC) and is only implemented and monitored by international or private voluntary organizations that are independent of the SPDC.

Mr. GILMAN (during the reading). Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that the amendments, as modified, be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 247, the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) and the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. GEJDENSON) each will control 10 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN).

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I want to thank our colleagues who have agreed to place their amendments in this en bloc amendment. This is the product of a bipartisan effort to incorporate amendments and to expedite consideration of H.R. 2415, the American Embassy Security Act.

As the Clerk read, we have included 13 amendments in this en bloc. These amendments make improvements such as adding the reporting of genocide to the Human Rights Reports, the establishment of a qualified science advisor to the State Department, requiring a report on the grenade attack in Cambodia, requiring a report outlining terrorists attacks in Israel, and establishing an Israel-Arab Peace Partners program.

The report on terrorist attacks is important because it allows killers of American citizens to be brought to justice. It is important to the conduct of our foreign policy and to the oversight of our foreign aid that Congress know whether an entity receiving assistance is cooperating in the apprehension of those who kill and maim our U.S. citizens in terrorist incidents.

We welcome the contributions these Members are making to this bill, and I urge support to the en bloc amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Chairman, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. DELAHUNT).

Mr. DELAHUNT. Mr. Chairman, in 1976 Congress passed legislation mandating the State Department to produce reports on human rights practices in countries around the world. To the credit of the State Department, these reports have become the most accepted and widely used resource for highlighting human rights abuses and have become invaluable to the work of any individual or any organization serious about protecting human rights.

Additionally, they have become a critical component in fashioning our own bilateral relationships with foreign governments. They also help us to determine how we should exercise our influence in multilateral organizations such as the IMF and the World Bank.

However, the reports are not presently required to provide information on crimes against humanity, war crimes, or evidence of acts that may constitute genocide in a manner that most clearly profiles these most serious, I would submit, of human rights abuses.

This amendment would address that omission and would mandate inclusion of such information in a separate section of the annual country reports. I would submit that evidence of acts of genocide should be particularly noted, as I would submit that genocide represents the ultimate violation of human rights.

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I urge support of this amendment.

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Many of us in this chamber were convinced to support the Administration's policy in Kosovo based upon our concern that Milosevic's targeting of Albanians for ethnic cleansing would lead to another genocide. Unfortunately, in 1994 there were some in the State Department who debated whether what was happening in Rwanda constituted "genocide"—even as 800,000 people were slaughtered because of their ethnic origin. This House passed a Concurrent Resolution on June 15, condemning the genocidal acts and crimes against humanity committed by the Government of Sudan. And yet this year's country report on Sudan does not call those crimes what they are. If it is a war crime, call it a war crime. If it is genocide, call it genocide.

Adoption of this amendment would focus the attention of the State Department on the issues of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide in a timely manner and make that information available in a clear and unequivocal form to the family of nations. It should strengthen the genocide early warning initiative the Administration announced last year. It could save thousands—if not millions—of lives throughout the world by directing world attention to these atrocities, hopefully provoking early diplomatic intervention.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL USA,
600 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, SE,
Washington, DC, July 15, 1999.

Hon. WILLIAM DELAHUNT,
1317 Longworth House Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN DELAHUNT: I understand that you have offered an amendment that would ask the Department of State to include information on the commission of war crimes and genocide, where applicable, in its annual volume of Country Reports on Human Rights Practices. We welcome your initiative and feel that it can only serve to support the Administration's announcement last December 10th of the creation of a genocide early warning initiative.

The Department of State's annual report has become an important and very comprehensive treatment of human rights conditions which already includes reports of individual killings. However, a single murder may also amount to a war crime or represent part of a pattern of genocide which should be noted when applicable as well. Your proposal that the Department look for and report patterns of behavior amounting to genocide and war crimes is a useful one which we are confident the drafters of the annual report sections will support.

Your interest in this issue and your continued strong support for human rights are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN RICKARD,
Legislative Director.

CENTERS FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM,
Washington, DC, June 15, 1999.

Hon. WILLIAM DELAHUNT,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN DELAHUNT: Freedom House applauds your efforts to direct the State Department to report on genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes on a timely basis.

Too many times the world has ignored serious evidence of genocide while it was occurring. For example, the fact that genocidal acts and crimes against humanity are being conducted by the government of Sudan, as noted in House Resolution 75 of June 15, has gone uncommented on in the most recent State Department Human Rights Reports on country practices. Improved reporting could lead to thousands, even millions of lives, being saved. We enthusiastically support your important initiative.

Sincerely,

NINA SHEA,
Director.

THE INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN
TO END GENOCIDE
Washington, DC, July 15, 1999.

Congressman WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT,
Longworth House Office Building,
Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN DELAHUNT: I am writing on behalf of the Campaign to End Genocide, an international coalition of over a dozen human rights groups dedicated to ending genocide in the coming century.

We strongly support the Delahunt Amendment to H.R. 2415, which will require the State Department in its annual Human Rights Report to include annual reporting on war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide.

Genocides and other mass murders have killed more people in this century than all the war combined. ''Never again'' has turned into ''Again and again.'' Again and again, the response to genocide has been too little and too late.

During the Armenian genocide and the Holocaust, the world's response was denial. In 1994, while 800,000 Tutsis died in Rwanda, State Department lawyers debated whether it was ''genocide'', and the U.N. Security Council withdrew U.N. peacekeeping troops who could have saved hundreds of thousands of lives. By focusing State Department attention on war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide, we hope that such moral callousness in U.S. policy-making will never again be repeated.

We are encouraged that this amendment has received the bipartisan support it deserves. Opposition to such heinous crimes dates back to the beginning of our republic when President Jefferson sent American warships to end the depredations of the Barbary pirates. President Bush mobilized the U.N. forces that defeated the genocidal war criminal, Saddam Hussein. And now President Clinton has led the NATO defeat of the indicted war criminal Slobodan Milosovic.

Please let us know how we can be of further help.

Sincerely,

DR. GREGORY H. STANTON,
Director.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SHAW).

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Chairman, the plane of the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Mrs. JOHNSON) has been delayed because of weather. She chairs the Subcommittee on Human Resources of the Committee on Ways and Means.

When I chaired that committee, we did a great deal of work as part of the welfare reform bill, the child support provision. In that, we put a provision into the law regarding passports. This goes directly towards what the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS) has suggested in amendment number 17.

I would ask that the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) work with the gentlewoman from Connecticut (Mrs. JOHNSON) and Members of the Committee on Ways and Means in order that we not have an inconsistency in the law with regard to the issuance of passports on past-due child support payments.

Mr. Chairman, I yield to the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN).

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I want to assure the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SHAW) that I appreciate the concern with regard to the work of the Committee on Ways and Means and will work with the gentleman on any concerns pertaining to the amendment he has referred to.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Does the gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY) seek to control the time of the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. GEJDENSON)?

Ms. MCKINNEY. I absolutely do, Mr. Chairman.

The CHAIRMAN. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Georgia will control the remaining 8½ minutes.

There was no objection.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. CAPPS).

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of the en bloc amendment, and I thank the gentleman from New York (Chairman GILMAN) and the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. GEJDENSON) for their hard work on this bill.

I am pleased that the amendment includes a provision that I have authored to encourage the study and preservation of Tibetan culture. For many years, the Tibetan people have suffered tremendously under a succession of oppressive regimes in China.

The United States Information Agency currently offers 30 scholarships to Tibetan students who wish to study in the United States. My amendment directs the USIA to consider, whenever practical, individuals who are active in the preservation of Tibet's culture, language, and religion when granting these scholarships.

My amendment is the result of conversations that I have held with U.S. experts on Tibet, some of whom reside in my district at the University of California at Santa Barbara. It is clear that these subtle changes to the program will be very helpful in our efforts to preserve this ancient culture.

I urge the adoption of this amendment.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. ROHRABACHER), a member of our committee.

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the en bloc amendment to H.R. 2415. I have two provisions included in the en bloc regarding export of U.S. satellite technology, and I am the original cosponsor of a third provision that calls for the United States to support and defend the democratic Republic of China on Taiwan.

I congratulate the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS) for his timely provision in support of the Taiwanese allies.

My first amendment will strongly improve the State Department's process of approving export licenses for American satellites and related technologies.

Last year, the Congress made a bipartisan decision to transfer the licensing of satellite exports from Commerce back to the State Department. Our intention was obvious. We wanted someone to scrutinize proposed exports to potentially threatening countries like Communist China. Instead, the bureaucracy clamped down on everyone, stopping even normal business transactions with friendly nations like Canada and Sweden.

The en bloc amendment before us today includes my amendment forcing the State Department to create and properly fund a streamlined export regime which would apply to allies and friendly countries, but which would not be available for Communist China and other hostile powers.

I appreciate both the chairman's and the ranking member's acceptance of this amendment as well as the strong support shown by the U.S. aerospace industry. With all of their continued support in conference, I believe we can enact this mandate and funding into law that will serve America's security as well as our economic and commercial interest.

My other amendment calls for the State Department to provide the appropriate congressional committee a report in classified and unclassified form on the March 30, 1997 grenade attack on Democrats in Cambodian. In this attack, where 17 Cambodian men, women and children were killed, among the 120 persons wounded was an American citizen named Ron Abney who is a member of the International Republican Institute. Thus, we need to see that report.

I thank the chairman and the ranking member for including my provisions in the en bloc amendment.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. ANDREWS).

(Mr. ANDREWS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman from New York (Chairman GILMAN) and the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. GEJDENSON), the ranking member, for their cooperation in including in this en bloc amendment two amendments in which I have an interest.

The first is a matter which I worked on with the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. SALMON) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SAXTON) which requires systematic and thorough reporting on the efforts of the United States Government to extradite those accused of committing crimes under the jurisdiction of U.S. law against U.S. citizens. These are important provisions that I believe will help us crack down on terrorism.

I also thank the chairman and the ranking member for including my legislation which will deny passports to custodial parents who have accrued a child support obligation of more than $2,500. I think it is very important that, before Americans enjoy the privilege of traveling abroad, that they make meet their obligations to their own children here at home.

This is an important tool in our effort to step up child support enforcement. I again thank the chairman and the ranking member for their cooperation by adding this to the en bloc. I urge the adoption of the en bloc amendment.

Mr. SALMON. Mr. Chairman, I am pleased that the amendment that I have proposed with Representatives ANDREWS and SAXTON, which

would require the State Department to issue periodic reports on the investigations of Palestinian terrorists who have murdered Americans, will be included in the American Embassy Security Act. I thank Chairman BEN GILMAN for his personal involvement in this matter. The Senate unanimously accepted this anti-terrorism amendment to the Senate State Department Authorization bill.

At least twelve American citizens have been killed by Palestinian terrorists in Israel since the signing of the Oslo Accords in September 1993. Over 20 suspects in the attacks currently reside in territory controlled by the Palestinian Authority. Several of these suspects are walking about free. Some have reportedly been given positions in Palestinian police forces.

The United States has the right and the responsibility under U.S. law to prosecute the terrorist killers of Americans. The House of Representatives strongly endorsed this principle last year when it voted 406 to 0 in favor of a resolution declaring that the ''[Palestinian] suspects should be tried in the United States unless it is determined that such action is contrary to effective prosecution.'' While the administration should be commended for sending investigative teams to Israel to investigate these attacks, the effort has been incomplete. For example, no rewards have yet been offered by the U.S. government for information leading to the capture of the Palestinian killers of the murdered Americans, even though multimillion dollar rewards have been offered in other cases of Americans killed by terrorists abroad. And despite reams of evidence implicating certain individuals in the murders of Americans—including in one case an outright confession—no indictments have been secured by U.S. authorities. The reports will help to respond to concerns that political considerations may be stalling these investigations.

The bipartisan amendment responds to the lack of progress in the investigations. Specifically, the amendment would require the administration to provide Congress with regular, detailed reports on the status of the investigations into the killers of Americans. The report would also contain information on the policy of the State Department with respect to offering rewards for information leading to the capture of the terrorist suspects and a list of suspected terrorists serving in Palestinian security forces.

Smartly, the language protects against the disclosure of information that would impede ongoing investigations. Obviously, the American families that have lost loved ones in terrorist attacks do not want these investigations compromised in any way.

The families of the victims support our effort. I quote from a letter signed by three of the families: ''Your legislation addresses a serious and immediate problem. We have constantly been frustrated and disappointed at the difficulty of finding out the most basic information about the status of U.S. investigators into the attacks in which our children were killed. This legislation will help rectify the problem. Reports to Congress on these investigations will help to make it possible for Congress to play a crucial supportive role in facilitating efforts to apprehend, prosecute, and punish terrorists who have murdered American citizens in Israel or the administered territories.'' The letter continues: ''Keeping a spotlight on these issues is a crucial component in the process of achieving Middle East Peace. . . . The peace process can only be strengthened by a move toward justice.''

The amendment is about achieving justice, and achieving peace for the families who have lost loved ones in terrorist attacks. It's about recognizing that American life isn't cheap, and that if you're an American citizen killed abroad, the United States will never forget you.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, Mr. ENGEL's amendment (amendment #47, part of the en bloc) builds on Section 408 of the bill, a section which was added as a result of an amendment I successfully offered with Mr. PETER KING of New York during consideration of this legislation in the International Relations Committee. Section 408—and, by extension, the language offered today—seeks to end the intimidation of defense attorneys in Northern Ireland, and to secure just and impartial investigations of the murders of two heroic defense attorneys, Rosemary Nelson and Patrick Finucane.

As adopted by the full committee, Section 408 cuts off funding authority for U.S.-sponsored training and exchange programs offered to Northern Ireland's police force, the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC), unless the President certifies that the United Kingdom has initiated independent investigations into the murders of two Catholic defense attorneys. It also conditions the funds on the President certifying that the UK is appropriately protecting other defense attorneys who have been harassed by the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC).

On September 29, 1998, Rosemary Nelson, a defense attorney from Northern Ireland, testified before the Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights and told us that, as a defense attorney working on high-profile, political cases, she feared the RUC. She reported that she had been ''physically assaulted by a number of RUC officers,'' and that the harassment included, ''at the most serious, making threats against my personal safety including death threats.''

Six months later, on March 15, 1999, Rosemary Nelson was murdered, the victim of a car bomb. Because of Rosemary's own stated fears, and because of subsequent reports issued by Northern Ireland's Independent Commission on Police Complaints, several questions have been raised about RUC complicity in her murder.

Amazingly, however, the British government insists that the RUC be the agency most involved in investigating Rosemary's murder.

In addition to the Nelson family, numerous international human rights organizations, the European Union, the Northern Ireland Law Society, elected officials from both sides of the divide in Northern Ireland, and the U.S. Congress have all called for independent inquiries—RUC-free inquiries—into Rosemary Nelson's murder. Similarly, leading human rights activists are calling for an independent judicial inquiry into the allegations of government collusion in the murder of slain defense attorney Patrick Finucane.

In an extraordinary show of bipartisan support, this past April, the U.S. House of Representatives passed my bill, H. Res. 128, condemning the Finucane and Nelson killings and calling on the British government to adequately protect defense lawyers. The resolution unequivocally linked Ms. Nelson's murder with that of Patrick Finucane, recognizing the hostile environment within which Northern Ireland's defense lawyers function, particularly aggravated by threats coming directly or indirectly from the police.

Section 408 of this bill renews our previous calls for the independent inquiries as but one step toward accountability for human rights violations against defense lawyers in Northern Ireland. It blocks U.S. funds to RUC programs and requires the President and the State Department to do more to persuade the Blair government to mitigate the harassment of defense attorneys in Northern Ireland. Mr. ENGEL's amendment extends our efforts in Section 408 by restricting the export of law enforcement equipment to the RUC until the Section 408 goals are met. While the RUC does not currently receive the equipment banned by the Engel amendment, the added language precludes them from doing so, or even qualifying for such equipment, until the standards are met.

It is important to note that even while negotiations have been stalled and the future of the new Northern Ireland Assembly is in jeopardy, the British government can take some unilateral steps to restore confidence in the peace process. As recommended in this bill, the Blair government should pull the RUC off the Rosemary Nelson murder case, take decisive action to protect defense attorneys, and initiate an objective, public inquiry into the murder of Patrick Finucane.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Chairman, I would like to take this opportunity to speak in support of my amendment to HR 2415, which would allow the Secretary of State to deny, revoke, or limit passports to non-custodial parents who owe $2,500 or more in child support. Current law sets the threshold at $5,000—an amount that does not go far enough to protect America's children.

Only half of all custodial parents who are awarded child support actually receive the full amount ordered by a court. Over $5 billion is owed in delinquent child support payments each year. In a time when millions of American children live below the poverty level, the government must make a strong statement that significant delinquency in child support payments will not be tolerated. I believe we must stand up for personal responsibility and the well being of children around the nation and I thank the Chairman for offering this en bloc amendment and including this important provision.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, I support this amendment, and I want to make clear why I do. One of the most depraved and beastly actions toward defenseless civilians by armed men in recent conflicts has been the commission of rape as a tool of war. It's been done in Kosovo and in Rwanda. This isn't ''date rape''; it isn't even rape by someone who knows the person he's doing it to. It is rape as a kind of ultimate demonstration of power and control and of contempt for the women being raped and the groups they belong to.

As a result, the number of women who have been raped in this way and for these reasons has continued to grow. Like any other form of torture or degradation in wartime, rape as war crime leaves behind devastating physical and especially psychological effects that can last a

lifetime. People become unable to sleep, unable to work, unable to trust other people, unable to escape from the constant feeling of the events themselves.

The Human Rights subcommittee of which I am the ranking member just held a hearing on the U.S. response to victims of torture. It is obvious that one of the consistent characteristics of the 160 centers worldwide for torture victims—not enough to have live-in facilities for people in the greatest need, not enough to provide even outpatient counseling.

We need to do more to help. I commend my colleague MIKE CAPUANO for recognizing that fact and finding a way to start doing so. I strongly support this amendment and I encourage the House to adopt it.

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the en bloc amendment and my two amendments contained therein.

In the United States, people know that in the event of an emergency they can always count on the American Red Cross to come to the rescue. Other countries' Red Cross or Red Crescent societies perform similar functions.

The Israeli counterpart to the American Red Cross is the Magen David Adom (MDA) society. MDA carries out all of the traditional roles of a voluntary medical aid society, such as emergency medical services, maintenance of blood supplies, first aid, and disaster relief. Unfortunately, unlike the American Red Cross and every other nation's ICRC component organization, MDA is not accepted as a member of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

The Magen David Adom Society is excluded from full membership in the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement solely because the Red Shield of David, the organization's emblem, is not officially recognized by either the Geneva Conventions or the Statutes of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. I have the fullest respect for the religious traditions represented by the red cross and red crescent, but I also respect the decision of Israel, as a Jewish state, to choose a sign more in line with its religious tradition. With peace slowly but surely coming to the Middle East and Israel developing progressively more relations with its neighbors, it is time that the ICRC accepts the Magen David Adom as a full member.

The amendment, which I offer with my friend, the gentleman from New York, Mr. WEINER, seeks to shine light on this problem and presses our government to seek a solution. Specifically, it urges the President to work with other nations to achieve recognition of MDA as a full member of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement at the forthcoming 27th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent.

My second amendment, Mr. Chairman, conditions exports of crime control equipment—such as batons, hand cutts, or tear gas—to the Royal Ulster Constabulary on independent investigations into the murders of defense attorneys Patrick Finucane and Rosemary Nelson. Section 408 of the underlying bill already conditions FBI and police training of the RUC on independent investigations of these suspicious murders. My amendment adds to that section by restricting exports of police items.

I share the fear of many members of Congress and human rights groups that the RUC will white wash these investigations. My amendment and the bill, itself, are designed to send the signal that we will no longer stand for bungled investigations and cover-ups of politically-motivated killings. It is time that peace and justice came to northern Ireland.

I would like to thank Chairman GILMAN, Ranking member GEJDENSON, and Subcommittee Chairman CHRIS SMITH for their exceptional cooperation and support during this process.

Mr. ANDREWS. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Salmon-Andrews-Saxton amendment to H.R. 2415, which requires the Administration to provide Congress with regular, detailed reports on the status of the investigations into the killers of Americans. Over 20 suspects in the deaths of twelve American citizens currently reside in the territory controlled by the Palestinian Authority, and several of these suspects are walking free.

While the United States has a right and responsibility to prosecute the terrorist killers of Americans, the Administration's effort has been incomplete. This amendment would hold the Administration responsible for following through with the pursuit of justice. We must be active in our fight against terrorism, and this bill will aid in the maintenance of U.S. vigilance against terrorism.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to my colleagues, Mr. SALMON, who are tireless foes of terrorism, and I would also like to thank Mr. GILMAN for offering the en bloc amendment and for including this important provision in his amendment.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, during this past week the Communist People's Republic of China started a series of events to threaten Taiwan:

Starting just this last weekend and going into this week, China has been conducting the first military exercise in the Taiwan Strait since 1996, with soldiers chanting ''We will liberate Taiwan'';

Meanwhile the Communist Party newspapers ran the headline, ''Those who play with fire will get burnt'';

In addition, last Thursday, China declared that it has mastered the design technology for the neutron bomb.

In light of these imminent threats from mainland China, the U.S. Congress must send a clear message that we support our democratic ally Taiwan and that the U.S. will defend Taiwan from military attacks. Without that clear message, Communist China may be tempted to attack Taiwan and destabilize the world, hoping that the U.S. will stand aside, particularly when the Clinton Administration advocates for ''one China.'' If there were one democratic China, the U.S. Congress and the people of the United States would support it. For now, there is only one democratic State in China—The Republic of China on Taiwan—so we will support Taiwan.

The people of Taiwan have spoken with their votes to stay separate from the Communist mainland until there is democracy for all. We respect their votes and their voice. We commend them for building this flourishing democracy regardless of threats from the Beijing. I support the amendment from my colleagues Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. DEUTSCH, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. WU, and Mr. BILIRAKIS, to declare that we stand with our democratic allies, and we will defend democratic Taiwan.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, we have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of our time.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendments en bloc offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN).

The amendments en bloc were agreed to.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 2 printed in part A of House Report 106–235.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF NEW JERSEY

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Part A amendment No. 2 offered by Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

Page 19, strike line 1 and all that follows through line 17, on page 21, and insert the following:

(d) CONTRIBUTION TO UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND.—

(1) LIMITATION.—Of the amounts made available under subsection (a) for United States voluntary contributions no funds may be made available to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) unless the President submits to the appropriate congressional committees the certification described in paragraph (2).

(2) CERTIFICATION.—The certification referred to in paragraph (1) is a certification by the President that—

(A) the UNFPA has terminated all activities in the People's Republic of China, and the United States has received assurances that UNFPA will conduct no such activities during the fiscal year for which the funds are to be made available; or

(B) during the 12 months preceding such certification there have been no abortions as the result of coercion associated with the family planning policies of the national government or other governmental entities within the People's Republic of China.

(3) DEFINITION.—As used in this subsection, the term ''coercion'' includes physical duress or abuse, destruction or confiscation of property, loss of means of livelihood, and severe psychological pressure.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to House Resolution 247, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) and a Member opposed each will control 15 minutes.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Chairman, I have a second-degree amendment at the desk which was made in order by the Committee on Rules.

The CHAIRMAN. Does the gentleman from California wish to offer his amendment at this time?

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Chairman, I offer it at this time, but if I might ask a parliamentary inquiry, it might be most efficient simply to allocate all time and divide it fairly between the two sides on the issue, whether it be on my second-degree amendment or the first-degree amendment offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH). I would be willing to do so if that is possible.

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Chairman, it is my understanding, and actually this is an inquiry to the Chair, that the

time on the Smith amendment will be divided. I would take that time in opposition. Then my understanding is that the gentleman from California (Mr. CAMPBELL) would have some time on his secondary amendment, and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH), I imagine, would be in opposition, and that would give us all an opportunity to divide the time.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Chairman, reclaiming my time, that is perfectly acceptable with me. I simply wish to offer my second-degree amendment at such a time as to protect the opportunity to present that. If I have now done so, then I will wait until the time that has been allocated to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. GEJDENSON) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) is expired. Is that acceptable?

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Is that acceptable?

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). The gentleman may offer the substitute amendment at this point and the debate time will be allocated accordingly, and debate on the two amendments will be consumed simultaneously.

AMENDMENT NO. 3 OFFERED BY MR. CAMPBELL AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR AMENDMENT NO. 2 OFFERED BY MR. SMITH OF NEW JERSEY

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment as a substitute for the amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. The Clerk will designate the amendment offered as a substitute for the amendment.

The text of the amendment offered as a substitute for the amendment is as follows:

Part A amendment No. 3 offered by Mr. CAMPBELL as a substitute for Part A amendment No. 2 offered by Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

Page 19, strike line 1, and all that follows through line 17 on page 21, and insert the following:

(d) CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND.—

(1) LIMITATIONS ON AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION.—Of the amounts made available under subsection (a), not more than $25,000,000 for fiscal year 2000 shall be available for the United Nations Population Fund (hereinafter in this subsection referred to as the ''UNFPA'').

(2) PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS IN CHINA.—None of the funds made available under subsection (a) may be made available for the UNFPA for a country program in the People's Republic of China.

(3) CONDITIONS ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.—Amounts made available under subsection (a) for fiscal year 2000 for the UNFPA may not be made available to UNFPA unless—

(A) the UNFPA maintains amounts made available to the UNFPA under this section in an account separate from other accounts of the UNFPA;

(B) the UNFPA does not commingle amounts made available to the UNFPA under this section with other sums; and

(C) the UNFPA does not fund abortions.

(4) REPORT TO CONGRESS AND WITHHOLDING OF FUNDS.—

(A) Not later than February 15, 2000, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees indicating the amount of funds that the United Nations Population Fund is budgeting for the year in which the report is submitted for a country program in the People's Republic of China.

(B) If a report under subparagraph (A) indicates that the United Nations Population Fund plans to spend funds for a country program in the People's Republic of China in the year covered by the report, then the amount of such funds that the UNFPA plans to spend in the People's Republic of China shall be deducted from the funds made available to the UNFPA after March 1 for obligation for the remainder of the fiscal year in which the report is submitted.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I claim the time in opposition to that, and I understand that under regular order the gentleman from California (Mr. CAMPBELL) would proceed first?

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from California (Mr. CAMPBELL) will control 15 minutes; the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) will control 15 minutes on the Campbell amendment; the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) will control 15 minutes on his amendment; and the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. GEJDENSON) will control 15 minutes in opposition.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Chairman, one further inquiry, I think it would be efficient, but would it be possible simply to proceed with both together; the 30 minutes times two? In other words, the 1 hour of debate all at the same time, with alternating between various spokespersons?

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair will recognize for debate to be shared in the appropriate amount of time with each Member controlling 15 minutes.

Mr. CAMPBELL. So, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. GEJDENSON) would have 15, I would have 15 minutes to control, I would have 15 minutes to control, and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) would have 30?

The CHAIRMAN. That is correct.

Mr. CAMPBELL. That is agreeable.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair will entertain all debate before putting the question of the vote on the subtitle amendment offered by the gentleman from California.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Chairman, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN), the chairman of the Committee on International Relations.

(Mr. GILMAN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of the Campbell-Gilman-Gejdenson-Porter-Johnson amendment and in opposition to the Smith amendment.

I remain as dedicated as anyone in this chamber to the cause of human rights in China. From the freedom fighters of Tianamen to the Dalai Lama's loyal supporters in Tibet we have, in the Congress, have supported the cause of human rights in China. But that is not what is under debate at this moment. Under current law, no U.S. funds can be spent on abortions. The U.N. Population Fund does not support China's one-child policy and has condemned the abuses of that program. UNFPA operates in only 32 of China's counties to support maternal and child health, and that is all.

This debate should not be about China, it should be about the programs in over 100 other countries where UNFPA operates. And, Mr. Chairman, I would like to highlight one Nation for which U.S. support would be cut off by the Smith amendment, and that happens to be Mexico.

I believe that we can all agree that helping Mexican mothers space the births of their children is good for Mexico and good for our own Nation. Birth spacing is the best way to improve child survival and to limit Mexico's rapidly expanding population. We have no USAID mission in Mexico. UNFPA is the largest external donor to the Mexican family program. UNFPA is the only channel we have to support Mexican family planning. The Smith amendment, regrettably, would have the effect of cutting off all support to Mexico.

We must support that program and other vital UNFPA programs such as their anti-AIDS campaign in Haiti, not just to benefit Mexicans and Haitians but to also benefit our own Nation. If the countries south of our border develop into strong stable societies, it will help our exports and relieve some of the immigration pressure on our own Nation. Population growth in Latin America and the Caribbean drive the environmental pressures on Florida, on Texas, on New Mexico, Arizona, California, and some of our other States. This pressure will be relieved if UNFPA's voluntary family planning programs move forward in these regions with our own support.

The Smith amendment would have the effect of cutting off all U.S. support for those programs, like UNFPA's support to the victims of storms like Hurricane Mitch. It would also block U.S. support for UNFPA's program to stop the horrific practice of female genitalia mutilation.

Mr. Chairman, the Campbell amendment has been endorsed by 47 organizations, including the YWCA, the American Association of University Women, the American Public Health Association, the National Wildlife Federation, and the League of Conservation Voters.

Accordingly, Mr. Chairman, I urge our colleagues to support the Campbell amendment.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK).

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Chairman, I support the amendment offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) and the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BARCIA), and I have great concerns about the policies and practices used by the United Nations Population Fund.

The United States cannot give taxpayer money to an organization that is intricately involved with human rights abuses that are taking place in China and other places around the world. I wish to read the words of a woman who worked to enforce China's population program. Mrs. Gao was the administrator at the Fujian Province Planned Birth Office from 1984 to 1988. These are her own words before the Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights of the Committee on International Relations.

My work at the planned birth office included establishing a computer data bank of all the women of childbearing age in the town. I also issued birth-allowed certificates to women who meet the policy and regulations of the Central and Provincial Planned Birth Committees and are, therefore, allowed to give birth to children. Should a woman be found pregnant without a certificate, an abortion is performed immediately, regardless of how many months pregnant she is.

This case about a Miss Chen Li-Ren who was a female resident of a village outside of Yonghe Town. In 1996, she became pregnant in spite of the fact she was not married and did not have a certificate. It's a violation of the planned birth policy to become pregnant without a birth-allowed certificate.

To avoid heavy monetary penalties and abortion, she in order to save the child's life, when she was 3 months pregnant, left the town. But when she was 9 months pregnant, somebody informed on her. The planned birth enforcement team of Yonghe Town began searching for her. They were unable to find her, so they tore down her husband's family's house and also threatened to also tear down the house of her parents.

One day, when she was at her parents house, the enforcement officials forced their way into the house. They found her and immediately stuffed her into a car and escorted her to the Municipality Planned Birth Induced Delivery Center where the abortion was performed.

This is the document that we issue to people who have already given birth to a son. It's the birth-not-allowed notices. Such notices are sent to the couple when the data concludes they do not meet the requirement of the policy and are not allowed to have any further children. Any couple who has already given birth to a son will receive this notice and such notices are made public. The purpose of this is to make it known to everyone that the couple, if they are having a second child, is in violation of the policy, therefore, facilitating supervision of the couple. We also issue control device inspection and pregnancy test notices.

According to the specific data on each woman, every woman of childbearing age is notified that she has to have a contraceptive device, reliability, and pregnancy examinations when necessary. Should she fail to present herself in a timely manner for these examinations, she will not only be forced to pay a fine, but our supervision team will apprehend her and force her to have such an examination. This is the document that we issue to women who must undergo sterilization or other birth control methods.

We also imposed monetary penalties on those who violated central and provincial regulations. If they refused to pay the penalties, our supervision team members would apprehend and detain them until they paid such fines.

We also analyze informant materials submitted in accordance with the informing system and then put these cases on file for investigation.

Most planned birth offices in Fujian Province's rural areas have their own detention facilities. In our town, the facility is right next door to my office. It has one room for males and one room for females, each with the capacity of about 25 to 30 people. To catch violators, our planned birth office does not need consent by the courts or judicial departments, or the public security departments. Our actions are completely independent of them. There are no paperwork formalities and there are no time limits associated with the detention. Detainees pay 8 RMB per day for food. They are not allowed to make phone calls or mail letters.

The majority of the detainees are, of course, either women who are pregnant without birth-allowed certificates or women who are to be sterilized or women who have been fined. As I explained previously, if we do not apprehend the women themselves, we detain their family members, such as a father, a mother, a sister, brothers, or their husband. And we detain them until the women themselves come forward to be sterilized or to have an abortion.

I led my subordinates to Yinglin Town Hospital to check on births. I found two women in Zhoukeng Town had extra-plan births. I led a planned birth supervision team composed of a dozen cadres and public security agents. With sledge hammers and heavy crowbars in hand, we went to dismantle their houses.

We were unable to apprehend the women in the case so we took their mothers in lieu of them and detained them in the planned birth office's detention facility. It wasn't until about half a month later that the women surrendered themselves to the planned birth office. They were sterilized, fined heavily, and their mothers were finally released. I myself did so many brutal things, but I thought that I was conscientiously implementing the policy of our party and that I was an exemplary citizen and a good cadre.

Once I found a woman who was 9 months pregnant, but did not have a birth-allowed certificate. According to the policy, she was forced to undergo an induced abortion. In the operating room, I saw the child's lips were moving and how its arms and legs were also moving. The doctor injected poison into its skull and the child died and it was thrown into the trash can. Afterwards the husband was holding his wife and crying loudly and saying, what kind of man am I? What kind of husband am I? I can't even protect my wife and child. Do you have any sort of humanity?

All of those 14 years, I was a monster in the daytime, injuring others by the Chinese Communist authorities' barbaric planned birth policy. But in the evening I was like all other women and mothers, enjoying my life with my children. I couldn't go on living with such a dual life any more.

It is also my sincere hope that what I describe here today can lead you to give your attention to this issue so that you can extend your arms to save China's women and children.

Mrs. MYRICK. So, if Members of the House agree with the UNFPA that what Mrs. Gao described is voluntary and suits China's current conditions, then by all means support the Campbell-Gilman substitute to give them at least $20 million. I, for one, will never give my vote to an organization that could look the other way when such atrocities are being committed against women and children.

I will vote for the Smith amendment and no on the Campbell-Gilman amendment, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself 2 minutes.

If the gentlewoman wants to achieve a reduction in the kinds of incidents she just referenced, then she should vote for the Campbell amendment, because what is clear in every country where family planning activities have increased, abortions have been decreased.

We only need to look at our experience. In Tunisia, as contraceptive use increased by 94 percent, abortion rates plummeted. In South Korea, abortion rates were halved as contraceptive use went up by 80 percent.

What is absolutely clear is that if the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. Smith) gets his way, if the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) gets her way, there will be more forced abortions in China. It is as simple as that.

If we cut back on the voluntary family planning funds, what will happen? More forced abortions.

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Now, if my colleagues talk to some folks, they will say they have got problems with family planning, they are against some of the methods used for birth control. Get up and make that debate. It is a slight of hand to talk about the forced abortions in China and to try to use that as an assault on family planning.

Every dollar that is cut from family planning, every time the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) succeeds, he increases forced abortion in China. It is absolutely clear. What happens is, if women do not have access to family planning, voluntary family planning, if they cannot get contraception, there will be more forced abortion.

In every country's experience, as family planning dollars increase, abortions decrease. It is not the gentleman from New Jersey that will decrease abortions and forced abortions in China. It is the gentleman from California. And those of us who support family planning funds that will reduce the number of abortions in China and all other countries, support family planning and we will reduce abortion. Limit family planning funds, and we increase the number of abortions.

Mr. Chairman, I'd like to give my colleagues a few statistics to think about as we debate whether to restore funding for UNFPA.

If each woman averages two children, world population would rise to 11 billion in the next century and level off.

If women average 2.5 children each, our globe would face a world with 27 billion people by 2150.

But if the fertility rate fell to 1.6 children per woman, population would reach a peak of 7.7 billion in 2050 and drop to 3.6 billion by 2150.

It's clear that rampant population growth affects governments' ability to provide waste treatment and sanitation, schools, food, transportation, health care and environmental protection.

World population is increasing by 78 million people a year—97 percent of this increase is in developing countries, where access to family planning and reproductive health services is limited and where pregnancy and childbirth are still a risk to the lives and health of women.

We know that in high-fertility countries in sub-Saharan Africa, between 36 and 55 percent of women report that their most recent birth was mistimed or unwanted.

We have the tools to give these women access to needed services and combat this global problem—it's called the UNFPA (UN Fund for Population Assistance)—but last year we slashed UNFPA's budget to zero.

In this one year alone, the impact of the U.S.'s decision to withdraw funding to UNFPA deprived 870,000 women of access to contraception. This resulted in 500,000 unwanted pregnancies, 234,000 unwanted births and 200,000 abortions.

We also hurt UNFPA's ability to encourage safe delivery practices, resulting in the deaths of an additional 1,200 maternal deaths and the loss of 22,500 infants who couldn't access UNFPA services.

I am here today to urge my colleagues not to make the same mistake again. The Smith Amendment will leave millions of women and men without a choice.

In the 30 years since the U.S. Government began helping other countries provide their citizens with family planning services, the number of couples using contraception in developing countries has multiplied tenfold and the average number of children per woman declined from nearly six to fewer than four.

As we all know, there are many countries around the world that have a population rate that is higher than their GDP. Their impressive economic advances become outweighed by their population growth, which means that they are effectively just treading water. By failing to fund UNFPA, we are leaving them to drown.

Why oppose the Smith Amendment?

First, the Smith Amendment requires UNFPA to leave China entirely or lose U.S. support. This puts UNFPA in an impossible Catch-22.

China, as a member of the United Nations, can ask for—and UNFPA must give—family planning assistance. UNFPA cannot choose its clientele. So asking UNFPA to leave China is a provision that they can never satisfy.

Second, conditioning UNFPA's funding on certification that there have been no forcible abortions in China by anyone—including the Chinese governments family planning program—is also an impossible task.

UNFPA's funding is for UNFPA programs which operate under stringent human rights standards and with a firm opposition to coercion in all of its forms. UNFPA does not support abortion—in no case is abortion allowed as a method of family planning. UNFPA also opposes quotas or targets in family planning programs and only works in those counties in China that have abolished such measures.

Contrary to what some people may think, UNFPA did not leave its conscience at the door when it agreed to provide family planning assistance to China.

We must remember that we are funding programs of UNFPA, not the Chinese government. UNFPA conducts a voluntary family planning program with a rigorous commitment to human rights. The Smith Amendment won't change China's policies but it will continue to cause suffering around the world.

Don't hold women and men in the nearly 150 other nations who need and use UNFPA's services hostage because you don't agree with the policies of one nation. Support UNFPA's lifesaving work in AIDS prevention, family planning assistance, and safe pregnancy and childbirth. Reject the Smith Amendment. Support the Campbell Amendment.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, for 20 years the U.N. Population Fund has poured millions of dollars, about $157 million to be exact, provided technical assistance, and given effusive praise to China's program that relies on forced abortion and forced sterilization to achieve its goals.

For 20 years, the UNFPA has whitewashed these crimes, the kind the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) just talked about, and has heaped lavish praise on China's one-child-per-couple program. It has provided cover and covered up for the Beijing hardliners who oppress and victimize women and murder their children.

In fact, Nafis Sadik, the executive director of the UNFPA, has had this to say about the Chinese program: ''The implementation of the policy in China and the acceptance of the policy is purely voluntary. There is no such thing as a license to have a birth.'' That is an unmitigated lie, I say to my colleagues.

She has also said, ''The UNFPA firmly believes, and so does the Government of the People's Republic of China, that their program is a totally voluntary program.'' That, too, is a lie.

For 20 years, the UNFPA has participated with the perpetrators of the most egregious systematic abuse of women in history. My colleagues heard the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) talk about Mrs. Gao. She was one of those who ran the program in Fujian Province for 14 years. That is what the UNFPA has covered up for all of these years.

Let me just remind my colleagues that both Presidents Reagan and Bush, with the support of Democratic Congresses, barred all funding to the UNFPA because of its complicity and support of China's barbaric program.

Last year Congress passed and President Clinton signed the Omnibus Appropriations Act that included a total cut-off of UNFPA funding. Why? Because it includes heavily forced abortion and forced sterilization.

The amendment that the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BARCIA) and I are offering would prohibit U.S. funding to the UNFPA unless the President certified that UNFPA has terminated all activities in the PRC; or, during the 12 months preceding such certification there have been no abortions as a result of coercion.

This is all about forced abortion. The UNFPA has been complicit. They have supported it. And they have said it with their statements and have been part of a cover-up.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself ½ minute.

Mr. Chairman, this does not provide for money for abortion in China. The Campbell amendment takes away money for family planning in China for every dollar that the U.N. spends there. So this debate is very, very serious, but it is not on China's abortion policy.

The Campbell amendment authorizes no money for abortion, no money for China. And for every dime that the U.N. chooses to spend in China, we take back one dime from the U.N.

Mr. Chairman, I am pleased to yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA).

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman, who is the introducer of the substitute that I support very strongly, for yielding the time to me.

So I rise in support of the Campbell substitute and in opposition to the Smith amendment.

The U.N. Population Fund is one of the world's leading international agencies providing for women's sexual and reproductive health. It collaborates with government agencies and NGOs to develop and implement effective policies and programs dealing with female genital mutilation, HIV/AIDS, comprehensive care for refugees, as we saw in Kosovo, child and maternal nutrition, and family planning methods and services.

Contrary to what we have heard this evening, UNFPA does not fund or provide abortion services or related equipment. The UNFPA does not support China's despicable population programs.

The Campbell amendment prohibits U.S. funds from being used in UNFPA's China program. It addresses the concern of some Members about the fungibility of funding by reducing our UNFPA contribution dollar for dollar for the agency spending in China. It restates U.S. law forbidding funding for any abortion services.

The goal of the Smith amendment is to force UNFPA to leave China, even though its current program gives it exclusive control of the family planning programs in 32 countries. Passage of the Smith amendment will cut off the U.S. contribution to UNFPA's work worldwide unless China stops its policies of coercive abortion.

Mr. Chairman, more than 500 million women and girls live in China. That is one in every five women on this planet. The irony of the efforts of the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) is that if UNFPA were to pull out of China, the only source which Chinese women will have for family planning and reproductive health services is the Chinese Government. Again, if the Smith amendment passes, the Chinese Government will be women's only option for reproductive health care.

It is important that we support the Campbell substitute.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself 1¼ minutes.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask the gentlewoman a question if she would return to the microphone.

She mentioned a moment ago that this program will be run exclusively by the UNFPA. Is that her statement?

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I yield to the gentlewoman from Maryland.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Chairman, I said China is in charge of the reproductive health and services for the 32 countries.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, reclaiming my time, but who is running the family planning/population program?

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman would continue to yield, UNFPA.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, just so the record is very clear on this, the question was asked by our former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, what will be the role of the Chinese Government? And the answer back from the executive director of the UNFPA was as follows:

> The Chinese Government, at the central and provincial levels, will be in charge of coordination, internal monitoring, guidance, and evaluation, all of which will be conducted in accordance with ICPD principles. The local government will be in charge of the actual implementation of project activities at the county level program.

Mr. Chairman, that is exactly the problem. The Chinese Government, as they have been doing for the last 20 years, will run this program; and again, the UNFPA will give it more cover, which it certainly does not deserve.

Women, it even says in the document, will be assessed a social compensation fee if they do not conform to the guidelines, the one-child-per-couple program.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman would continue to yield, I say to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) but no money for UNFPA goes for Chinese abortion policies or abortion.

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Chairman, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI).

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Chairman, I rise to oppose the Smith amendment, with great respect for the maker of this amendment but in complete disagreement, because it would eliminate funding for international family planning under the United Nations Population Fund, UNFPA, and to support the Campbell–Maloney amendment.

The Smith amendment, if enacted, would punish women and families around the world in a misguided effort to affect China's family planning program.

I do not understand why the poorest women on this planet, year in and year out, must be held hostage to the conservative politics of the Republican party. And I say that, as I say, with respect for the individuals involved here.

We should ask, who suffers from the Smith amendment? The World Health Organization estimates that nearly 600,000 women die each year of pregnancy and child-birth related causes. Nearly all of these women are in developing countries.

The UNFPA funds program to reduce this mortality and related health problems. Women around the world, particularly impoverished women, will be harmed by this amendment.

I understand my colleagues' concern about some of the horrible practices in China. That is why this amendment says that any funds used in China by UNFPA will be deducted from the UNFPA. None of us, none of us, support forced abortions or forced sterilizations.

The Campbell–Gilman-Maloney-Crowley amendment addresses these concerns by specifically banning U.S. funds from being spent in China. Furthermore, it requires that for every dollar that UNFPA spends in China, America's contribution will be reduced, as I have mentioned.

Mr. Chairman, let me say that I follow closely the human rights violations in China. The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) is a leader on that subject, and I support what he wants to do about China. And that is what we do in the Campbell–Gilman-Maloney-Crowley amendment.

While current law already bans U.S. funding for abortions or abortion services, to once and for all overcome any misunderstanding, this amendment once again reiterates that prohibition of U.S. funding for abortions.

We should note that UNFPA is already on record in opposing coercion and UNFPA conforms to universal human rights standards. The UNFPA does not fund abortions nor abortion-related activities anywhere in the world. UNFPA opposes China's one-child-per-family policy.

I urge my colleagues to oppose the Smith amendment and to support the Campbell–Gilman-Maloney-Crowley amendment.

With these legal protections and the tremendous need for family planning efforts around the world, Congress should not block important programs that promote women's safety and health.

UNFPA programs work and these programs should be given the opportunity to go forward.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I would like to inquire as to how much time remains on both sides.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) has 19¼ minutes remaining. The gentleman from California (Mr. CAMPBELL) has 9 minutes remaining. The gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. GEJDENSON) has 11 minutes remaining.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I yield 3 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Florida (Mr. WELDON).

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for yielding me the time.

Mr. Chairman, today I rise in support of the Smith–Barcia amendment to the American Embassy Security Act.

The Smith–Barcia amendment would prohibit U.S. contributions to the UNFPA until UNFPA terminates its involvement with the Chinese coercive population control program or until China ends its brutal and abusive one-child-per-family policy.

For 20 years, the UNFPA has been a supporter and defender of China's population control program, giving the Chinese Government over $150 million.

It is a tragedy that some of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle would even suggest that we should vote to send taxpayer money to support this brutal Chinese program. This is a tragic and wasteful expenditure of U.S. taxpayer money.

Why would we contribute taxpayer money to a program that has been a partner to some of the most heinous population control programs in the world, including incarcerating pregnant women in barracks until they consent to abortions or sterilizations, forcing pregnant women to attend ''study sessions'' away from their families until they agree to have abortions, and carrying about sterilizations without the consent or knowledge of the women while rendering other medical services?

The worst part of this is that UNFPA is turning a blind eye to these atrocities against the women of China. In fact, UNFPA has publicly praised their forced abortion program in China. UNFPA even provides cover for China's program by calling it voluntary.

This program is anything but voluntary. Here are some horrifying examples. It is reported that Australia has deported at least three pregnant women to China, and one of them was very close to her delivery date. So what happened? Just days before this woman was to give birth, she was forced to have an abortion.

This abuse is beyond tragic. I do not understand how anyone, in good conscience, could support UNFPA while they are funding and actively promoting China's oppressive population control program.

Now, my colleagues will hear our colleagues on the other side of the aisle push for a compromise with the Gilman-Campbell amendment. Do not be fooled.

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The Gilman-Campbell amendment is merely an attempt to block an up-or-down vote on this issue, an attempt to block an up-or-down vote on Smith–Barcia. It is window dressing for those who are afraid to admit they are supporting China's policy.

In fact, this amendment proposal was defeated by the House when it was last offered in 1997 and it should be rejected again today. Why do we need to keep going over this again and again?

This is plain and simple. The U.S. already contributes to activities to promote women's health and well-being by contributing to other international organizations and NGOs that work in this field. It is not necessary to finance organizations such as UNFPA which collaborate with programs that violate the fundamental human rights of women and children.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Chairman, in a show of our bipartisan strength the Republican side wishes to yield a 2-

minute slot to the gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY).

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, there is something about the debate on UNFPA up to this point that has been really interesting. The people against UNFPA do not really want to talk about UNFPA. Instead, they want to talk about China and how bad China's policies are. You could never figure from these folks that UNFPA spends less than 2 percent of its worldwide budget in China and is active in only 32 of China's 2,700 counties.

Now, I do not like China's policies on controlling family size, forced abortion or forced sterilization and UNFPA's program in China moves China away from these practices.

I would rather talk about the 98 percent rather than the 2 percent. In Uganda, UNFPA runs programs to eliminate female genital mutilation and reduce the number of mothers who die giving birth. In the Philippines, UNFPA helps women achieve economic empowerment. In Kosovo, UNFPA gave pregnant refugee women thousands of clean delivery kits. They did the same thing in Central America after Hurricane Mitch and in Papua-New Guinea after a tidal wave. In Africa, UNFPA is cooperating with UNICEF and WHO on a pilot initiative in seven countries to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV.

This is what UNFPA does. What UNFPA does not do is support or fund abortions. UNFPA does not condone coercion in family planning nor do they support China's one-child policy and they do not support forced sterilization.

If we vote against UNFPA, we will ensure that more mothers will die giving birth, that more children will contract HIV disease and that female genital mutilation will not go away. That cannot be what we want and that is why we have to support UNFPA.

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD).

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the Smith amendment to H.R. 2415, the American Embassy Security Act of 1999, and in support of the Gilman-Campbell substitute amendment. While the Smith amendment claims to protect women from coerced abortions in China, its real effect is to deny poor women around the world access to voluntary family planning. Further, the Smith amendment fails to acknowledge that the United Nations Population Fund does not support abortion as a family planning method, opposes quotas in family planning programs, and works only in counties in China that have abolished such practices.

The Gilman-Campbell substitute amendment, on the other hand, provides the needed funds for millions of women and men around the world who depend on international support for family planning, AIDS prevention, and approved infant and maternal mortality. Simply put, the lives of poor women around the world are at stake if we should pass the Smith amendment. Poor resources make these women highly vulnerable to death-related delivery practices, sexually-transmitted diseases, and other horrible conditions.

Please support the Campbell-Gilman amendment and let us defeat the Smith amendment.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PITTS).

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Chairman, I rise to support the Smith-Barcia amendment and to oppose the Campbell amendment. This amendment prevents U.S. funding for China's deplorable population control program which includes coercion, forced abortion and forced sterilization for both Chinese men and women.

Women all over China are victimized daily due to their desire to bear children. Let me share with Members a few of the methods used in China's so-called family planning policy that are a matter of record:

Arresting pregnant women and taking them to abortion clinics tied up or in handcuffs; incarcerating pregnant women in barracks until they acquiesce to abortions and/or sterilizations; forcing pregnant women to attend ''study sessions'' away from their families until they agree to have abortions; carrying out sterilization or abortion without the consent or knowledge of the women while rendering other medical services; crushing the skulls of babies with forceps during delivery or injecting iodine, alcohol or formaldehyde into the soft spots of their tiny heads as they are crowning so that they are born dead; imprisoning husbands until their wives submit to child-killing procedures; cutting off food, electricity, water and wages for couples who refuse to comply with the Chinese government's barbaric policies; confiscating the furniture, livestock and even homes of families who refuse to comply; finally, demolishing the homes of those who refuse to comply, as reportedly occurred in two Catholic villages in the Hepel province.

When Steven Mosher wrote from his research in China, he said this:

> From Sandhead Brigade there were 18 women, all 5 to 9 months pregnant, and many red-eyed from lack of sleep and crying. They sat listlessly on short plank benches arranged in a semicircle about the front of the room, where He Kaifeng, a commune cadre and Communist Party member, explained the purpose of the meeting. He said slowly and deliberately, ''None of you has any choice in this matter. The two of you who are 8 or 9 months pregnant will have a caesarean; the rest of you will have a shot which will cause you to abort.''

In order to return home to their families, the women had to agree to abort their babies no matter how far along their pregnancies were.

This is not family planning. These are outright human rights abuses. I do not believe that this is a pro-life or a pro-choice issue. It is a human issue. It is a woman's issue. It is a family issue. This is an issue of blatant government abuse and the United States taxpayers should not in any way be a part of it.

Whether you are pro-life or pro-choice, we should agree that China's so-called family planning techniques are inhumane. Their slogan is, this is what China uses to market their campaigns, ''Better to have more graves than more than one child.''

Mr. Chairman, we cannot stand by claiming that we see no evil, hear no evil as the UNFPA assists the China program, holding it up as an excellent example for other countries. Until the UNFPA stops aiding in the abuse of women in China, we should not fund it.

I urge my colleagues to support the Smith–Barcia amendment.

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to have the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) control my time.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Connecticut?

There was no objection.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Chairman, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. HORN).

(Mr. HORN asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HORN. Mr. Chairman, what the gentleman from California (Mr. CAMPBELL) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) have done here has been truly on a bipartisan basis.

I was sorry to hear the comments of the gentlewoman from San Francisco (Ms. PELOSI) that seemed to put a partisan tinge on this. This is the Campbell-Frelinghuysen-Gilman-Greenwood-Horn-Houghton-Nancy Johnson-Kelly-Morella-Shays amendment and we tried to match every one of those with a Democratic Member of the House and that has been done. This amendment is truly bipartisan.

When the Chinese Nationalists moved from the mainland to Taiwan in 1949, they established one of the world's most dynamic economies. In the 1960s and the 1970s, there were billboards throughout Taiwan. On those billboards were happy faces and smiles in the family of four of which two were little kids. Then there was the family and maybe six little kids and they had unhappy faces. The government educated the population. They did that with contraception, not abortion.

This is what we are talking about in the Campbell amendment. It is not funds for abortion. It is funds for contraception, not abortion. A wise population policy is sorely needed in this world. Over population is the most serious problem in the world today. There has been a population explosion in Africa, Asia, and the developing nations of Latin America. Without educating their people, those countries will not have a prosperous economy as is the Republic of China on Taiwan. The Taiwanese will have opportunities.

I happen to be particularly interested in the country of Cambodia. There are 50,000 to 60,000 Cambodians in Long Beach, California, where I live. These refugees chose freedom and have opportunity. When I look at what is going on in the homeland which was devastated by the murderous Pol Pot. He killed more than a million of his fellow countrymen. People who live in Cambodia need a population program. Those in this chamber who want to stop an effective United Nations Population Program are just plain wrong. We need these funds for contraception. Women not only in the United States but in developing nations, in Africa, Latin America and South Asia, need those funds. The House should not be shortsighted as we have been too often in this Chamber. If you want to reduce abortions, then encourage contraception and family planning.

How can you not have contraception and let impoverished women be forced to have abortions. Provide family planning and contraception? Then you will not need abortions. Think of the success on Taiwan. That is what other nations must do. Taiwan's success showed that a nation does not need to chew up its economic human resources. Taiwan has provided a good life for most of its people. The people Mr. Campbell's amendment would help do not have a good life. Vote for the Campbell amendment and help thousands of people out of poverty.

Ms. LEE. Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. LOWEY).

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of the Campbell-Maloney-Gilman amendment and in opposition to the Smith amendment.

The debate is very simple. If you support the work that the United Nations Population Fund is doing around the world to reduce unintended pregnancies and abortions, encourage child spacing and proper nutrition for mothers and babies, and help women deliver healthy babies in high risk areas, then vote for the Campbell amendment. If you support cutting off this critical assistance and leaving women around the world without the resources they need to keep themselves and their babies healthy and strong, then vote for the Smith amendment. It is just that simple.

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The fact is: UNFPA does not support coercive abortion policies in China or anywhere else. UNFPA only operates in counties in China that have eliminated the use of any coercive family planning measures, and encourages voluntary family planning and the elimination of coercive policies throughout China.

No one can deny that the need for family planning services in developing countries is urgent and the aid we provide is both valuable and worthwhile.

My colleagues, in forty years our planet's population will more than double. As a responsible world leader, the United States must do more to deter the environmental, political, and health consequences of this explosive growth.

And let us not forget what family planning assistance means to women around the world. Complications from pregnancy, childbirth and unsafe abortion are the leading killers of women of reproductive age throughout the developing world. One million women die each year as a result of reproductive health problems.

Mr. Chairman, this vote comes down to one question: Do you support family planning? If you support voluntary family planning to reduce unintended pregnancies and abortions around the world, you *must* vote yes on the Campbell Amendment and no on the Smith Amendment.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself 2 minutes.

Just let me remind the gentleman from California (Mr. HORN) regarding his statement earlier, we provide about $385 million to nongovernmental organizations and governments. Hopefully it will have the Mexico City conditions attached to it. But that money goes for contraception and for family planning. We also provide AIDS money and child survival money. There is an enormous amount of humanitarian aid and I support much of that aid.

Let me also point out, Mr. Chairman, that Amnesty International recently did a report on coercion in China. They pointed out with an absolute, declarative sentence, this is something that many of the human rights groups have pointed out, including the State Department in its Country Reports on Human Rights Practices. Here is Amnesty's statement: ''Birth control has been compulsory in China since 1979.'' There is no right to choice on birth control. That includes, by the Chinese government's definition, abortion. It is estimated that in excess of 10 million abortions are performed in China every year, 90 percent of which are coerced in some way. Brothers and sisters, I say to my colleagues, are illegal in China. It is a one-child-per-couple policy. That is not family planning. That is Big Brother control.

I would hope my colleagues would realize that the means to implementing that just happen to be IUDs, abortion, things that many people in this Chamber, particularly on the other side of this issue, have no problem with. But when it is coerced, when that line of demarcation is crossed and forced abortion, which was properly construed to be a crime against humanity at the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal, is looked at by the UNFPA year in and year out as being a voluntary program, that is where we have to draw the line and say, ''Wait a minute. The judgment of this organization is suspect.'' It is a very coercive program. Read the State Department's report. It is replete with examples and statements about how coercive it truly is. And read Amnesty's report. These are human rights organizations that have come out and said it is coercive.

I hope that we can draw the line and withhold this $20 million because an organization that does this kind of thing does not deserve it.

Ms. LEE. Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute and 10 seconds to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. JACKSON-LEE).

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentlewoman very much for yielding me this time. I rise in opposition to the Smith amendment and in support of the Campbell-Gilman-Maloney bipartisan amendment. Frankly I think it is important to emphasize what the United Nations Population Fund really does. The Smith amendment simply prevents it from doing the good work that it does all over the world. That is the important statement that we make today. The UNFPA is the largest internationally funded source of population assistance to developing countries. It is funded through voluntary contributions by 88 member nations.

This is not an isolated group. This is not a group that participates in coercing forced abortions in China. In fact, they stand up against it. Most of their work deals with family planning. Their donors are the United States, Japan, Netherlands, Germany, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, among others. They provide support to 150 countries in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia, the Pacific, the Arab states and in Europe. Since 1969, UNFPA has provided almost $4 billion for voluntary family planning.

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Mr. Chairman, I think it is unreasonable to suggest that someone who provides a safe delivery kit is involved in forced and coercive abortions. This is a kit that saves lives, and I would argue very vigorously, Mr. Chairman, that the work of the UNFPA should be supported and this amendment, the Smith amendment, voids what we are trying to do, Mr. Chairman, and I would like to support wholeheartedly the amendment of the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) and the gentleman from California (Mr. CAMPBELL) and all others in a bipartisan way to promote family planning.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of this amendment offered by Representative CAMPBELL, GILMAN, and MALONEY. This amendment restores funding to the United Nations Population Fund (''UNFPA'') but ensures that no U.S. funds will be spent in China. It allows the U.S. to maintain control over the funds it provides to the UNFPA and requires that any funds used for a program in China shall be deducted from the funds made available to the UNFPA.

The UNFPA is the largest internationally funded source of population assistance to developing countries. It is funded through voluntary contributions by 88 member nations. The major donors are the United States, Japan, the Netherlands, Germany, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Great Britain, Canada, Finland, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Australia and Italy. However, U.S. funding for UNFPA was eliminated for FY 1999.

UNFPA provides support to 150 countries in Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific, the Arab states in Europe. Since 1969, UNFPA has provided almost $4 billion for voluntary family planning and reproductive health care. UNFPA does not provide support for abortions or abortion-related activities anywhere in the world.

The services provided by the UNFPA are crucial in developing countries. Each year an estimated 600,000 women die as a result of pregnancy and childbirth where pregnancy and childbirth are among the leading causes of death for women of childbearing age.

For example, this safe delivery kit is provided to women in developing countries. This kit contains a bar of soap, a disposable razor, a surgical blade, two rolls of umbilical tap, plastic sheeting and 12 rolls of gauze bandage. This kit saves the lives of the mother and the child.

Women in these countries must have access to information that will allow them to make informed reproductive health decisions. These decisions can mean the difference between life and death.

We all condemn the human rights abuses conducted by China. Therefore, this amendment requires that U.S. funds contributed to UNFPA be placed under specific restrictions. U.S. funds will be kept in a separate account and may not be commingled with other UNFPA funds. It also deducts dollar for dollar the funds that UNFPA spends in China.

I urge my Colleagues to support this amendment. It restores the U.S. funding to UNFPA on behalf of women around the world. It also places restrictions on UNFPA funding to China. This amendment renews our commitment to save the lives of women around the world.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Chairman, I yield 1½ minutes to the distinguished gentleman from New York (Mr. BOEHLERT).

(Mr. BOEHLERT asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOEHLERT. Mr. Chairman, governments in many countries that have experienced rapid growth for nearly two generations are now bursting at the seams and are unable to meet the challenge of providing even the most basic services for their citizens. This is the arena in which the UNFPA works, an arena in which every action has a reaction. In the most extreme cases, population growth along with poverty, ethnic tensions, and the misgovernance has resulted in vile conflict. The UNFPA is one of the most effective means available to address the problems caused by rapid population growth around the world. Its 900 staffers work in more than 150 countries to provide voluntary family planning and reproductive health services. By doing so, it allows women and men to freely choose to limit the size of their families, and it helps to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies and abortions.

I would like to ask my colleagues to ask themselves a few questions when voting on this, questions like:

Who would do this work if the UNFPA did not?

Where would some countries be without UNFPA?

I know the answers I think of are unsettling, and I am sure many here, when they stop and think about the bigger picture, will come up with their own stark conclusions.

I urge my colleagues to support the Campbell amendment and support funding for UNFPA. And finally let me say in response to my partner in this effort, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI) I am disappointed. I would like to point out that both Democrats and Republicans are supportive of family planning; just as, sadly, some Democrats and some Republicans oppose it.

Ms. LEE. Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Illinois (Ms. SCHAKOWSKY).

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Chairman, at least 350 million couples worldwide do not have access to information about family planning and a full range of contraceptives. Each day, 55,000 unsafe abortions take place, 95 percent of them in developing countries.

Unsafe abortions result in nearly 600,000 maternal deaths. It is estimated that the impact of the $20 million cut off will lead to half a million more unintended pregnancies, 200,000 more abortions, 1,200 maternal deaths, 22,500 infant deaths. And while we are worried about human rights in China, of course, we are, let us worry about what desperate women will do. They will try to induce abortions by inserting objects like sticks and wires and knitting needles into the uterus, drinking harmful or poisonous substances. They will take dangerous doses of over-the-counter medication, douche with poisonous and caustic substances, inflict physical abuse like falling down stairs and blows to the belly and jumping from heights.

This is the kind of violence against women we need to worry about, and we can prevent if we support the amendment offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. CAMPBELL) and the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY) and oppose the amendment offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH).

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DEMINT), my good friend.

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of the Smith-Barcia amendment and in opposition to the Campbell-Gilman amendment.

Mr. Chairman, there have been many efforts to make the Campbell amendment look reasonable and rational and easy for a cross-section of Members to support. However, this amendment merely masks support for the inhumane treatment of women in China and all around the world. We cannot overlook the horrendous treatment of women because the United Nations Population Fund provides some needed services.

Just recently, the world was confronted with the reality of China's forced abortion policy when a woman who was deported from Australia to China was forced to go to the People's hospital just 10 days before she was due to give birth, and she was forced to undergo a mandatory abortion. Fellow Members of the House, this is totally unacceptable and intolerable, yet the organization we are talking about funding today, the United Nations Population Fund, does not even acknowledge a problem with China's policies. We should not add $20 million in funding to this organization.

Mr. Chairman, China is not the only place where the United Nations Population Fund is active in implementing questionable and sometimes outrageous policies. Peru's population program has violated the human rights of women by coercing them into sterilization. This may include offering poor women food in exchange for sterilization or pressing health workers to reach sterilization quotas and women being sterilized without their consent.

The U.N. Population Fund is also active in Vietnam and North Korea which have been credibly accused of coercive practices. They have not only turned a blind eye to forced abortions and sterilizations, but have even given China an award in its population control program.

I believe we must stand up and say this is enough. We should not fund the United Nations Population Fund until the organization has reformed and renounced coercive and abusive policies. The United States of America should not give the United Nations Population Fund $25 million in taxpayers' money until they stop these practices.

According to the Campbell amendment, we will give 25 million to the United Nations Population Fund, and we will take it away if we can prove that they are involved.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield since he referred to my amendment?

Mr. DEMINT. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Can the gentleman kindly point where in my amendment I give any money to the UNFPA?

Mr. DEMINT. As I understand it, the gentleman's amendment does fund.

Mr. CAMPBELL. If the gentleman would continue to yield, the underlying bill funds, and my amendment takes away from that funding dollar for dollar whatever UNFPA spends in China.

Mr. DEMINT. Okay, but it does not address, reclaiming my time, this does not address what this organization is doing around the world, and it does not

send a signal to the organization that we want accountability to this horrendous treatment of women.

We must strike at the heart of the issue, we must do whatever we can to send a message to the world that while we appreciate the good things that this organization does, we expect them to stop this inhumane treatment.

Please join me in sending a clear message to the Chinese, the United Nations, that we do not condone this behavior.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Ms. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DEMINT. I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. I would like to ask the gentleman from California, in a Dear Colleague dated July 15 signed by the gentleman from California (Mr. CAMPBELL) he points out as a truth UNFPA manages its own program in China.

Does he stand by that statement?

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. DEMINT. I yield to the gentleman from California.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Chairman, I recognize that the UNFPA arrangement with China yields to China the management of the program within China, and for that reason I do not, in my amendment, give a dime to China.

In fact, if the United Nations spends one dime in China, my amendment takes that dime back from the U.N. so that the United States tax dollars are not going to China.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, if the gentleman will yield further, the point I am trying to make is that in a Dear Colleague that was sent to every Member on the Hill, every House Member, the statement has been made that the UNFPA manages its own program in China. That is demonstrably false.

As I pointed out earlier in this discussion, the United Nations Population Fund on January 7, 1998, assigned by Dr. Sadik what will be the role of the U.S. government or the Chinese government was the question. The answer: The Chinese government at the central and provincial levels would be in charge of coordination in terms of monitoring, guidance, and evaluation. It also points out that the local government; that is, the Chinese government, will be in charge of the actual implementation of project activities at the county level. The UNFPA will not be managing this program, so that it is false and misleading, and I hope Members will take that into consideration.

Ms. LEE. Mr. Chairman, I yield 30 seconds to the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY).

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the bipartisan Gilman-Campbell amendment, and I place into the RECORD a letter to the ambassador, the American ambassador at the U.N., outlining UNFPA's policy that states there will be no birth quotas, that all birth quotas are lifted, and if there is any coercion it will be investigated and the program will be suspended. And also, a letter from the State Planning Commission of China, I would like to have that placed into the RECORD, and I repeat that this debate is not about China. It is about helping the 149 other countries where UNFPA is saving the lives of women giving birth to children and family planning.

The letters referred to are as follows:

UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND,
New York, NY, 7 January 1998.

His Excellency, Mr. BILL RICHARDSON,
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, United States Mission to the United Nations, New York, NY.

DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR: I am writing to provide you with information in response to the questions and concerns raised by your Government in your letter of 2 December regarding the UNFPA Programme of Assistance to China, which will be presented to the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board at this month's session.

Your questions with our responses are attached. We hope that this information will answer the queries to your satisfaction. We shall stay in close contact with you and your staff in preparation for the Executive Board, and remain available to answering further questions you may have.

I remain, dear Mr. Ambassador,

Yours sincerely,

NAFIS SADIK,
Under-Secretary-General.

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT ON THE UNFPA PROGRAMME OF ASSISTANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (1998–2000)

1. WHICH COUNTIES WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM? WHAT IS THEIR POPULATION AND HOW DO THEY COMPARE TO NATIONAL AVERAGES IN ICPD THRESHOLD INDICATORS? HOW DID UNFPA ASCERTAIN THE COMMITMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES TO ICPD GOALS AND PRINCIPLES?

Below is a list of the counties to be included under the program. The UNFPA field office in Beijing is in the process of preparing a detailed profile of all 32 counties. The most important input into these profiles, however, will be a baseline study which will be carried out in February 1998 with the technical assistance of an expert from Tulane University, USA. Unfortunately, it was not possible to carry out this baseline survey ahead of time owing to the fact that no UNFPA funding was available to be spent in China in 1996 and 1997. This survey will provide a clear picture of the RH situation prevailing in selected counties.

ICPD indicators, while available nationally are not broken down to the county level. This is because the sources of data are sample surveys which may not be representative at the county level. The counties were selected based on criteria agreed to with the Government: the commitment of local authorities to the projects and to the principles of the ICPD and the availability and commitment to a minimum of counterpart funding toward project activities; the existence of a good working relationship between State Family Planning Commission and the Ministry of Health at the county level; counties were selected where we are optimistic that results can be obtained within the three year time frame. Hence counties that are too poor, too remote, or too lacking in counterpart funding and enlightened leadership were not chosen. For the same reason the selection process also tried to include a cross section of counties from different regions of the country.

UNFPA worked with the national Government to ensure that local authorities possessed a commitment to the ICPD, political will and the availability of counterpart resources.

County and province

Fengnin—Hebei.
Luanxian—Hebei.
Wenshui—Shanxi.
Aohanqi—Inner Mongolia.
Guichi—Ahui.
Xuanzho—Ahui.
Jianou—Fujian.
Yushui—Jiangxi.
Dongmi—Shandong.
Xinyang—Henan.
Mengzh—Henan.
Yingsha—Hubei.
Qianjian—Hubei.
Linwu—Hunan.
Youxian—Hunan.
Sihui—Guangdong.
Lipu—Guangxi.
Longan—Guangxi.
Wencha—Hainan.
Bazhong—Sichuan.
Yilong—Sichuan.
Pingba—Guizhou.
Zhenfen—Guizhou.
Xinping—Yunnan.
Xiangyu—Yunnan.
Luonan—Shaanxi.
Xixiang—Shaanxi.
Yuzhong—Gansu.
Datong—Qinghai.
Pingluo—Ningxia.
Kuerle—Xinjiang.
Rongcha—Chongqing.

2. WILL BIRTH QUOTAS REMAIN IN EFFECT IN THESE COUNTIES, AND WILL WOMEN FACE SANCTIONS IF THEY BECOME PREGNANT OR BEAR A CHILD OUTSIDE THE QUOTA?

No birth quotas or targets will be applied in the counties participating in the project. Funds will be released only after the UNFPA field office has received official written commitment from the provincial authorities that quotas and targets have been removed in each of the participating counties.

In the project counties couples will be allowed to have as many children as they want, whenever they want, without requiring birth permits or being subject to quotas; however, they may still be subject to a ''social compensation fee'' if they decide to have more children than recommended by the policy. State Family Planning Commission has indicated that it is the Government's intention to gradually eliminate incentives and disincentives from the family planning programme.

3. WILL FOREIGN OBSERVERS, INCLUDING NGO'S AND DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL, HAVE ACCESS TO PROJECT COUNTIES AND TO RELEVANT COUNTY OFFICIALS?

It has been agreed with the Chinese Government that the project will follow all UNFPA procedures for monitoring an evaluation. In addition, the government has agreed that the project counties will be open to monitoring and evaluation visits by foreigners and that county officials would be available to talk to foreign delegations.

As evidence to this openess it should be noted that recently (28 November-3 December 1997) a delegation of foreign diplomats representing 17 countries on the UNFPA Executive Board participated in a field visit to project counties to gain a better understanding of the prevailing situation in the field and of the proposed project activities. The delegation which included 6 ambassadors was composed of representatives from Argentina, Brazil, Canada, the Czech Republic,

France, Ghana, India, Ireland, the Republic of Korea, Libya, Malaysia, Norway, Romania, Tanzania, Thailand, Ukraine and the U.S.A.

4. WHAT PROCEDURES WILL BE IN PLACE TO SEE THAT THERE ARE NO COERCIVE PRACTICES IN THE COUNTIES ASSISTED BY UNFPA?

Frequent and rigorous monitoring visits and activities will be undertaken by UNFPA and independent consultants as part of the project work plan, which includes inter-alia, surveying client satisfaction, surveying FP service provider skills, and qualitative and quantitative assessment of progress made under the project.

The first important crucial step is the written commitment of the local Government authorities to the principles of ICPD, and specifically to ensuring that no coercion takes place in the selected counties. As mentioned earlier, no funds will be released until written commitment has been received from each of the local authorities of all the participating Provinces.

5. WHAT WILL BE THE ROLE OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT? WHAT WILL BE THE ROLE OF UNFPA?

The Chinese Government at the central and provincial levels will be in charge of coordination, internal monitoring, guidance and evaluation, all of which will be conducted in accordance to ICPD principles. The local government will be in charge of the actual implementation of project activities at the county level.

UNFPA's role will include monitoring and evaluation at the county level (as discussed above).

The projects will be executed by UN agencies and international NGOs.

6. WHAT PROCEDURES WOULD UNFPA FOLLOW AND WHAT RECOURSE IS AVAILABLE IF PHYSICAL, PSYCHOLOGICAL OR ECONOMIC COERCION IS REPORTED IN PROJECT AREAS? UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD UNFPA CONSIDER TERMINATION OF ALL OR PART OF ITS PROGRAM?

If UNFPA finds that there have been violations of the project guidelines in any county UNFPA will suspend operations of the project activities until the situation has been corrected.

If the situation is not corrected it will be reported to the Executive Board.

THE STATE FAMILY PLANNING COMMISSION OF CHINA,
Beijing, June 30, 1998.

DR. NAFIS SADIK,
Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund, New York, USA.

DEAR DR. SADIK. It has been a great pleasure to meet with you last March during the High Level Meeting in Bangkok convened by ICOMP in cooperation with UNFPA. As you have been informed the orientation meeting for the project on RH/FP was held in April of this year. The more than 160 participants to the meeting include government officials from the State Family Planning Commission (SFPC), the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation (MOFTEC), Ministry of Health (MOH), relevant provinces, prefectures and counties as well as project managers, consultants and representatives from NGOs. Mr. Sven Burmester, UNFPA representative in Beijing also addressed the meeting.

Agenda items of the meeting comprise the principles of ICPD-POA, project objectives and activities, strengths and challenges in achieving the project objectives as well as project implementation plan. An outcome of the meeting is the consensus on how to implement the project. Following the meeting, the project counties have made considerable preparatory work for the project: the setting up of project leading groups headed by county governors or their deputies, drafting of tentative work plans and even county-level project orientation meetings in some cases.

Following the ICPD, in the light of ICPD-POA, and China's national reality and drawing on both China and other countries' experiences, the Chinese government has made some new decisions and initiatives in implementing its population and family planning program. In 1995, SFPC announced that the approach and practice of the family planning program will undergo two transformations. In the same year, China's State Council organized a national meeting to promote the integrated approach for the family planning program. With a view to meeting the need of the public on reproductive health and family planning, a pilot project on quality service was initiated by SFPC in 11 counties, and approaches of informed choice of contraceptive methods are widely promoted across the country. With still 50 million impoverished population in the country, SFPC, in cooperation with other ministries and departments, conducted activities which integrate family planning with poverty alleviation, aiming at helping rural women in income generation and thus improving their status. Welcomed by the local people, these efforts have also created favorable conditions and beneficial experiences for the implementation of the project.

After the orientation meeting, the project counties reaffirmed their commitment to implementing the project in the light of ICPD-POA, their local characteristics and with a view of drawing on both domestic and foreign experiences. The project counties promise to adopt an integrated approach: one that will combine the promotion of family planning with economic development, universal education, improvement of women's status and provision of quality FP/RH services, and ensure that implementation of the project is not in the form of imposing birth quotas and acceptor targets on FP providers. While the counties are fully aware that they will be facing various challenges in the implementation of the project, they have expressed their confidence in the project's success, believing that the project objectives are in conformity with that of China's reproductive health and family planning program. Besides, China's post-ICPD experiences in its reproductive health and family planning program have also laid the required foundation for the implementation of the project.

I am very pleased to learn that the project document has been finalized between the Government and UNFPA Beijing Office and sent to the headquarters for approval. In the meantime, we very much hope that the headquarters will speed up the process to review and approve the project document so as to ensure the achievement of the project objectives within the limited project period. It is my belief that a good implementation of the project will greatly facilitate the fulfillment of the objectives set in ICPD-POA in China—a country which is home to nearly a quarter of the world's population and step up China's reproductive health and family planning program. It is also the hope of both myself and my colleagues that you yourself could come and visit some of the project counties after the project starts.

With my best wishes,
Yours sincerely,

LI HONGGUI,
Vice Minister.

Ms. LEE. Mr. Chairman, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. PRICE).

(Mr. PRICE of North Carolina asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong support of the bipartisan Campbell-Maloney-Gilman amendment to restore funding to the United Nations Population Fund and in opposition to the Smith amendment. And in response to the most recent speaker on the other side, I think it is important to underscore once again the Campbell amendment provides no family planning money to China, it provides no family planning money for abortions. International family planning assistance is essential though in addressing two of the greatest challenges that face the developing world, providing better health care to women and reducing the rate of child mortality.

That is what we ought to be focusing on here tonight. Over 585,000 women a year die from complications due to pregnancy and childbirth. UNFPA extends prenatal and postnatal care and counseling, increasing the chance for survival for Third World children and their mothers. By simply teaching women to space their children 2 years apart, the UNFPA helps increase the survival rate for these children by almost 30 percent.

U.S. contributions to UNFPA also help prevent abortions, and we seem in some danger of losing sight of that tonight. I presume we all share that goal. Continuing to withhold U.S. funding for UNFPA will contribute to an estimated 500,000 unplanned pregnancies. That means abortions, perhaps 200,000 more abortions it has been estimated, as well as 1,200 maternal deaths, and 22,500 infant deaths. Studies show a clear link between the introduction of family planning services in Mexico, Columbia, Hungary, Russia, central Asian republics and a decline in the number of abortions.

With this one vote, Mr. Chairman, we can help improve women's health, we can decrease child mortality, we can dramatically reduce the number of abortions worldwide. The United States cannot fail to meet these responsibilities. I urge a ''yes'' vote on the Gilman-Campbell-Maloney amendment.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Chairman, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. SHAYS).

Mr. SHAYS. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for yielding this time to me, and allowing me to participate in this debate. And I continue to wonder, if my colleagues do not support abortions, why would they oppose family planning? And when they oppose family planning, what it says to me is they want more abortions, because that is the direct outcome.

And I also wonder why so many men stand up and do not want women to have knowledge about family planning, particularly in poor countries where they need it the most. I wonder what is humane about that? What is loving, what is kind about that? I am embarrassed by the opposition of so many to allow women to have family planning

information. I support the measly $25 million that we would provide to the United Nations Population Fund, and I regretfully support the Campbell-Maloney-Gilman-Crowley amendment of which I am cosponsor, which says that any money for family planning that goes to China would be deducted, so the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) cannot continue to make these false charges. There is no U.S. money going to China because we deduct it, and that is the bottom line.

I support family planning because I am concerned about the projected growth of 800 million new people from 1990 to 2000, and projections of another 800 million new people from 2000 to 2010, and I wonder what this world is going to be like with so much poverty and death.

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Ms. LEE. Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DAVIS).

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of the Maloney-Campbell-Gilman amendment and in opposition to the Smith amendment. I think it is very important that we get back to the facts here.

As has been pointed out, the funding that we are talking about tonight goes into maternal and child health services and devices. This includes family planning; it includes birth control devices. These are exactly the types of tools that we need to put in the hands of men and women, particularly in our developing countries, who are seeking to improve the lives of themselves and their families and to better their own countries. There are many men and women in these countries who are struggling to support their families, and we should be encouraging them to engage in responsible family planning.

Now, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) has expressed a multitude of concerns about practices in China. I think it is fair to say here that every Member of Congress standing here tonight deplores those activities. But it is also very clear and should be beyond dispute that there is not a single dollar proposed to go to China and to endorse any of those practices and, instead, will go to other countries.

I urge adoption of the Campbell-Gilman-Maloney amendment.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself 20 seconds.

I respect the previous speaker very much, and when he says every Member deplores what is going on in China, I believe that. The problem is the UNFPA does not deplore it. They have been fronting and whitewashing crimes against women for 20 years and they continue to do so. It speaks volumes of an organization when it says there is no coercion, when every human rights group and every Member of Congress says that there is.

Ms. LEE. Mr. Chairman, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY).

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the Smith amendment and in very strong support of the bipartisan Gilman - Campbell - Greenwood - Porter - Horn - Johnson - Kelly - Morella - Shays - Boehlert amendment, and I thank the ranking member, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. GEJDENSON) for his leadership.

Our amendment has deep and strong bipartisan support. What it says is that we want to do something to help women and the 149 countries receive maternal health care and child health care. Over 500,000 women die in childbirth each year. That is equivalent to one or two jumbo jets crashing every day. When there is just one crash, it is headline news for weeks; but the slow toll on women around the world is hardly on our radar screen.

It is about giving out safe delivery kits as were handed out to the women refugees in Kosovo. These are handed out to poor women and children, and it saves lives. It is health care.

Mr. Chairman, 179 countries support UNFPA. Let me tell my colleagues what it is not about. It is not about China; no money goes to China. And it is not about abortions, because no family planning money can be spent for abortions. If we continue the UNFPA cutoff, it will not hurt China. What it will hurt are women and children and lead to more abortions in the other 149 countries in which UNFPA works. It is about saving lives; it is about health care.

There is a solution to the suffering, and that is family planning support. Support the Gilman-Campbell amendment, cosponsored by many, many others of our colleagues. I thank the deep, bipartisan coalition that has worked to correct the action of our country cutting off funds when 179 other countries have supported that effort.

Mr. Chairman, I include for the RECORD at this time documentation in support of my position.

[From the New York Times, July 15, 1999]

VOTE TODAY TO SUPPORT MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH—FAMILY PLANNING UNDER FIRE

SUPPORT THE GILMAN-CAMPBELL-MALONEY-CROWLEY AMENDMENT TO STATE DEPARTMENT REAUTHORIZATION

(Submitted by Carolyn B. Maloney, Member of Congress)

Last year Congress disgracefully cut off funding to the United Nations Population Fund, an agency that supports voluntary family planning services, maternal and child health initiatives, and AIDS and sexually transmitted disease prevention programs in 150 countries. In April the House International Relations Committee wisely voted to restore $25 million for the program in 2000. A House vote on the State Department authorization bill containing that contribution is expected today.

Once again, however, this worthy program is under attack by anti-abortion forces. The Population Fund does not provide or pay for abortion services in any country, and can actually reduce the need for abortions. Yet Representative Christopher Smith, a fervent abortion opponent, is expected to offer an amendment to block funds for the program. He and others have argued that the United States should contribute no money to the agency unless it ceases all family planning activities in China.

This is senseless, because the fund's pilot project in China is actually designed to end coercive population policies. Under the program, the Chinese authorities have agreed to abandon quotas like the one-child policy in 32 areas covered by the pilot project, and adopt instead new strategies to slow birth rates, such as better contraception, health care and expanded economic opportunities for women.

Even so, as a tactical move, the program's supporters have agreed to deduct any amount the Population Fund spends in China, which is expected to be $5 million a year, from the $25 million United States contributions. The House now has no excuse for not financing family planning efforts that can improve the lives of women all over the world.

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DEFUSING THE POPULATION BOMB—BALANCE IS WITHIN GLOBAL REACH WITH ENOUGH UNSELFISH HELP

It took 1,900 years from the birth of Christ to the dawning of the 20th century for the world's human population to reach 2 billion. In a single century since, it will have tripled. The 6-billion mark will be reached this October. An additional billion should be on hand by about 2014.

The good news is that life expectancy at birth has increased by two-thirds in this century, as more infants survive their first year. Further, while the population boom continues, it has been slowed by family-planning efforts. Not one industrialized country has a fertility rate higher than the replacement level, according to the Population Reference Bureau. The bad news is that, in the underdeveloped areas, the slowing of population growth is due to a rising death rate. Overtaxing the environment increases scarcities of basic necessities, and could accelerate that increase.

The world is running out of water to drink or use to grow crops. Eight percent of the world's population faces chronic water shortages, according to the United States Agency for International Development, and by 2025, more than one-third will face that danger. Hunger now kills 6 million a year. Water shortages could reduce the grain harvest in India, where already more than half of all children are malnourished.

The developed world, meanwhile, is reproducing responsibly. Americans have achieved stability with a 2.0 fertility rate (two children per woman). Our swelling population results from immigration. Europe's fertility rate stands at 1.4. Asia and Latin America show remarkable declines in the past 50 years, from 5.9 to 2.8 in Asia, 5.9 to 3.0 in Latin America. But in Africa, the rate has fallen only from 6.6 to 5.6. And where efforts to control population fail, starvation and disease move in. World Watch Institute says the HIV virus is reversing gains made in life expectancy in Africa. Since 1990, life expectancy in Botswana has dropped from 62 years to 44.

It means we have a very long way to go to find a healthy population balance.

The most hopeful note in the population statistics is that 50 percent of the world's married women of childbearing age now practice family planning, compared to fewer than 10 percent just 30 years ago. The tragedy is that the percentage isn't far higher than 50 percent.

As the Population Reference Bureau notes, the decline in childbearing was "brought

about by investments in family planning and other health programs, in education, and in greater social and economic opportunities, especially for women.'' Control of their childbearing means greater health and opportunity for both them and their children.

The greatest accomplishment mankind could muster in the coming century would be a guarantee that all of its newborns, everywhere on the globe, enter the world with a decent chance at a decent life. With unselfish help from the industrialized nations, it is within our reach.

[From the Houston Chronicle, July 7, 1999]

POPULATION FUNDING WILL HELP TO PREVENT ABORTIONS

As the century prepares to close, the world's population is shooting inexorably toward the 6 billion mark and will surpass it later this year. One billion will be teenagers moving into their reproductive years, and the population explosion can reasonably be expected to continue increasing exponentially.

This means a number of problems around the world, including simply meeting the needs of education and jobs and the need for family planning. World population has doubled since 1950. What effect will it have on the environment, waste disposal and immigration when it reaches 15 billion or more?

The United Nations Population Fund, which plays a critical role for millions of women and their families, has been made a scapegoat in this country in recent years, with U.S. funding for the UNPF caught up in a clash of ideologies that is more about political grandstanding than about dealing with the real issues and solutions to explosive population growth.

In 1994 a program of action was adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development, of which the United States was a major architect. Five years after its inception, significant progress can be cited in nations where the plan is in place. But the greatest obstacles, say supporters, have been a lack of financial resources and the unfulfilled commitment of donor nations such as the United States. Congress, under the false impression that tax money would be paying for abortions, defunded the U.S. commitment last September.

Earlier this year, the U.S. House International Relations Committee took the first step in reversing this mistake when it voted to restore funding. In the coming days, the full House is expected to vote on that measure contained in the State Department Authorization (HR 1211). Some in the House, however, are threatening to strip this provision from the funding legislation. That would be a very shortsighted and misguided move.

The sad irony is that the population program would actually do far more in the way of family planning and the prevention of unwanted pregnancies and abortions than its critics are willing to admit. If the motivation for opposition to this measure is truly to halt abortions, then those who would kill it are actually doing the legislative equivalent of throwing gasoline onto a fire.

Members of the Texas congressional delegation will shortly have an opportunity to do the right thing by leaving the funding intact. Or they may opt to take the low road and exacerbate the problem they claim they are trying to solve.

We hope they choose the former over the cynical political grandstanding and rhetorical sleight of hand.

[From the Star, June 16, 1999]

WORLD POPULATION

The House of Representatives soon should consider renewal of funding for the United Nations Fund for Population Activities. That is always a difficult issue in Congress, where last fall the House voted against this program as part of the omnibus budget resolution.

Family-planning assistance through the United Nations fund is one of the most important foreign assistance programs Congress considers because it contributes to universal access to family planning, prenatal care and reproductive disease services around the globe.

Support for the $17 billion per year commitment to population spending has been dwindling, particularly in this country that formerly was a leader in international family planning.

Partly because of questions over paying for abortions in China, Congress has capped spending for international family planning at 70 percent of its 1995 level. However, the legislation to be considered by the House would authorize $25 million in each of the next two fiscal years to the United Nations fund as long as certain conditions are met. Among them: None of the U.S. money would go to China and U.S. funds would not be mixed with other United Nations funds.

Further, the United Nations would have to meet other restrictions in regards to its spending in China or the United States could reduce its contributions. These conditions should satisfy critics.

World population growth is slowing, but it is problematic in developing nations. This year the world reaches 6 billion people. In another 14 years, the number is expected to rise to 7 billion, a total that could be reached faster depending on regional birth rates, the effect of AIDS, longer life expectancies and family-planning programs.

The United States plays a pivotal role, particularly in leading other developed nations, in slowing population growth. Congress should reauthorize effective programs through the United Nations fund.

[From the Courier-Journal, July 5, 1999]

UN POPULATION EFFORTS NEED OUR HOUSE MEMBERS' VOTES

Five years after the United Nations Population Fund's historic Cairo conference, there's still no consensus on issues such as abortion, family planning and sex education. As a result, final agreement on an action plan was still being blocked at the UN last week by a group of small nations mostly Catholic and Muslim and including the likes of Libya and Sudan.

The good news is that population growth has, in fact, slowed in many places, thanks in part to the UN's efforts. But one big obstacle to more progress has been money. In a week or so, the U.S. House of Representatives will be able to do something about that, by restoring funds for the UN population program to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act.

Supporters fear that, if past attitudes are indicative, GOP members from this area will say no. But they hope that two new Democrats—Ken Lucas of Kentucky and Baron Hill of Southern Indiana—will say yes. We hope so, too.

The Cairo conference produced surprising agreement among disparate people: the Pope, Vice President Al Gore, leaders of Christian and Islamic countries, feminists, greens, scientists, prophets of doom, and condom salesmen. The abortion issue stymied unanimity, but there was broad commitment to more family planning, more education, and more effort to improve women's and children's health.

Sometime this fall, the world's population will reach 6 billion, one-sixth of them teenagers entering their reproductive years. But, thanks to efforts by governments, charities and the UN, there's still a chance to hold the total to something like 9.8 billion by 2050. Mexico is showing how it can be done.

Earlier this month, New York Times reporter Sam Dillon described the spectacular drop in Mexico's birth rate, from seven children per woman in 1965 to 2.5 today. That decline has produced what population experts call a demographic bonus—what Dillon described as ''the opportunity to generate higher savings rates and domestic investments that can bring rapid development, if the bonus is managed shrewdly.''

Such progress is crucial for a country that already can't supply jobs for the 1.3 million new workers who enter the job market each year. It's also important north of the border. Economic troubles have pushed the yearly total of workers leaving Mexico for the United States from 27,000 in the 1960s to more than 277,000 now.

Mexico's record is being duplicated, sometimes exceeded, around the world, especially in Latin America. But more could have been accomplished had it not been for the hundreds of millions in cuts imposed on overseas family planning by the GOP Congress, which defunded the U.N. effort last September.

Democratic Reps. Lucas and Hill may have conservatives in their districts pushing for a ''no'' vote, but they won't be under the same pressure as their GOP colleagues to oppose renewal of appropriations for the United Nations Population Fund.

They can do the right thing. And their GOP colleagues always have the option of surprising everyone by casting sensible, humane votes.

[From the San Francisco Examiner, July 9, 1999]

REPRODUCTION ERROR—CONGRESSIONAL CONSERVATIVES PERSIST IN THEIR MISTAKEN NOTION THAT GLOBAL FAMILY PLANNING EFFORTS DON'T DESERVE U.S. MONEY

Ample reasons exist to continue the worldwide fight to control population. Survival is the first, but quality of life is an important byproduct. Still, the battle expected this summer in the U.S. Congress will be over whether managing the Earth's population is a goal worthy to pursue.

Capitol Hill, unfortunately, is where domestic politics and notions of morality get mixed up with sound public policy and good science. The Hill also is where this country will soon decide whether to support the United Nations Population Fund. Congress' action will occur shortly before the world's population is predicted to top 6 billion (as soon as late July). Last year, Congress nixed $25 million for the U.N. office.

The controversy is created by a misperception. Some congressional conservatives are confused about international family planning efforts. By law, the United States cannot provide funds for abortions overseas, but the religious right carries the debate further. It argues that the U.S. should not give funds for other family planning activities to an organization that also provides abortions or even just abortion counseling. Its bizarre reasoning is that U.S. support will allow those organizations to shift money into promoting abortion.

There's no evidence of that. But there's plenty of evidence that denying women birth control information creates more abortions, more unwanted babies and more misery. Where's the compassion in these Capitol Hill conservatives?

Experts say the world adds 78 million people a year, or the equivalent of San Francisco's population every three days.

The prospect of overpopulation ought to worry everyone. As the Earth's resources become more and more strained, the misery

won't be confined to Third World women denied facts or contraception. Hardship will intrude into middle class neighborhoods, country clubs and even onto the floor of the House of Representatives.

Full funding of U.N. population efforts constitutes common sense.

The CHAIRMAN. The Chair wishes to announce the remaining time.

The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) has 6 minutes remaining; the gentleman from California (Mr. CAMPBELL) has 2 minutes remaining; and the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) has 1¼ minutes remaining. The gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) will have the right to close.

Mr. CAMPBELL. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself the remainder of my time.

Mr. Chairman, this is what the bill says. The bill gives $25 million to the United Nations Family Planning Agency and it says, no money for abortions. This is what the bill does. It says money from the U.S. taxpayer cannot go for abortion. It also says money from the U.S. taxpayer cannot go to China. That is what the bill says, the underlying bill. No money for abortion; no money for China.

Our good friend from New Jersey says, but this is not enough, because the United Nations might give some money of its own, some other people's money to China. So what the gentleman from New Jersey does is punish every other country on earth that might receive help from the United Nations Family Planning Agency.

I have been to sub-Saharan Africa almost every break that I can over the last 5 years. Zimbabwe is facing 1 million orphans from AIDS. My colleagues heard about Uganda and its female genital mutilation. These are deep and important problems that are helped by U.N. family planning.

Why can we not help some other way? Because the Brook amendment bars the United States assisting a country if that country has defaulted on its debts, and the truth is sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America have largely defaulted on their debts, so there is no other way that we can assist people in need in Africa, in India, in Bangladesh, in South America. Why would we punish them to make a statement, just to make a statement?

We are not seeing any assistance to China under the bill. My amendment says if the U.N. gives one dollar to China, we take a dollar back from what the United States gives to the U.N. My amendment does not add a dime; it takes away money in order to be sure that the China issue does not control this debate.

Mr. Chairman, I have been at pains to explain this. If colleagues think it is the same vote as last year, it is not. The Mexico City issue is not in this. What is in this bill is compassion for the people of Africa, South America, and Asia. I ask for a ''yes'' vote on the Maloney-Campbell amendment.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself the remainder of my time.

First of all, I believe and I hope the House will believe and vote that the Campbell amendment trivializes forced abortion and coercive population control. The Amnesty International report made it very clear that birth control, and I quote again, ''has been compulsory since 1979.'' Get this, this is right out of the report: ''Women must have official permission to bear children.'' The government has to tell them when and if, by issuing, as the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) pointed out earlier, these coupons, these certificates that say that you can have a child. Who is the Chinese government to say that? And then the UNFPA comes in and says it is a voluntary program. It is anything but a voluntary program.

Let me also point out, again from Amnesty International's reporting, that what happens in China constitutes cruel, inhumane, and degrading treatment of detainees and restricted persons by government officials. They hold women. They put them into cells until they have their abortions. This is outrageous, and the UNFPA has given its good housekeeping stamp of approval year in and year out to this egregious practice.

Mr. Chairman, the supporters of the Campbell amendment, which is really a killer amendment, have made some arguments tonight. I would respectfully submit they are wrong, and most of them are internally contradictory. First, they argue that the UNFPA program in China is a force for good, that it helps the women and children in China and not the brutal PRC program of population control.

But here is what Wei Jingsheng, the great Chinese democracy advocate, had to say about that argument, and I quote: ''When the United Nations gave the Chinese government its population control award, the Chinese people were flabbergasted. UNFPA,'' he goes on to say, ''extended extensive help to the Chinese Communist Government. By doing that, it has set itself on the opposite side of the Chinese people.''

That is Wei Jingsheng talking, not CHRIS SMITH or the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. BARCIA) or the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HYDE). That is the leading democracy activist who spent years in the laogai because of his beliefs. UNFPA's argument that they are not involved in the coercive aspects of the Chinese program, that just by being there they might make it more free and voluntary, is exactly what they argued in 1986 when the UNFPA supporters sued the Reagan administration for finding that the UNFPA, and I quote, ''supports or participates in the management of a program of coercive abortion.''

Here is what Judge Abner Mikva, who later became President Clinton's White House counsel, had to say. He and two other judges found that AID's, and I quote, ''careful explanation of how the UNFPA's activities in China aid the aspects of China's program that Congress condemned amply supports his conclusion that funding UNFPA is prohibited.''

In other words, Judge Mikva, again he was the counsel for the White House and he was a judge, upheld the determination that UNFPA supports or participates in the management of a program of coercive abortion.

The second argument made by supporters is that UNFPA is not about forced abortion. It is about opposing female genital mutilation and other violations of rights of women and children.

Mr. Chairman, this is an argument born of desperation. UNFPA is trying to reinvent itself in order to deflect attention from the real issue of UNFPA's complicity in the Chinese forced abortion program.

Mr. Chairman, when this argument started to surface, I asked my staff to find out how much the UNFPA spends on female genital mutilation. But despite repeated inquiries by my staff and other congressional staff, they absolutely refuse to give us any statistics on what, if anything, it has spent on anti-FGM projects.

The only mention of FGM in UNFPA's 1998 annual report is a single sentence describing the efforts of a super model who serves as a volunteer public relations worker for the UNFPA. The budget document that accompanied the report contained not a single mention of FGM.

Dozens, I would point out to my colleagues, of international organizations and NGOs do work on female genital mutilation and other good works as well. We must help those organizations, but we do not need to fight this evil by giving millions of dollars to an organization that collaborates with an equally egregious evil.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, look at what the Campbell amendment would actually do. Contrary to the claims of some of its supporters, it is not really a cutting amendment. Let us dispense with that. It starts out by increasing UNFPA's funding from zero, which is what is in the fiscal year 1999 budget, to $25 million; then it reduces the increase by $5 million. So the net effect is that if their amendment passes, it would give the UNFPA $20 million more next year. It cries crocodile tears over the victims of Chinese forced abortion, but its net effect is to give a $20 million reward to the principal international collaborator with that program.

Mr. Chairman, if someone proposed that we give millions of dollars to an organization that actively assisted in the management of a prison program in which prisoners were routinely tortured, what would we do? Would we say fine, you can have $25 million, but first we are going to subtract $5 million because that is what you actually contributed to the torture program? No, Mr. Chairman.

I believe we would cut off that organization without a dime. We would

want to disassociate ourselves completely from the torturers and their accomplices. But even more important, we would want to impose a severe punishment, and more importantly, a deterrent against possible collaboration in a program that included torture, because we want to put an end to torture. And the way to stop a bad practice, I would submit, whether it be torture or genocide or, in this case, forced abortion, is not to give $20 million to its collaborators. Vote ''no'' on the Campbell amendment and ''yes'' on Smith–Barcia.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) is recognized for 1¼ minutes.

Ms. LEE. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself the remainder of my time.

I rise in strong support of the United Nations Population Fund and in firm opposition to the Smith amendment.

The United Nations Population Fund provides basic information on family planning. It is just that simple. It targets families in developing countries who otherwise would have to go without basic services such as prenatal and postnatal care. This United Nations program is also leading the charge in confronting the AIDS epidemic in Africa by working to prevent mother-to-child transmission of the AIDS virus. These types of infections account for roughly a third of new HIV infections.

This program should be commended and not burdened with the irrelevant restrictions on China as found in the Smith amendment which will deprive women in dire economic and personal circumstances from receiving the essential family planning that this program provides. A vote for the Smith amendment is a vote against the thousands of refugees who are women in the Balkans who have received kits which help to prevent the infections and diseases associated with giving birth and in unsanitary conditions.

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Furthermore, we should not accept the fact that an estimated 1,200 additional women and 22,500 infants are projected to die if this House refuses to support the Nation's Population Fund. That would be immoral. I urge my colleagues to vote against the Smith amendment and for the Campbell - Maloney - Gilman - Crowley - Greenwood amendment for responsible family planning

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Chairman, if we are serious about reducing the number of abortions and improving the health and welfare of women and children around the world, then the U.S. must continue to contribute to the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

UNFPA works in more than 150 countries in the poorest regions of the world providing family planning services, maternal and child heath care, and the prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases. Cutting off the U.S. contribution to UNFPA only penalizes the more than 870,000 women who depend on this program for quality, safe, preventive and voluntary family planning services. Instead of preventing abortions, the loss of $25 million in funds will actually cause 500,000 additional unplanned pregnancies, more than 200,000 abortions, 1,200 more maternal deaths, and 22,500 infant deaths. When women are unable to control the number and timing of births, they may have no choice but to seek an unsafe and illegal abortion. Each year, 75,000 women in developing countries die from such abortions, many of which are self-induced. By denying women birth control information, we only create more abortions and more unwanted babies.

Contrary to popular myth, UNFPA does not support or promote abortion as a method of family planning. It does not support or promote China's population. In fact, the UNFPA program in China explicitly prohibits coercive practices and forced abortions. What UNFPA does do is support the right of women and families everywhere to make free and responsible decisions about the number and spacing of their children. It does assist women and men to deliver healthy babies in safe and sterile conditions and to protect and promote their health.

This debate is not about China. This debate is about empowering people across the globe so that they can plan both their families and their lives instead of forcing them to accept illness and poverty as a way of life. If we are to be a compassionate nation, then the U.S. must work to improve the lives and health of women all over the world and contribute to UNFPA.

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Chairman, we are all concerned about protecting the health of women and children, not only in the United States, but around the world. No one in this chamber wants to see more abortions performed or more women forced into sterilization. Unfortunately, there are cases around the world, including China, where these kinds of actions take place. And, unfortunately, the United Nations Populations Fund is doing little to end these abuses. We need to send a strong message to the UNFPA that until they stop supporting China and its brutal one-child abortion policy, we will not support their efforts.

At first glance, the Campbell substitute appears to be very similar to ours and even appears to achieve the same goal. We all agree that China is still involved in forced abortion and involuntary sterilization and we all agree that the UNFPA is doing nothing to discontinue this policy. We all agree that their actions and treatment of their citizens are horrific. That is why the Campbell Amendment decreases funding for the UNFPA, but our amendment goes a step further and will prohibit funding unless the President certifies that the UNFPA has either ceased its activities in the People's Republic of China or China stops using coerced abortion in the enforcement of its population control program.

Mr. Chairman, the China policy is a violation of a most basic right, the right to life. The Campbell amendment is a simple slap on the wrist and does not address the underlying problem of a violation of basic human rights. I urge my colleagues to vote for the Smith/Barcia amendment and oppose the Campbell amendment.

Mr. GEPHARDT. Mr. Chairman, I rise to support the Gilman/Maloney/Crowley amendment to HR 2415. We shouldn't jeopardize international family planning efforts because of legitimate concerns about China's family planning policies. We are all against forced abortion. It is wrong, and must be unequivocally condemned. But that is not the issue here today.

The issue here is: do we empower women and families across the globe with the ability to plan for the number of children they can have, or do we pull the rug out under these important efforts. For me, the choice is clear. We must continue to work to give every woman the right and educated choices necessary to plan the size of her own family, free of any coercion.

I believe that opponents of international family planning efforts are using the issue of forced abortion as a stalking horse for an attack on our support of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). UNFPA funding has nothing to do with Chinese government policy on abortion. First of all, none of the funds that we give to the UNFPA are used in China. Not one cent of US contributions can be used in China. Secondly, the UNFPA does not support abortion in any of its work in China or anywhere else. Its program is specifically based on the premise that abortion is not a method of family planning. And thirdly, the UNFPA program is fully voluntary. Women choose to participate in the program without coercion.

Family planning is the best tool to eliminate unplanned pregnancies across the world. Better family planning means fewer abortions—something that pro-choice and pro-life groups can all support. The UNFPA works in 149 countries. Cutting off US funds will lead to more abortions, not less.

Let's work together to reduce the number of abortions. Let's join to support this amendment to help ensure that all women across the globe can receive access to voluntary family planning and allow them to control their own destiny.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Chairman, I rise to express my support for the vital work of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and to urge my colleagues to oppose the Smith/Barcia amendment and support the Campbell/Maloney/Gilman/Crowley amendment.

The UNFPA provides essential primary health services to women in 150 developing countries. It supports the right of couples and individuals to decide freely and responsibility the number and spacing of their children and to have the information and means to do so free of discrimination, coercion, or violence. UNFPA relies on voluntary contributions of member states to provide women and men with access to safe, effective, affordable, and voluntary contraceptive methods of their choice, as well as access to health care for safe pregnancy and childbirth. UNFPA does not support or fund abortion; rather it works to prevent abortion by providing effective family planning services.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Chairman, I rise in very strong support of the Campbell/Gilman amendment to restore funding to the United Nations Population Fund.

H.R. 2415 provides $25 million for UNFPA, the world's largest organization providing family planning services to 150 countries in the poorest regions of the world. Restoring U.S. funding will help hundreds of thousands of women around the world gain access to family planning services.

Five years ago, the U.N. set out a new approach to the complex problem of population

control. This new approach emphasized improving the lives of women, improving the economic well-being of communities and women, and safeguarding the environment. This effort is called the United Nations Funding Program of Action (UNFPA) and is coordinated through the United Nations Population Fund (UNFP). The United States and other western nations pledged to share the annual $17 billion cost, but the Action Plan has struggled to secure those funds since the beginning.

UNFPA provides reproductive health services, education of women and girls, involvement of men in family planning, education on HIV and AIDS, help with community-based sustainable development, and environmental awareness programs. In Latin America, the program is credited with dramatically reducing fertility rates.

The provision in H.R. 2415 balances the critical public health need for U.S. support for UNFPA and the human rights need to address concerns about coercive reproductive health practices in China. Although there are legitimate concerns about China's family planning program, the UNFPA program in China explicitly prohibits coercion and works to promote voluntary family planning.

Withholding UNFPA funds has serious consequences: it increases the worldwide unmet need for family planning services; deprives approximately 870,000 women of access to effective modern contraception; results in 500,000 unintended pregnancies; results in 234,000 births; results in 200,000 abortions; and results in thousands of preventable maternal and child deaths. In brief, it endangers the health and welfare of women and children and their families.

I urge my colleagues to support the Campbell/Gilman amendment.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to this amendment offered by Mr. SMITH. This amendment prohibits a contribution to the United Nations Population Fund (''UNFPA'') unless it ceases all activity in China. This amendment unfairly prohibits funding for reproductive health care and family planning services in developing countries.

While we all condemn the human rights practices in the People's Republic of China, we should not penalize the rest of the world by withholding this funding.

The UNFPA provides essential family planning and reproductive health care services to women in developing countries. All women should have access to quality reproductive health care. Family planning services are an important part of reproductive health care.

Each year an estimated 600,000 women die as a result of pregnancy and childbirth in developing countries. In these countries, pregnancy and childbirth are among the leading causes of death for women of childbearing age.

Women in these countries must have access to information that will allow them to make informed reproductive health decisions. These decisions can mean the difference between life and death. UNFPA funding puts this information in those communities.

The choice between saving millions of women around the world and punishing the government of China is clear. No one condones the coercive practices of the Chinese government in terms of family planning. But, none of us can condone keeping women around the world in the dark about their reproductive health needs.

I urge my Colleagues to vote against this amendment. Women around the world must have access to information that will ensure that their children will be born into a loving and stable environment.

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the Smith amendment as written and in strong support of the Campbell, Maloney, Gilman, Crowley, Greenwood amendment. The Campbell, Maloney, Gilman, Crowley, Greenwood amendment clarifies once and for all, the purpose of the United Nations Population Fund which is not to provide abortion services for women in foreign lands, but rather to provide basic reproductive health care to women which reduces the number of abortions and provide pediatric health care for infants. It also clarifies that no U.S. funds will be used in China.

The UNFPA has been portrayed by its opponents as a vestige of American imperialism bearing down on countries that are struggling to keep their nations free of the evils of abortion and aiding countries like China with a proven record of coerced abortion. The Smith amendment supports this portrayal by cutting all funding in the bill for UNFPA unless it complies with impossible demands.

What this position fails so poorly to report is that international family planning programs supported and originally intimated by the United States have nothing to do with abortion except that they have the potential to reduce the number of abortions performed legally or illegally internationally. They do so by preventing unplanned pregnancy and educating women and men about the importance of planned and timed pregnancy. Sadly, what should be a common ground for debaters on both sides of the polar abortion issue has become a battleground for maternal and child health advocates on either side of the debate.

The fact is that productive health programs represent a continuum of care for mothers and children that provide prenatal and pediatric care for children. Equally importantly, these programs provide lessons in how to effectively space pregnancies to prevent maternal and infant mortality. Planning and timing pregnancy is not just a theory that makes it easier for parents to manage their children. Children who are born less than two years apart are twice as likely to die as an infant. This nation has the resources to provide those less fortunate with the ability to control their own lives. With proper education, those in developing countries can plan their families just as we in the United States do. It is unconscionable, as leaders of the most prosperous nation on Earth, that we would deny these vital resources to the least prosperous on Earth.

The Smith amendment claims to fund UNFPA after certifying the program's withdrawal from China, or certification that there are no forced abortions associated with China's population control program. This amendment shows a lack of understanding of the way UNFPA works. China has requested UNFPA assistance in 32 countries. When assistance is requested UNFPA goes to work. It cannot withdraw unless the country asks them to withdraw. Accordingly, the President cannot certify all of China's population control program because UNFPA does not operate in all China. They could, however, certify the countries in which they are engaged.

The clarifying amendment offered by Representatives CAMPBELL and MALONEY, and others would simply prevent U.S. funds from being used in China by reducing our contribution to the fund by the amount UNFPA spends in China. In addition, the amendment would withhold the entire U.S. contribution if any UNFPA funds are being used for abortion services.

I would ask my colleagues, if we can affirmatively certify that this money is not being used for abortions, and that no U.S. funds are being used in China, why would we not support maternal and child health programs? I urge my colleagues to support Representative CAMPBELL's clarifying amendment.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. CAMPBELL) as a substitute for the amendment offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH).

The question was taken; and the Chairman pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 247, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from California (Mr. CAMPBELL) as a substitute for the amendment offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) will be postponed.

It is the understanding of the Chair that amendment No. 4 will not be offered.

It is now in order to consider amendment No. 6 printed in part B of House Report 106–235.

AMENDMENT NO. 6 OFFERED BY MR. SANFORD

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Part B amendment No. 6 offered by Mr. SANFORD:

Page 14, line 23, strike ''$17,500,000'' and insert ''$12,000,000''.

Page 15, strike lines 19 and 20, and insert ''$1,500,000 for the fiscal year 2000.''.

Page 21, line 25, strike ''$15,000,000'' and insert ''$8,000,000''.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 247, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SANFORD) and the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER) each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SANFORD).

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, this amendment would simply set at 1998 funding, the funding for the Asia Foundation, the Center for Cultural Exchange East-West, and the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center. It would save $13.5 million each year, which though not viewed as a large amount of money in Washington, with many folks back home it is still, I think, a great sum of money.

Finally, this is an amendment that is supported by Citizens for a Sound

Economy, Citizens Against Government Waste, the National Taxpayers Union and Americans for Tax Reform. I think they support this amendment for a number of reasons, and I think it has a number of great things standing behind it.

The first thing that I think stands out in terms of why this amendment would make sense would be, whether a Republican or whether a Democrat, whether a liberal or whether a conservative, I think all of us would agree on the simple idea that we would not want a foundation out there receiving in essence disproportionate care. In other words, we would not want the care for these foundations to be above or, frankly, below that of which a foundation in one's home district receives. In other words, we would want it to be on par.

Yet, that is not at all the case, because these three foundations, which are each in university settings, receive disproportionate care and feeding from the Federal Government, because, unlike a foundation in any one of the 435 congressional districts across this country that have to go out and compete for grants, these three foundations receive not only a Federal guaranteed flow of money but then they can also pick up private grants as well.

The Congress recognized that back in 1995, and as a result, cut funding for these three foundations by $25 million.

Well, what has happened since then is that the funding has crept back up basically to the level prior to the cut. I do not think this is fair to foundations we might have in any of our respective congressional districts. I will give an example of just a few of the outside funding sources I saw here.

For instance, East-West Center received $100,000 from the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office. The William H. Gates Foundation provided $2.3 million for population and health research to East-West Center. The government of Japan contributed $363,000 to the East-West Center, and I could go down a long list, again, of grants in the marketplace that have been received by these foundations when they are also receiving Federal Government money.

Second, I would say there is a lot of duplication in each of these foundations. We could look up these topics, whether it is with the U.N., whether it is the World Health Organization, the Department of State, the Department of Commerce, there are a long list of agencies that also handle these type studies.

Third, I would say maybe they deserved disproportionate funding during the Cold War, but the Cold War is over. As an instrument of national policy, that policy is now gone. I mean, Asia Foundation has been around for 44 years. East-West Center has been around for over 30 years, and I think it ought to be brought back to par, again, which is what we did as a Congress in 1995.

Finally, I would just mention the fact that a number of these grants are just plain bogus. I mean, I looked here at a number of the grants, methods of multiple stakeholding management of community forest, management in community-based forestry. Given the free enterprise system that we know works so well, if one really wants to manage a forest, put one person in charge of it and give them reason to be in charge of it, as opposed to community-based forestry whatever that means.

I see a second grant here on young adult sexuality. This collaborative project involving institutions in the Philippines, Thailand, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Nepal, Taiwan, and the United States will assess the extent, nature, determinants and reproductive consequences of premarital sex.

Call me old fashioned on this, but determinants I think simply to be attraction. Reproductive consequences I think are fairly simple. Sperm meets egg; somebody is going to get pregnant. I do not know that we need another study to tell us this.

I see with the Asia Foundation, a study on nuclear weapons in North Korea. The study went on to argue that the media reports of the construction of an alleged underground nuclear facility in North Korea are the results of deliberate leaks by the U.S. intelligence community.

Now how in the world is that in the best interest of the American taxpayer? How is that a benefit to U.S. overall interest?

So I would just say that there are a number of these studies that are funded with American tax dollars that do not make a whole lot of sense. I would again remind folks of the fact that it is supported by Citizens for a Sound Economy, supported by Citizens Against Government Waste, the Americans for Tax Reform and the National Taxpayers Union. I would urge a ''yes'' vote.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. BEREUTER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the gentleman's amendment. Although this Member shares his colleague's interest in reducing wasteful spending, the institutions targeted by his amendment certainly do not fall in that category. On the contrary, on closer examination, the Asia Foundation, the East-West Center, the Dante B. Fascell North-South Center, and other successful programs will confirm their cost effective contributions to American interests around the world.

Indeed, our modest investment in these institutions is money well spent.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, this Member would like to focus briefly on just one of the affected institutions: the Asia Foundation. The foundation has a 45-year proven track record. Programs and investments in reform-minded individuals in Korea, Taiwan, and the Philippines directly supported the incredible democratic and economic transformations there. The Asia Foundation remains on the front lines doing the same today in Asia's new, emerging democracies like Indonesia and Bangladesh and helping lay the foundation for positive change in authoritarian countries like China and Vietnam.

Fundamental changes are happening in Asia as a result of the recent economic crisis. Now is the time to take advantage of this climate of change and expand programs advancing democracy, the rule of law, human rights, economic reform and sustainable recovery. That is why the International Relations Committee restored full funding for the Asia Foundation. Over ½ of the world's population is within the Asia Foundation's operating area. The Sanford amendment would cut the foundation back to its FY1998 appropriated level—a level $7 million or 46 percent below this authorization and also below last year's appropriation. The authorization in the pending bill merely returns the Asia Foundation to its FY1995 funding level.

Helping Asia develop into a stable, market-oriented and democratic region is an important American national security objective. The programs of the Asia Foundation and others like the East-West Center support this national security objective. The Sanford amendment would severely cut these NGOs' programs and further restrict our ability to influence positive change. The long term cost of this amendment to U.S. feign policy objectives certainly outweighs any short-term savings it may have.

For example, the developing countries in Asia are in desperate need of legal reforms. American commerce and local human rights are early beneficiaries of such Rule of Law programming. By defeating the Sanford amendment, we are supporting new legal reform initiatives for Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, and China.

All three institutions targeted by the Sanford amendment are small, very cost effective private institutions that play very important complementary roles in advancing U.S. foreign policy interests around the world. We need their effort. This Member urges his colleagues to support the authorization levels reported by the International Relations Committee and oppose the Sanford amendment.

OPPOSE THE SANFORD AMENDMENT

Asia Foundation, East-West Center and Dante Fascell North-South Center are small, but cost effective private organizations that play very important complementary roles in advancing US foeign policy interests around the world. We need this effort.

Asia Foundation: 45-year proven track record. Over ½ of the world's population is within its programming jurisdiction. Following on its previous successes in Korea, Taiwan and the Philippines, the Asia Foundation is now focusing on emerging democracies like Indonesia and Bangladesh and promoting reform in China and Vietnam.

International Relations Committee authorized $15 million (the Administration-requested level of funding). This restores Asia Foundation funding to its FY'95 (and pre-FY'95) funding levels. The Sanford Amendment would ''freeze'' the Asia Foundation at the FY'98 appropriation level of $8 million. This is a $7 million or 46 percent cut and even a reduction from the FY'99 level ($8.5 million).

Fundamental changes are happening in Asia as a result of the economic crisis. Now,

is the time to take advantage of this climate of change and expand programs advancing democracy, the rule of law, human rights, economic reform and sustainable recovery. The Sanford Amendment would severely hamper Asia Foundation efforts supporting these U.S. national security objectives.

Now programming supporting much-need legal reform in Indonesia would be jeopardized by the Sanford Amendment cuts. With the ouster of Suharto and the recent elections, Indonesia is in a very precarious transition. Asia Foundation programs supporting democracy, human rights, rule of law and economic restructuring will help steer this transition in the right direction. This is new programming that would be lost if the Sanford Amendment is adopted.

The long term costs of the Sanford Amendment to U.S. foreign policy objectives certainly outweigh any purported short-term savings.

Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. SHAW).

(Mr. SHAW asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER) for yielding me this time.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the Sanford amendment that would reduce the funding for one portion of his bill, the Dante Fascell North-South Center. The Dante Fascell North-South Center is an independent policy research and educational center strategically located in Miami, which is the gateway to Latin America and the gateway to the Caribbean.

The center is dedicated to economic and integration efforts, economic stabilization and growth, and furthering democracy and managing immigration. The center is a key player in the anticipated free trade area of the Americas. United States exports to Latin America climbed from $31 billion in 1986 to over $130 billion in 1997, comprising 20 percent of United States global exports.

The Commerce Department estimates that exports to Latin America will surpass exports to Europe in 2000 and surpass exports to Europe and Japan combined by 2010. Clearly, Mr. Chairman, the gentleman perhaps has merit to his amendment. However, his net is far too wide and it should be defeated. I would urge defeat of the amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I rise today in opposition to the Sanford amendment, which would reduce funding to the Dante Fascell North-South Center.

The Dante Fascell North-South Center is an independent policy research and educational center, strategically located in Miami, the gateway to Latin America and the Caribbean. The center is dedicated to economic integration efforts, economic stabilization and growth, furthering democracy, and managing immigration.

The center is a key player in the anticipated Free Trade Area of the Americas. U.S. exports to Latin America climbed from $31 billion in 1986 to over $130 billion in 1997, comprising 20 percent of U.S. global exports. The Commerce Department estimates that exports to Latin America will surpass exports to Europe in 2000, and surpass exports to Europe and Japan combined in 2010. Clearly, trade and investment relations with Latin American countries are a vital interest to the United States.

Global financial volatility has highlighted the fact that stability and growth abroad has a direct impact on the U.S. economy. An Asia-type meltdown in Latin America would result not just in further economic crises, but would also manifest itself by increased drug trafficking, illegal immigration, civil unrest, and challenges to democratic rule. The North-South Center plays a crucial role in finding solutions for stability and prosperity in the region.

The North-South Center is an extraordinarily active force in education and discussion of U.S.-Latin American issues such as effects of the Castro regime, drug trafficking from Colombia, social causes of migration, food safety, and the role of the military in democratic society. The North-South Center is fueled by an internationally recognized staff which is dedicated to engaging diverse groups in inter-American issues from the perspective of the public good.

At the beginning of this century, the focal point of United States foreign policy was in Europe. During the mid-1900's, the United States focus shifted toward Asia as a source of commerce and trade. In the 21st century, the United States may very well be looking to Latin America as the center of economic cooperation and growth. We must be prepared for this shift, and we need the North-South Center to continue paving our way.

The Dante Fascell North-South Center's proven track record in facilitating international dialog among governments, nongovernmental organizations, and business interests makes it a vital asset for the United States in this new era of inter-American relations.

Mr. Chairman, I strongly urge my colleagues to recognize the importance of the Dante Fascell North-South Center and oppose the Sanford amendment.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Chairman, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. GOSS).

(Mr. GOSS asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Chairman, I rise in unambiguous and unequivocal opposition to this amendment.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute to the distinguished gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. GEJDENSON), the ranking minority member of the Committee on International Relations.

Mr. GEJDENSON. Mr. Chairman, I think all of us here are concerned about government expenditures, but when we take a look at what these institutions do in helping develop Democratic institutions in countries throughout the world, resolve disputes, to have the kind of dialogue, think about what just happened in Kosovo. One helicopter, $16 million. We lost two of them; $32 million. One F–117 stealth fighter, in excess of $100 million. One F–16, $25 million. The money we spend here in these centers helps dialogue, helps democracy and helps defend and protect America's interests.

I urge we defeat this amendment.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Chairman, I yield 45 seconds to the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA).

(Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Chairman, I do have the greatest respect and trust in the integrity of my good friend from South Carolina (Mr. SANFORD) for introducing this amendment but I have to respectfully object to the amendment and I urge my colleagues not to pass this amendment.

Mr. Chairman, in 1960 the Congress established the East-West Center in America's pacific to further the foreign policy interests of the United States by promoting better relations and understanding the peoples of the United States in the Asian Pacific region.

Mr. Chairman, because of the essence of time, given the dynamic changes and the enhanced importance of the Asian Pacific region, where two-thirds of the world's population and one-third of the current trade that we conduct in that region of the world, Mr. Chairman, the mission of the East-West Center is more relevant and vital to U.S. interests than ever before.

I urge my colleagues not to accept the gentleman's amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I rise with my esteemed colleagues on both sides of the aisle in strong opposition to the Sandford Amendment to H.R. 2415, the American Embassy Security Bill of 1999.

Mr. Chairman, the Sanford Amendment seeks to reduce the funding level approved by the House International Relations Committee for the Asia Foundation, the East-West Center and the North-South Center. The amendment should be defeated, as each of these important institutions clearly pursues vital foreign policy objectives on behalf of the United States.

Mr. Chairman, in 1960 the Congress established the East-West Center (EWC) in America's Pacific to further the foreign policy interests of the United States by promoting better relations and understanding between the peoples of the United States and the Asia-Pacific region. The East-West Center accomplishes this vital mission by attracting present and future leaders throughout the region who participate, along with America's leaders and experts in the Center's programs of cooperative study, training, and research of the issues most crucial to the region and to our nation.

Since the East-West Center's inception, over 45,000 individuals have participated in the Center's collaborative programs, providing the United States with an invaluable network of highly-placed alumni—an important link between the U.S. and the nations of the Asia-Pacific.

Mr. Chairman, in recent years as the Asia-Pacific region has undergone profound changes, it has also grown in fundamental importance to the United States for many reasons. With China and Japan, the region contains more than half the world's population and provides almost a third of the world's trade markets. The Asia-Pacific region is now the largest market for US exports, an economic trend that will significantly grow in the new millennium, and the establishment of the

East-West Center by the Congress almost forty years ago could not be more critical now—and what could be a better place to house this internationally acclaimed institution and forum than our fiftieth state of the Union—the State of Hawaii.

Mr. Chairman, over 100,000 U.S. military personnel are located in the Asia-Pacific, primarily in South Korea and Japan, underscoring the U.S. stake in and commitment to regional peace and security. With the recent disturbing developments in the Taiwan Strait, Mr. Chairman, this is a peace that is threatened as we debate today.

Moreover, Mr. Chairman, no global problem—from nuclear and ballistic missile proliferation, to the prevention of AIDS, to damage control of regional financial meltdowns, to the reduction in greenhouse gases—can be effectively addressed without the participation of the major nations of Asia and the Pacific.

Given the dynamic changes in and the enhanced importance of the Asia-Pacific region, Mr. Chairman, the mission of the East-West Center is more relevant and vital to U.S. interests than ever before.

Mr. Chairman, as a Pacific nation, America cannot afford not to take her rightful place of leadership in the affairs of the Asia-Pacific region. We must recognize the important work of the East-West Center in support of this vital mission.

Mr. Chairman, I cannot more strongly urge our colleagues to defeat the Sanford Amendment.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Chairman, I yield 45 seconds to the distinguished gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MEEK).

(Mrs. MEEK of Florida asked and was given permission to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Chairman, this is perhaps one of the most, I would say, harmful amendments I have heard in quite awhile on the floor. I respect the writer of the amendment but I am sure he does not understand the broad scope of the North-South Center named after Dante Fascell.

First of all, our intent is to spread democracy throughout the world. No one or no center has done any better job of this than the North-South Center. It is perhaps the only policy and research and social service kind of organization in this country. On the amount of money that it operates on, it is very, very good. It has a hemispheric agenda and it directly helps the American people in forms of jobs, prosperity, the drug program, the AIDS program.

Mr. Chairman, I think this particular amendment by the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SANFORD), though well designed, should be defeated.

I rise in strong opposition to the Sanford amendment which will cap funding in this bill for the North South Center at its FY 1998 level of $1.5 million. The current bill authorizes ''such sums as may be necessary.'' The Administration requested $2.5 million for the North South Center for FY 2000 for a reason. Additional funding beyond this amendment's cap is sorely needed.

The Dante Fascell North South Center is the only research, public policy studies, and information center of its type, exclusively dedicated to finding practical solutions to problems and policy issues facing the Americas.

This public policy and research center promotes better relations between the U.S. and nations of Latin America, the Carribean and Canada, and is dedicated to developing practical responses to regional challenges.

In carrying out its congressional mandate to promote better relations among the United States and the nations of Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean, the center combines programs of public policy, cooperative study, research, and training.

The center responds to the hemispheric agenda that directly impacts the American people in the form of jobs and prosperity, drugs, migration, export opportunities, environmental quality, and the promotion of shared democratic values. Programs foster national and international linkages and partnerships through fellowships and collaborative efforts in both research and training.

Every Member of Congress who was here before 1992 remembers Rep. Dante Fascell. Throughout his decades of service in this body, Rep. Fascell worked fearlessly for an American foreign policy based on cultural, educational, trade and person to person exchanges between nations, in addition to normal government-to-government contacts. His vision became reality via the North South Center.

The Dante Fascell North South Center has been the foremost institution in bringing together the private sector, NGO's, and government representatives to monitor and evaluate the implementation of democratic governance in the Americas.

I strongly urge my colleagues to vote no on this misplaced amendment.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Chairman, I urge strong opposition to the amendment. I yield the balance of my time to the gentleman from Hawaii (Mr. ABERCROMBIE).

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). The gentleman from Hawaii is recognized for 1 minute.

(Mr. ABERCROMBIE asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ABERCROMBIE. Mr. Chairman, I can fully understand why people would want to try and save money but this kind of approach is, I think, unpardonable. I wish the gentleman had discussed the issue perhaps with myself, with the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. MEEK), with some others who are familiar with these programs. They perform an invaluable service, and to simply take the position that we are going to hack them in half or chop dollars out and let them try to fend afterwards as best they may is such a cavalier approach to cost cutting that it undermines, I think, entirely the thrust of any attempt to try and save money genuinely.

These institutions are providing an intellectual foundation that gives us the opportunity, as Mr. GEJDENSON indicated, to formulate policy in an intelligent way that saves the taxpayer dollars and allows us to carry foreign policy, in particular, forward in a manner that befits the strategic interests of this Nation.

Mr. Chairman, this amendment is ill-timed. It is ill-founded and should be defeated.

Mr. Chairman, I rise to speak against this amendment to H.R. 2415, the State Department authorization for FY2000. The amendment makes an ill advised 31 percent reduction in the bill's funding for the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange between East and West, more commonly known as the East-West Center.

The East-West Center has already suffered severe budget cuts during this decade. Further cuts would seriously compromise the national interests of the United States by weakening our full and constructive engagement in the Asia-Pacific area, which is emerging as the most dynamic region of the globe.

The East-West Center was established by the Congress in 1960 to improve mutual understanding and cooperation among the governments and peoples of the Asia-Pacific region, including the United States. The Center helps prepare the United States for constructive involvement in Asia and the Pacific through education, dialogue, research and outreach. The Congress and Executive Branch agencies turn to the Center for advice and information.

During the Center's 39 years of existence, more than 50,000 Americans, Asians and Pacific Islanders from over 60 nations and territories have participated in the East-West Center's educational, research and conference programs. Presidents, prime ministers, diplomats and distinguished scholars and statesmen from all parts of the region have used the Center as a forum to advance international cooperation. The Center has become one of the most highly respected institutions in the region.

The friendly relations which exist today between the United States and countries of Asia and the Pacific are attributable in large measure to the work of the East-West Center.

The 21st century will be the Pacific Century. Our relations with the nations of the region will determine America's role in the Pacific Century. Will we retain our position of leadership, or will we be relegated to the margins of the Pacific Century? The answer depends to a large extent on our commitment to understanding the region, demonstrating our involvement with its future, and nurturing our ties to its leaders of today and tomorrow.

I urge my colleagues to vote against this amendment and send a clear signal that U.S. interest in and commitment to the Asia-Pacific region remain undiminished.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, I intend to vote against the cuts called for in the Sanford Amendment and I urge my colleagues to join me in defeating this amendment.

Those of us on the International Relations Committee have been here before. These proposals were all offered to us at our markup, and they lost—badly. On both sides of the aisle, the conclusion then was that the East-West Center, the North-South Center, and the Asia Foundation deserved a substantial level of support. We were right then, and this amendment is wrong now.

These organizations do a lot of good for a small investment. The East-West Center is one of the best methods we have to build long-term relationships with the nations of the Pacific Ocean—places we neglect all too much. Part of the funding we proposed for the

East-West Center is intended to establish an Ocean Resources Institute to figure out the best way to use the great marine wealth in the Pacific in a way that is economically and environmentally sound. And the Asia Foundation, which has been in Indonesia for almost half a century, was one of the most important groups doing civic education before the Indonesian elections. They are also heavily involved in helping small to medium-sized businesses, especially those owned by women, get on their feet and keep going, even during Indonesia's economic crisis.

The money that would be provided here is well justified and will be well used. Join me in demonstrating your support for a responsible investment with a long-term payoff. Vote against these cuts.

Mrs. MINK of Hawaii. Mr. Chairman, I rise to express my opposition to the Sanford amendment to HR 2415, which seeks to delete $5.5 million in funding from the East-West Center, $1 million from the North-South Center, and $7 million from the Asia Foundation.

These institutions are small but very cost-effective. They complement the foreign policy objectives of the United States by providing another dimension of engagement with leaders in Asia, the Pacific, and Latin America and help to increase the mutual understanding and cooperation that is essential for constructive relationships among the nations of these important regions.

The East-West Center is the only national program that has a strategic mission of developing a consensus on key policy issues in U.S.-Asia Pacific relations through intensive cooperative research and training. Many who initially came to the Center as students or researchers have risen to positions of power and influence in government, academia, business, and the media in countries throughout Asia and the Pacific. These opinion leaders formed deep ties with the Center and understand first-hand the value of democracy, an open society, and a free press.

The Center has earned the trust and respect of the nations of this region and enjoys a prestige disproportionate to its small size. We cannot afford to continue to starve this unique and valuable institution.

I urge all my colleagues to defeat the Sanford amendment.

The CHAIRMAN. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SANFORD).

The question was taken; and the Chairman announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. SANFORD. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to House Resolution 247, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SANFORD) will be postponed.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CALVERT) having assumed the chair, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Chairman pro tempore of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2415) to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 995, TEACHER EMPOWERMENT ACT

Mr. DREIER, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 106–240) on the resolution (H. Res. 253) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1995) to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to empower teachers, improve student achievement through high-quality professional development for teachers, reauthorize the Reading Excellence Act, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

AMERICAN EMBASSY SECURITY ACT OF 1999

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 247 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2415.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2415) to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes, with Mr. MILLER of Florida (Chairman pro tempore) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. When the Committee of the Whole House rose earlier today, a request for a recorded vote on amendment No. 6 printed in part B of House Report 106–235 had been postponed.

It is now in order to consider amendment No. 8 printed in Part B of House Report 106–235.

AMENDMENT NO. 8 OFFERED BY MR. PAUL

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Part B amendment No. 8 offered by Mr. PAUL:

Page 16, strike line 5 and all that follows through line 17 on page 21, and insert the following: None of the amounts authorized to be appropriated under subsection (a) are authorized to be appropriated for a United States contribution to the United Nations, any organ of the United Nations, or any entity affiliated with the United Nations.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 247, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the amendment.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) will be recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I yield half of my time to the gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY) and ask unanimous consent that she be allowed to control that time.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY) will be recognized for 2½ minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL).

(Mr. PAUL asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself 3 minutes.

Mr. Chairman, my amendment strikes the authorizations in section 106 for all U.N.-related operations. We have a bill here tonight dealing with embassy security, U.S. embassy security, and we are all very concerned about it.

But in typical fashion, about all we have been offered so far has been just to put more money into our embassies and never raising the question about why our embassies might be more vulnerable. My amendment deals with that, because I would like to deal with the foreign policy involved with our commitment to the United Nations.

There are many in this Congress who readily admit they are internationalists. I readily admit that I am not an internationalist when it comes to political action and warmongering. Therefore, I think much of what we do in foreign policy makes ourselves more vulnerable. If we look at the two most recent bombings in Africa, these were brought about by our own foreign policy.

Those supporters of internationalism generally accuse those of us who are opposed to it by saying that we are isolationists. This is not true. I am not an isolationist. But I do believe in national sovereignty. I happen to sincerely believe that one cannot become an endorser of some form of internationalism without some sacrifice of our own sovereignty. I think this is the subject that we must address.

I believe in free trade. I do not believe in protectionism. I am not a protectionist. I think people, goods, and services and ideas should flow across borders freely. But when it comes to our armaments, under the guise of the U.N. orders or NATO orders, I do not believe this should be called something favorably as internationalism and

those who oppose that as being isolationists.

I object to imposing our will on other people. I believe this is what we so often do. When we do that, we build hatreds around the world. That is why our embassies are less secure than many other nations. This is why we are bombed. We bomb Iraq endlessly. No wonder they hate us.

Iran right now, they have dissidents in the street; but they are blaming America, because there was a time when we put our dictator in charge of Iran as we have done so often around the world. Yet they only can come back by making our embassies vulnerable. It might be wiser for those countries that we cannot protect our embassies to put in a computerized operation because, in this day and age, we do not have to have embassies in the countries that are so dangerous.

But it is not the lack of security that is the problem, it is our type of policy that prompts the hatred toward America. I suggest we should look at some of this U.N. activity.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in reluctant opposition to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL). I know that many of us are often frustrated with the U.N. and especially some of its activities. But I do believe that the amendment does risk throwing the baby out with the bath water.

The amendment would effectively take us out of the U.N., while it has its blemishes, and the previous amendments certainly underscored my concern that the UNFPA, for example, has been absolutely complicit in the forced abortion program in the People's Republic of China; and I do believe a calibrated focused approach like that is the way to make our point. But look at some of the good things that the U.N. has done again with blemishes and all.

I will never forget, back in the early 1980s, I was in El Salvador when the United Nations Children's Fund, UNICEF, under Jim Grant, working with the Catholic church, working with the Duarte government, and working with the FMLN, the Communist insurgency, headed days of tranquility. Hundreds of thousands of children were immunized against the world's leading killers of children and those that extract or impose a great morbidity on young lives. Pertussis, tetanus, all of these diseases were wiped away from these kids, and because of these immunizations. The U.N. played a very, very important role in that.

Look at the world food program which provides necessary foods to children and families, the victims of torture. Our subcommittee, and I offered the bill, it became law, provided an additional amount of money to the U.N. voluntary fund for torture to help the people who suffer from torture. There are 400,000 former torture victims living in the U.S. with posttraumatic stress and all kinds of other problems. Many hundreds of thousands abroad, they need our help.

Then when it comes to such things as peacekeeping, yes, it is flawed. The UNPROFOR was a very flawed deployment, but there are many that had been successful.

I would just remind Members that, when we had the Gulf War, the U.N. played a pivotal position in mobilizing, especially through the Security Council, our efforts to try to mitigate the abuses of Saddam Hussein.

While I deeply respect the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL), I do think it overreaches, and I would hope that Members would vote it down.

But remembering that it does have its problems, the U.N. certainly is not a perfect organization, it is far from it, but it does have some agencies and things that do some very, very good things. I missed it, but on refugees, the UNHCR is vital to proceeding refugee protection and assistance.

So I do ask Members to vote ''no''.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY) will have the right to close.

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Chairman, I am not addressing the imperfections of the United Nations. I am addressing the imperfection of our policy with the United Nations, which is a lot different.

We ignore the rule of law; we ignore international law when it pleases us. We did not accept the United Nations role when it came to Kosovo. We did not even accept NATO when it came to Kosovo. What we did, we just totally ignored it.

We invaded a sovereign nation. We did not abide by the rules of the United Nations. Then when we needed rescue from our policy, then we go limping to the United Nations to come in and please save our policy in Kosovo.

That is what I object to. I think that we should not renege and turn over our sovereignty to these international bodies. I believe there is motivation for this. When our commercial interests and financial interests are at stake, yes, we do get involved in the Persian Gulf; yes, we do get involved in Eastern Europe. But do we get involved in Rwanda? No, we do not. We ignore it.

So I say that we should have a policy that is designed for the sovereignty of this Nation; that we should not have troops serving under the United Nations; that we should not pretend to be a member of the United Nations and pretend to be a member of NATO and then not even follow the rules that have been laid down and that we have agreed to.

Generally, we always make our problems worse. Our wars are endless, and our occupations are endless. Someday we are going to have to wake up and design a new policy because this will not stop as long as we capitulate to the use of the United Nations and try to sacrifice our sovereignty to these international parties.

Now, this does not get us out of the United Nations. It is a step in that direction, obviously. But it is a step in the right direction because I think it is the proper use of our military if we do not capitulate and put it under NATO and put it in the United Nations. We need to use our military strictly in the defense of U.S. sovereignty.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I agree that bad diplomacy does make us more vulnerable. But this amendment represents the height of bad diplomacy. We should be trying to pay our more than $1 billion debt that we owe to the United Nations. Great nations should pay their bills.

Unfortunately, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL) compounds our shame by introducing an amendment to eliminate all funds for the United Nations, an action that would effectively end U.S. participation in the U.N. Make no mistake, this would spell the demise of the world's most universal forum.

Why would anyone want to kill an organization that has brought food to the starving, help to the homeless, pure water to the thirsty, health to the diseased, stability to peoples in conflict, and free elections to the oppressed?

But this is not just about altruism. Withholding funds from the U.N. would harm collective efforts to deal with threats that cut across borders, from terrorists to organized crime, and from drug traffickers to environmental damage.

Poll after poll has shown that Americans want to participate in solving global problems, but they do not want to do it alone. Americans want to share the burden of responsibility with the peoples of other nations, and we can best do that through the United Nations.

Mr. Chairman, the very introduction of this amendment sends a message to the world that there are Americans who live in fear, fear of others and fear of the loss of control. I believe that this fear is a greater threat than that posed by the United Nations.

The children of the 21st century deserve a world of peace, stability, and prosperity across the globe. The United States cannot achieve this dream alone. However, with an effective United Nations, the dream can become a reality.

I suggest that my colleagues should not kill this dream, but kill this amendment.

Mr. HALL of Ohio. Mr. Chairman, I rise in strong opposition to the Paul amendment which will prohibit all authorizations for appropriations from the United States to the United Nations or any entity affiliated with the United Nations. This is an irresponsible amendment which, if passed, would do severe damage to the United States ability to conduct foreign policy, and to humanitarian efforts around the world.

The United Nations, while not perfect, is a forum where member states can come together to work for peaceful solutions to international problems. Currently, the U.N. is operating 16 peacekeeping missions in different countries which are upholding cease-fires, ensuring free and fair elections, monitoring troop withdrawals, deterring violence, and creating free countries. These endeavors deserve our support, not our condemnation.

Finally, Mr. Chairman, this amendment would do damage to U.N. humanitarian efforts around the world which I have seen in such places like Sudan, North Korea, Bosnia, and Kosovo. I have seen first hand the U.N.'s humanitarian work through organizations like the World Food Program, U.N. Development Program, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, and UNICEF. The U.N. is a leader in humanitarian and development work. It has helped to eradicate smallpox, provide safe drinking water for over one billion people, deliver aid to millions of refugees, and generate a worldwide commitment to the needs of children.

Mr. Chairman, the Paul amendment should be defeated soundly because if it is passed, it would show that the United States simply does not care about the U.N.'s humanitarian work around the world or its efforts to find peaceful solutions to international problems.

Ms. McKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL).

The question was taken; and the Chairman announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Chairman, I demand a recorded vote, and pending that, I make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to House Resolution 247, further proceedings on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PAUL) will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

AMENDMENT NO. 10 OFFERED BY MR. BEREUTER

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Part B amendment No. 10 offered by Mr. BEREUTER:

Page 35, after line 9, insert the following:

SEC. 211. LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS.

Whenever the Department of State enters into lease-purchase agreements involving property in foreign countries pursuant to section 1 of the Foreign Service Buildings Act (22 U.S.C. 292), budget authority shall be scored on an annual basis over the period of the lease in an amount equal to the annual lease payments.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Chairman, I reserve the right to raise a point of order on the amendment of the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER).

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The point of order is reserved.

Pursuant to House Resolution 247, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER).

(Mr. BEREUTER asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself 4 minutes.

Mr. Chairman, this Member offers this amendment for one simple reason, a glitch in the current interpretation, or the misinterpretation, of the Budget Act has resulted in a situation where Americans overseas are needlessly being placed at risk.

There is no question that many of America's diplomatic facilities are at risk from terrorist attack. Recommendations were made in 1985 by the Inman Commission to significantly upgrade security and replace outdated facilities. But a decade and a half later, only 15 percent of the U.S. embassies meet Inman standards.

The reason is that it takes decades to go through the labyrinth of bureaucracy associated with the U.S. government constructing a new embassy. The addition to the Moscow embassy took almost two decades. The State Department has been considering additions to the terribly outdated Beijing chancery for almost a decade, and construction has yet to begin.

There are many, many facilities that do not receive much-needed attention because the few contractors the State Department relies upon are overwhelmed.

In desperation, our U.S. ambassadors are taking it upon themselves to cut through the red tape, contacting private engineering firms to develop plans for necessary embassy upgrades. The notion is that private firms are able to construct diplomatic facilities that meet the Inman standards, and then lease the facilities to the United States.

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Such lease-purchase arrangements for facilities built by the private sector would eliminate the likely delays caused by the tortuous, slow State Department bureaucracy, where decisions on embassy construction literally require decades.

According to the Assistant Secretary of State for Administration, ''The bottom line is I can get more embassies built faster if the private sector was doing the construction with its own money.''

This Member's amendment would permit budgetary scoring of leased properties on an annual basis. This amendment permits the speedy construction of more secure diplomatic facilities.

I would tell my colleagues this has, in fact, long been the intent of this body. Section 134 of the Foreign Relations Act for fiscal years 1994 and 1995 spoke directly to this problem. According to that legislation, ''Whenever the Department of State enters into lease-purchase agreements involving property in foreign countries, the Department shall account for such transactions in accordance with fiscal year obligations.''

Regrettably, the administration has written an opinion stating that this provision of law does not alter Office of Management and Budget scoring rules. OMB is steadfastly opposed to lease-purchase scoring on an annual basis. Rather, they insist the entire value of the lease be scored on the first year of the lease. As a result, there is no incentive to engage in lease-purchases and we lose a highly creative approach to addressing our security concerns.

This Member's amendment simply would permit scoring of lease-purchase properties on an annual basis. If this amendment is offered, we will have secure embassy facilities years earlier. Thus, the security of U.S. diplomatic personnel overseas will be dramatically increased.

The bottom line is this: The current OMB interpretation of lease-purchase scoring regulations needlessly endangers American lives overseas. This Member would ask his colleagues to work to address this situation by allowing lease-purchase scoring on an annual basis. And I urge my colleagues to support the Bereuter amendment on embassy construction.

Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH), the chairman of the subcommittee.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I want to thank the chairman of our Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific of the Committee on International Relations for a very, very fine amendment. I would hope the Committee on the Budget would not object, but it looks like they may.

We need safe embassies now, Mr. Chairman, and our diplomatic personnel overseas need and deserve that security. Moreover, the image of the U.S. should not be one of easy vulnerability. Where our posts are not secure and cannot be made secure, we need to build safe posts as soon as we can.

The fastest way to build them is for the private sector to put up the money and build them. We then lease-purchase over the years. The current rule requires us to score the whole multi-year lease-purchase in the first year. This amendment, instead, allows us to score only the annual expenditure. This change will expedite the necessary and urgent construction of safe posts without increasing any costs.

The scoring of lease-purchase properties on an annual basis was already included in the Foreign Relations Act for fiscal years 1994 and 1995, yet the administration has opined otherwise.

So I support this amendment of my colleague from Nebraska. It is a good amendment, it is common sense, and we should support it.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume to simply state that the previous

act I mentioned, PL 103–236, made it very clear that the Congress intended that we were going to overrule the Budget Act that will be cited here in a few seconds, and the President's signing statement simply flew in the face of that clear legislative intent. So I urge my colleagues to support the amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Although I am not in opposition to this amendment, Mr. Chairman, I would like to claim the time in opposition.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida). Without objection, the gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

There was no objection.

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I strongly support the amendment on embassy construction proposed by the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER), and I urge the House to adopt it.

This amendment goes perfectly with the Embassy Security Act. The goal of the act is to provide serious money to improve embassy security. This amendment allows that money to be spent in a serious and intelligent way.

Instead of having to charge off the entire cost of leasing buildings to own the first year, the Department of State could have these costs scored annually based on the amount of the leased payments. That is not a radical idea. It is how we all buy houses here.

If people in the United States had to have enough money up front to pay for their houses in the year they bought them, hardly anyone would own a house. The State Department is in the same situation. That needs to change if we are going to get moving fast on security. And if we do not get moving fast, more people will get hurt.

To be serious on embassy security, we need this amendment, and I urge my colleagues to support the Bereuter amendment.

POINT OF ORDER

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Does the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CHAMBLISS) insist on his point of order?

Mr. CHAMBLISS. I do, Mr. Chairman.

I object to the amendment under section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act.

Mr. Chairman, the amendment violates section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. Section 306 prohibits the consideration of any amendment that is within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget and which is offered to a bill that was neither reported or discharged from the Committee on the Budget.

The amendment of the gentleman from Nebraska modifies the budgetary treatment of certain leases entered into by the State Department. The budgetary treatment of such leases prescribed in the Balanced Budget Act and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, which is, pursuant to clause 1 of House Rule X, within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget.

Under current law and existing scoring procedures, the Federal Government is required to appropriate the full cost of any multi-year lease of office space in the fiscal year in which it enters into the lease agreement. This amendment permits the State Department to commit the Federal Government to a long-term lease agreement with an appropriation for only the first year of the cost of the lease. However, once the lease is agreed to, the Federal Government is saddled with a long-term financial commitment.

So I do object to the gentleman's amendment.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Does the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER) wish to be heard on the point of order?

Mr. BEREUTER. Yes, Mr. Chairman. It is my intention to attempt to amend the Budget Act to permit for lease-purchasing by the State Department for embassies and consulates and related facilities, but I do reluctantly, with great regret, acknowledge that a point of order does pertain against the amendment under the rule.

Mr. CHAMBLISS. Mr. Chairman, I would just say to the gentleman that we look forward to working with him to reconcile any concern he has.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The point of order is sustained.

The Chair understands that amendment No. 11 is not offered at this point.

It is now in order to consider amendment No. 13, printed in Part B of House Report 106–235.

AMENDMENT NO. 13 OFFERED BY MR. KUCINICH

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Part B amendment No. 13 offered by Mr. KUCINICH:

Page 35, after line 9, insert the following:

SEC. 211. REPORT CONCERNING THE DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF YUGOSLAVIA.

No later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees assessing the diplomatic initiatives of the United States and other interested parties in the period leading up to and during the war in Kosovo. The report shall be written by an independent panel of experts (from the National Academy of Sciences). The report shall give particular consideration to the Rambouilliet negotiations, diplomatic initiatives undertaken by representatives of Russia, Cyprus, Finland, United States congressional members, other United States citizens, and other parties. The report analysis will evaluate the role of diplomacy in ending the war and compare the final agreement with various proposed agreements dating from before the commencement of the bombing campaign.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 247, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KUCINICH) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I am not opposed, and I know of no opposition to this, but I would ask to claim the 5 minutes.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) will control the time in opposition.

There was no objection.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KUCINICH).

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

My amendment is a simple amendment. It is not a controversial amendment. It would commission the Secretary of State, after 1 year, to submit an independent study of the diplomatic initiatives undertaken by the United States and other parties involved in the Balkans. It would carefully examine the role of diplomacy in the Kosovo conflict in the Balkans.

Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON), who has done yeoman's work on diplomacy related to this with the Duma.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Chairman, I thank the gentleman for yielding me this time, and I want to rise to applaud the distinguished member for this amendment.

Mr. Chairman, I think it is very important that we look back at the Kosovo crisis and see what steps were taken, those that we are not aware of, in an effort to find a diplomatic solution.

As I am well aware, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KUCINICH) spent countless hours himself trying to find a diplomatic way to end this crisis. I saw his efforts firsthand. I know of his contacts, I have applauded him for that publicly.

I think it is important that we ask the administration to go back and look at what lessons can be learned from this situation, what kinds of, perhaps, opportunities we may have missed, what kinds of things worked well. Because there were successes and, perhaps, failures in both regards in terms of this crisis, and it is important to look back to see what we can do differently if a similar crisis occurs in the future.

The gentleman and I were both involved, with nine of our colleagues, in trying to find a diplomatic solution. The Members on the gentleman's side of the aisle were as aggressively involved as were Members on my side to trying to find an alternative to the bombing that occurred as a way of solving the crisis.

So I think the amendment is well worded, it is well intended, and I think it will be an overall help to future administrations. I applaud the gentleman

for the effort he has undertaken, and hope that my colleagues on this side of the aisle would accept the amendment and work with the gentleman to see that his ultimate report is, in fact, issued so this body can learn lessons from the Kosovo crisis.

Mr. Chairman, I want to also thank the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH), my distinguished chairman, who has also been a tireless advocate for finding peaceful solutions to international crises, and I look forward to adding my support to the vote on this amendment.

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume to first say that my work on this amendment was inspired by the leadership of the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON), who saw a very important moment in the history of the Kosovo conflict and rallied Members from both sides of the aisle to a higher level of participation, and I want to publicly thank him not only for supporting the amendment but also for his almost singular leadership in this House on behalf of peace. So I thank him for his support.

Mr. Chairman, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. MCKINNEY).

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Chairman, I join my colleagues in commending the gentleman from Ohio for his amendment and for the wonderful work that was done during this period of crisis that we have recently faced. I want to lend my voice of support for the work that the gentleman does, his efforts on behalf of peace and on this amendment, and I thank him for introducing it.

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Chairman, I reserve the balance of my time, but also want to thank the gentlewoman from Georgia for her support and for her participation and her efforts over the past year.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I would like to inquire as to how much time remains.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH) has 3 minutes remaining.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, I agree with my good friend, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KUCINICH), who has sponsored this amendment calling for a study of the role of diplomacy regarding the Kosovo conflict, and I want to thank him for his very thoughtful amendment. Everything he does is thoughtful, and this is just another example.

I personally voted against military action, Mr. Chairman, and history will someday give us a clue and perhaps some real answers as to whether or not diplomacy before the conflict was working and whether diplomacy during the conflict was responsible for ending the conflict.

I support the notion of an independent panel to examine this. We have ample reason for concern that a report by the administration about its own policies would simply be a defense or an apology for those policies and little more. This administration certainly has a record of paying, at best, lip service to congressional initiatives in foreign policy.

I would also like to say that the report must, in addition to considering the question of diplomacy versus military intervention, assess the situation on the ground in Kosovo to which the international community was seeking to respond. The ideas of conflict resolution, preventive diplomacy, and negotiated settlements are theoretical concepts, and they do not incorporate the notion that one side might not have had one ounce of good will and instead had a clear willingness and desire to commit genocide instead.

Finally, diplomatic initiatives are supposed to be motivated by good intentions, and most are, but the report should consider that not all motivations are good. Having just returned from St. Petersburg session of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, many of us were subject to a heavy dose of Russian propaganda which, among other things, alleged that there was no dissent here to the administration's policies. That is obviously false, and I must say I would not want to see Russian initiatives to have been considered well intentioned just because they were diplomatic.

As a critic of the NATO action, I do not want to see a report which would simply vindicate my own beliefs. It must also assess whether diplomatic alternatives in dealing with a regime with a track record like that of Slobodan Milosevic might have made a just solution to the Kosovo crisis all the more elusive. Otherwise, the report would be no different than the latest administration proclamation of the wisdom of its ways.

Having said this, Mr. Chairman, I strongly support the gentleman's thoughtful amendment and I recommend the full House adopt it.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself the balance of my time, and I wish to thank the gentleman from New Jersey for his thoughtful and analytical approach to this important question. I also want to thank him for his leadership on human rights, which has animated his support not only for this amendment but for his work in so many vital areas in this Congress.

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I am very pleased to have the support on both sides of the aisle.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Florida).

The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. KUCINICH).

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BEREUTER) having resumed the chair, Mr. MILLER of Florida, Chairman pro tempore of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that the Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2415) to enhance security of United States missions and personnel overseas, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State for fiscal year 2000, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

ELECTION OF MEMBER TO COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution (H.Res. 225) and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 255

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and he is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

Committee on Appropriations: Mr. BLUNT of Missouri.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OSE). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

HONORING ASTRONAUT PETE CONRAD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on the sad occasion of the recent loss of a great American hero. Pete Conrad truly embodied our Nation's preeminence in space exploration and the progress of our Nation's space program.

As a lifetime fan of space exploration, I have been inspired by Captain Conrad's achievements in space and devotion to building America's space program.

I recently had the honor of meeting this great man, a brief meeting that I will never forget. In the short amount of time we spent together, I sensed the passion and dedication he held for our Nation's space program. As I shook his hand to say goodbye, I knew that I had just met a true American hero.

Captain Conrad's memorable career as an astronaut is very well documented. He was the third man to walk on the Moon. He was aboard four missions to space. He set numerous records for space travel, including the endurance record for an individual in space and the world space altitude record. His achievements helped pave the way for our Nation's success in space exploration, which have recently included the early stages of the International Space Station and the successful mission to Mars.

For these heroic efforts, he received the Congressional Space Medal of Honor among his other distinguished career awards and medals.

Not so well known, however, were his activities following his retirement from NASA and the Navy. Pete Conrad continued his dedication to our Nation's space program by promoting America's commercial activities in space.

Throughout his 20-year career at McDonnell Douglas, Captain Conrad led many efforts to advance our Nation's emergence in space exploration. During this time, he earned the reputation as a leader in private space industry. More recently, through his establishment of a group of companies called the Universal Space Lines, Captain Conrad continued his activities to ensure that America would remain the preeminent Nation in space.

The continued development of commercial activities in space will be the lasting memory of Captain Conrad.

I believe Pete Conrad was intricately responsible for our Nation's long-standing posture as a leader in space. As we develop commercial space activities and benefit from them, we should remember that without the leadership, dedication, bravery, and ingenuity of Captain Pete Conrad, these would not have been possible.

I send my condolences to Pete's family, friends, associates.

Pete, thank you for inspiring me and our entire Nation.

When I think of Pete's lifetime achievements, I get inspired to gleefully exclaim the first word he spoke as he took his first step on the Moon: ''Whoopee'' .

Godspeed, Pete. I will remember you always.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to my friend, the gentleman from California (Mr. ROHRABACHER).

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to at this moment to submit for the RECORD a testimony that Pete Conrad gave before my subcommittee, and I chair the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics in this House Committee on Science, on October 1, 1998, which was his testimony at the 40th anniversary of NASA. The title of his testimony was ''Life Begins at Forty.''

It is a terrific, terrific vision for the future that Pete outlined his goals for America's space program in the next millennium.

Mr. Speaker, I commend my friend, the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT), for being here tonight. I will have 5 minutes a little bit later on to say my piece, as well.

The gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT) is just one of many people like myself who have been inspired by Pete Conrad, a man who is not just a great pilot and a great technician but a beautiful human being, a person with an incredible sense of humor.

And of course, let me just say to the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT) that when he quoted Pete and his first word when he stepped onto the Moon, I think he had to give a little bit more umph to it. It was ''whoopee!'' And not just ''whoopee,'' because Pete Conrad had a zest for life and was just a fantastic human being. He was a naval pilot who was a very successful naval pilot.

Today we buried Pete Conrad in Arlington Cemetery. And as we stood there and as his body was about to be lowered down, a team of naval pilots flew over that site and one pilot peeled off and headed straight for the heavens. And that is Pete heading straight for the heavens. It was a glorious sight.

We just thank God for men and women in our military and in the service of our country as astronauts and the rest like Pete Conrad, leading the way for America.

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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON SPACE AND AVIATION OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, CONGRESSMAN DANA ROHRABACHER, CHAIRMAN

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Good afternoon Chairman Rohrabacher, Congressman Gordon, and other honored members of the Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee. I'd like to thank you for inviting me to speak to the Subcommittee about the future, and the role NASA can play to develop that future. Having been a long time NASA team member on Gemini, Apollo and Skylab, I rode the wave of public support and popularity the U.S. space program engendered through the 1960s and early 1970s.

I enjoyed the rare opportunity of being an astronaut for this great country, but the bigger legacy I hope to leave behind is a robust commercial space industry making money for America in the 21st Century. I can't speak for the entire industry, but I would like to speak for my part of it, Universal Space Lines (USL). USL is a small business just over two years old, but already with over fifty employees. Our long-term company goal is to position ourselves as the world's premier provider of affordable commercial space transportation services, including purchase and operation of both expendable and reusable launch vehicles. Our current products range from the commercial tracking and commanding of satellites, to a near term, low cost expendable launch vehicle for small to medium payloads. And Mr. Goldin will be interested to hear we've begun planning for the eventual transition to reusable launch vehicles as their technology matures.

Our success will primarily be driven by the growing commercial space sector. Commercial space revenues will exceed $100 billion annually at the turn of this Century, a figure far greater than today's combined NASA and Air Force space budgets. And remember: this new millennium is only 15 months away!

As many as a thousand or more new commercial communications satellites will be placed in orbit during the next decade, extending the World Wide Web into the sky. Iridium, Globalstar, Teledesic and others are literally betting tens of billion dollars on the opportunity to cash in on an annual trillion-dollar global communications market.

My company and others are gambling we will be a part of the emerging commercial space industry. However, we should not become too sanguine about the power of the word ''commercial.'' Both NASA and the Defense Department will also play a major role, for good or for bad, in the ultimate environment that emerges. In the years ahead my hope is that this Congress will help guide our nation to establish a free and competitive market in which all companies can participate fairly. NASA, if it so chooses, can be a major player helping the transition to a commercially focused profitable space industry.

As an example of how our country dealt with a similar issue from our past, I'd like to draw your attention to the early history of commercial aviation. Between the late 1940s and early 1960s, during a post war era of declining budgets, NASA (and its predecessor agency, the NACA) and the Air Force invested in a host of experimental aircraft that opened America's skies to military and commercial aviation. In particular, experimental and military jet aircraft spawned the thriving commercial aviation industry we have inherited today.

During those early pivotal years after World War II, visionary leaders in the Air Force and NACA pursued a technology policy of building and flying demonstration hardware; hardware that was build quickly and flown often. These early investments pushed aviation into a thriving, commercially focused and profitable industry. Our challenge today is to ensure the same opportunity is afforded our budding commercial space industry. Just as the success of our aviation industry hinged on the introduction of affordable and reliable aircraft, the commercial space industry can't truly take off without affordable and reliable launch vehicles.

FORTY YEARS HENCE: THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY

Mr. Chairman, history is a funny thing, full of unexpected discontinuities. So before I try to look forward into the middle of the next Century, I'd like to briefly look back to the middle of this Century.

Forty years after the Wright Brothers first flew at Kill Devil Hills, B–17s and B–24s were bombing Germany, and the B–29 was in initial full scale production. In Germany, the Me–262, a jet fighter (and probably the finest airplane in the war) was also just entering initial full scale production. So, too, was the A.4 (the V–2)—an honest-to-God war rocket.

But we haven't seen the same sort of progress in the forty years since the founding of NASA in 1958. Why? In 1903, people aboard an airplane were called ''aeronauts.'' Forty years later, they were called ''passengers.'' Where are the passenger tickets to space available for purchase today?

A second cautionary analogy. USL is a business being run virtually. We depend upon the interconnectivity of the Internet. I have no idea how I would do my job without access to the information resources of the World Wide Web.

But the Web only came into existence around 1992—just six years ago!

And we're not at all unique—scores of other businesses are also now totally dependent upon the Web's existence.

How do you predict the coming of something like the Web? It's roughly equivalent

to being able to predict, in 1900, that the coming of the automobile is going to lead to the suburb, or to drive-through fast food stands. . . .

I'm a bit reluctant, then, about trying to predict or describe what 2038 might look like. But I can describe what I'd like it to look like.

STRATEGIC U.S. GOALS IN SPACE FOR THE NEXT 40 YEARS

The committee has asked, ''What should be the strategic goals of the U.S. in space for the next forty years?'' I think that there are four overarching goals. (1) Foster a commercial space industry. (2) Explore the Solar System. (3) Settle the Solar System. (4) Explore the Universe.

For the first time, there now exists a nascent commercial launch services industry. It came slowly into existence during the last part of the 1990s, and it came into existence primarily because, for the first time, NASA didn't try to strangle this new industry in its cradle. The foremost thing a medical doctor learns is ''First, do no harm.'' This prime principle of medicine should also become the foremost policy of the Federal Government with respect to the newborn commercial launch industry.

Exploration of the Solar System will be done by robots and by humans. In the case of robots, these missions will be primarily scientific, and could be pursued by the Government, or by academia, or both. Commercial data purchase is one method that either or both could pursue as a means to achieve their exploration goals, and at the same time save money, and again at the same time help to foster a commercial space sector.

Exploration by humans will probably be confined to the inner Solar System over the next forty years—i.e., Luna, Mars, and the small bodies (asteroids). These explorations will also be primarily scientific, certainly so in the case of Mars, but in the case of Luna and the asteroids, one can easily see economic rationales. There are thus business cases that can be made and that will be pursued.

Settlement of the Solar System may begin with Luna. There's lunar water ice at both poles, making settlements and outposts on Luna tremendously easier to accomplish than might have been otherwise. Lunar water ice, in a phrase, changes everything. One might even speak of a lunar ''Cold Rush. . . .''

The exploration of the Universe is primarily a scientific one, using space-based astronomy facilities. Such work, of course, is done to ''do'' science, but a lot of this science will begin to lay the ground work for the first robotic missions to the near stars, possibly in the 22nd Century.

THE SINGLE ISSUE THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED

But before any of the above can be attempted, much less accomplished, there must be Cheap Access to Space. You need to be able to get to low Earth orbit (''LEO'') easily, frequently, reliably, and cheaply. There is no inherent technical barrier to the creation of such a capability—''only'' engineering development need occur for cheap, easy to operate, robust access to low Earth orbit to become available.

And as has been pointed out, once you're in LEO, in terms of energy, you're halfway to anywhere else in the Solar System.

ROLES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The second issue the Subcommittee wished addressed is ''What are the appropriate roles of the federal government in pursuing those goals?'' I would argue that there are four roles for the Federal Government. The first appropriate role is to support and encourage science, both directly funding it as well as helping to encourage and underwrite its accomplishment by the private sector and academia. This also applies to exploration activity, both human and robot. The Government ought to help academia and the private sector explore, through underwriting, partnerships, tax credits, and other such mechanisms. In some rare cases, the Government itself might also mount its own explorations. These were the patterns and methods of exploration employed by Spain and England in the 1500s and 1600s, as well as by the United States in the 1800s.

The second appropriate role of the Federal Government in my opinion is to foster long-term, high-risk technology development. The Federal Government should strongly invest in next generation technology, including experimental reusable launch vehicles and military demonstration hardware.

The third activity that I feel is appropriate for the Federal Government to pursue is that of the use of space for the defense of the United States.

Finally, the Federal Government has, I believe, an important, if not critical, role in the encouragement and incentivization of the growth of the nascent entrepreneurial commercial launch industry.

SHORT TERM POLICIES TO ACCOMPLISH THESE GOALS

''What policies and priorities should Congress and the Administration be putting in place in the near term to begin the transition to the future?''

Here are a few of the possible options I think would go a long way in the short term for encouraging and incentivizing the growth of our emerging commercial launch industry.

NASA and the Air Force should procure all launch services via competitive bids that are truly open to all companies, not just the largest defense contractors. These ''fly before buy'' launch service contracts must not develop new launch vehicles; instead, they should be structured like the Air Mail ''service'' contracts of the 1930s to encourage private investment. During the next forty years NASA should transition totally out of operating space launch vehicles, or of on-orbit support infrastructure.

Space science data should be purchased by NASA in order to help to support science and the development of a commercial space sector. Resupply and support of the International Space Station should be provided commercially by the private sector, so as to also help support the development of a commercial space sector. The International Space Station should also be commercially operated.

In parallel, Congress can also pass legislation providing incentives to the commercial space transportation sector. One possibility is investment tax credits to incentivize the creation of launch service providers. Such credits ought to be able to be traded. Other possibilities include interest write-offs, legislated market incentives like ''air-mail,'' and regulatory improvements. All of these incentives can help give birth to a thriving commercial launch industry modeled after today's aviation industry. The one thing we must not do is create a monopoly where a single company controls the ability to launch critical commercial and military assets into space. Guaranteeing government loans or market share for a single company would be catastrophic to the emerging commercial industry.

In the future tax credits may also be an appropriate mechanism for helping to encourage long term goals, such as Lunar missions and settlement.

A third policy thrust should be to robustly invest in the experimental technology and military demonstration hardware that supports truly low cost space launch vehicles. No technology investment is required for expendable launch vehicles, as the commercial sector is well positioned to develop such vehicles today. Instead, the government should be investing in the longer term, higher risk reusable launch vehicle technologies that promise to reduce launch costs by two orders of magnitude.

Mr. Goldin at NASA has already done a good job with his early investments in experimental vehicles, but it's just the first step. NASA's early, but underfunded plan to fly many ''Future-X'' experimental vehicles is an excellent blueprint for the future. In the past, Mr. Goldin has shared his vision of ''blackening the sky with X-vehicles''—not prototypes or commercial vehicles, but pure experimental demonstrators. If we truly want low cost launch vehicles, it will require the flight of many experimental vehicles built by many different companies.

The policy goal of flying X-vehicles for technology demonstrations should become the basic way that the government (and NASA) should approach technology development. Build 'em, fly 'em, and break 'em—both by intent and accident, this approach has led to today's thriving commercial aviation industry.

In coordination with NASA, DoD should also be investing in their own experimental vehicles and early military demonstration hardware. Either the Air Force or the Navy should develop a Military Spaceplane capability that supports global reach and the ability to defend U.S. interests ''anywhere, anytime,'' with dramatically smaller force structures than exist today. Blue ribbon panel after blue ribbon panel has advocated the need for such technology investments starting with General Moorman's Space Launch Modernization Panel in 1994. Most recently, the Defense Science Board is recommending an ongoing investment in the Space Maneuver Vehicle flight tested at Holloman AFB just last month.

Finally, while institutional changes are not necessarily required at NASA, the mindset must change. NASA should be the leading advocate of change and the transition to a primarily commercial space industry. Nonetheless, the real change is up to Congress. NASA, the Administration, and Congress must decide to place funding and budget priorities on the side of change. The Government should be investing in technology, experimental vehicles, and military hardware for the defense of the country.

2038: FREE PEOPLE IN FREE SPACE

The United States is at a seminal point in our transition to a commercial space industry. If we choose to encourage and incentivize the move towards a commercially based space industry we can accelerate and fundamentally enable America's move into space. We did this once before when America invested in the technology of commercial aviation, and it paid handsome dividends. Now it's time to build the same bridge to the future of commercial space.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for this opportunity to present USL's views. I would be pleased to answer any questions you or any other Members might have.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. HASTINGS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. HASTINGS of Florida addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

COMMON STATE PROPOSAL BETWEEN NAGORNO KARABAGH AND AZERBAIJAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to spend just a short amount of time this evening talking about the optimism that many of us are seeing as a result of the meeting that took place in Geneva last week between President Kocharian of Armenia and President Aliyez of Azerbaijan.

I am sure that many people know, particularly those of us who have been involved with the Armenia Caucus for many years, that we are very hopeful that, as a result of this meeting and some other activities that have taken place over the last few months, that we could see a resolution of the conflict in Nagorno Karabagh, which has been basically a bone of contention, if you will, between the two countries for some time.

I think many people know that Nagorno Karabagh is an independent republic that is Armenian speaking, ethnically Armenian, that fought a war, if you will, about 10 years ago that at the time when the Soviet Union broke up, and even though it has been independent and has been a state for all practical purposes, for about 10 years it is not recognized by the United States and there is a continued conflict, albeit mostly peaceful conflict, between Armenia and Azerbaijan over the future of Nagorno Karabagh.

It would certainly behoove anyone who is concerned about peace in the Caucasus region to see if these two countries could come to an agreement over the future of Nagorno Karabagh that, of course, involves the people of Nagorno Karabagh, as well.

The Presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan met last week in Geneva for talks that seek a political settlement of the Nagorno Karabagh conflict. President Robert Kocharian of Armenia went to Geneva directly from Warsaw, where he had been for other business, and while there he told the news conference that he was optimistic about the meeting with President Aliyev. He said that there had been serious progress since active talks have begun with President Aliyev, most recently in April during the NATO summit conference when both leaders were here in Washington.

I must say also and give praise to U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, who had written to both presidents after those Washington talks urging further direct discussions between the two presidents.

The latest proposal of the OSCE Minsk Group, and the Minsk Group has been set forth by the United States and other countries to try to come to a settlement of the Nagorno Karabagh conflict, basically last fall the Minsk Group put forth a proposal called the ''common state proposal,'' which essentially sets up a sort of confederation, if you will, between Nagorno Karabagh and Azerbaijan where the two countries would be part of a confederation or common state with equal status.

We know that Azerbaijan very quickly after that announcement last fall by the Minsk Group rejected the common state proposal. But there have been strong indications recently that if it was not for the actual label ''common state'' that Baku and Azerbaijan essentially might be willing to accept the idea of what the common state proposal is all about.

In other words, they may not like the term ''common state,'' but if another term like ''confederation'' or ''free association'' or something like that was used that they might be willing to go along with it.

I must say, Mr. Speaker, that what I am hoping and I think the atmosphere is ripe for it is that after this meeting of the two presidents that it might be possible to engage in some kind of direct negotiations between the three parties, between Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Nagorno Karabagh, which is something that I and most members of the Armenia Caucus have been talking about for some time, that we can see the three sides, if you will, get together perhaps at some point nearby and simply start negotiations using the common state proposal or something like it and ultimately come up with a peaceful settlement.

I wanted to praise our own House of Representatives and particularly the House Committee on Foreign Operations Appropriations because in the bill that they reported out of the subcommittee last week and I think will be considered by the full committee on appropriations tomorrow that bill incorporated several constructive initiatives to help jump start the Karabagh peace initiative.

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If I could just give some examples, in the report language for the Foreign Ops bill, it specifically says that the primary national interest of the United States in the Southern Caucasus is peace, and it recommends continued support for the people of Armenia and Azerbaijan, and says that the extent and timing of United States assistance should depend on whether or not the parties move towards a peaceful settlement.

I want to commend our own Foreign Operations appropriations subcommittee for what it did and that this leads in the long run to a peaceful settlement of the conflict.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. METCALF) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. METCALF addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Guam (Mr. UNDERWOOD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. UNDERWOOD addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

TRIBUTE TO ASTRONAUT PETE CONRAD, AMERICAN HERO

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OSE). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. ROHRABACHER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, earlier the gentleman from California (Mr. CALVERT) spoke about Pete Conrad whom we laid to rest today in Arlington National Cemetery, an American hero and a member of the team that walked on the Moon, in fact the third man to have walked on the Moon. It was my honor to have represented Mr. Conrad in Congress. In fact, he lived in Huntington Beach, California. I had many, many meetings with Pete. I was very honored to not only know him but I was very, very pleased to have had the guidance that he gave me over the years in dealing with American space policy. Now as the chairman of the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics, that advice that he was giving me was of real importance and of real value. Pete was such a wonderful person. It was a sad day, but then again knowing Pete and his spirit, it was a day that we know that the spirit of Pete Conrad lives on.

Over the years, I have observed that real heroes do not look like the ones in the movies. John Wayne never risked his life for his country, but he was certainly tall and handsome. No, the real heroes that I have met generally have been short and balding. Jimmy Dolittle was like that. I met Jimmy Dolittle on one occasion. And so was Pete Conrad.

If Pete were here today, he would be really embarrassed to hear me compare him to such a courageous and heroic man as Jimmy Dolittle. But that trait of being humble was one of the traits that made Pete Conrad himself such a great man.

When you think about it, great people, the great people of our country, just what is Americanism, who are these great Americans that people have thought about? In the past, the personification of the American ideal, perhaps let us say back in the 19th century, one would have to say that the personification of the American ideal was the pioneer or the frontiersman, with perhaps a little bit of cowboy or industrialist thrown in as well. Well, in this century, we need look no further than Pete Conrad, the man whom we laid to rest in Arlington today.

Pete Conrad was the quintessential 20th century American hero. It is fitting, then, that Pete was buried today among America's most noble champions in Arlington National Cemetery.

Pete's accomplishments in the space program, of course, speak for themselves. He was the third human being

to have walked on the Moon. He did an incredible job in front of the whole world as it watched in repairing Skylab. He piloted or commanded four different space flights. Before that, he had a career as a naval officer and, yes, during some of the other space missions, Pete was an intricate part of the team that backed up those people who were flying the missions.

I would also like to pay tribute not only to his accomplishments but to those personal qualities that made him much more than a space age technician and a flight jockey. He was a man with enthusiasm for life and adventure. He had wit and optimism. His vision, his humble demeanor, his positive can-do spirit with which he approached every task, every challenge, was something that inspired and energized everyone with whom he worked. His spirit itself was an immeasurable contribution to America's space program. And, yes, his persona became a part of the personalities and the personality of America's space effort. He took his job seriously but never took himself too seriously, which was part of his charm and an example to others. He did not dwell on the past which of course is a trap for both individuals and institutions of great accomplishment.

Pete instead, yes, he looked back and he thought about that and he talked about that when he was asked about it, but he was busy laying the foundation for America's next exciting era in space, the era of space commercialization, when space becomes the arena of entrepreneurship, open to all with boundless opportunity rather than the confines of bureaucratic management and government planning. This, too, is the epitome of Americanism. We are a people who want to lead the way, maintaining a fun-loving spirit as we do but making no apologies about wanting to make a profit by doing what is right as well.

I chaired the hearing of the Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics on NASA's 40th birthday, its anniversary. Pete testified, his testimony was superb, or should I say, as Pete would, super. He said, ''It was a crazy time of excitement and adventure and new worlds to explore,'' of the 1960s and 1970s. But Pete said, ''I would like to go on record as saying those days are not half as exciting as the coming age of commercial space.''

That was Pete Conrad, a man who was pointing the way to the future. We laid him to rest today. We are all grateful for the things he did for his country, for the world, and I am grateful tonight to have had the opportunity to speak on his behalf.

God bless Pete Conrad and God bless the United States of America.

ON HATE CRIMES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, this year the celebration of our Nation's birthday, July the 4th, was shattered by a string of hate crime attacks in the Chicago area, apparently the attacks of Benjamin-Smith who had links to the World Church of the Creator.

The targets of his attacks included African Americans, Asian Americans and Orthodox Jews. Northwestern University basketball coach Ricky Byrdsong, and Indiana University student Won-Joon Yoon died as a result of these attacks.

Followers of the church have been linked by police and civil rights groups to numerous other incidents, including the 1991 murder of an African American sailor in Neptune Beach, Florida; the 1993 fire bombing of the NAACP office in Tacoma, Washington; the 1997 beating of a black man and his son in Sunrise, Florida; and the 1998 beating and robbery of a Jewish businessman in Hollywood, Florida.

Two brothers held on stolen property charges related to the slaying of a gay couple are being investigated in arson attacks at three synagogues. The brothers' relationship to the World Church is being investigated. But hate crimes are not new or uncommon in the Chicago region. Looking over newspaper headlines, we find that in May, a mosque in DuPage County was desecrated, only the latest in a string of such desecrations.

A group of white teenagers attacked a black police officer near the Dan Ryan Woods.

A Gurnee man convicted and awaiting sentence for a hate crime against a biracial couple was arrested and charged with illegal possession of several weapons.

A 27-year-old was charged with a hate crime for intentionally running down two African American teenagers as they rode their bikes along a Kenosha sidewalk.

A Crystal Lake man was charged with shooting and killing a Japanese store owner just because of his ethnicity.

A Federal jury convicted a Blue Island man of cross burnings before the home of black neighbors in an effort to drive them from the neighborhood.

A Pakistani gas station attendant was attacked by a customer because of his ethnicity.

A retired Chicago firefighter settled a racial harassment suit, admitting his guilt of hate crimes against his Hispanic neighbors and apologizing for his acts.

Pizza Hut in Godfrey, Illinois settled a suit brought by an African American family which they refused to serve and threatened in the parking lot after they left the restaurant.

An Hispanic couple was subjected to repeated incidents of racial hate crimes, including the painting of their homes and garages with racist graffiti.

Three men who beat 13-year-old Lenard Clark into a coma because they did not like African Americans cycling through their neighborhood were convicted.

A Chicago Heights man was convicted of attacking a biracial couple in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood.

Four teenagers, professed skinheads, were arrested for spray-painting anti-Semitic slogans on roads, signs and overpasses.

An African American man in Mokena was the victim of repeated hate crimes after receiving newspaper clippings covered with racial slurs.

A Waukegan man was convicted of kicking a Mexican-American teenager who lay dying in the street after a traffic accident.

Three white teenagers in Belleville admitted to dragging a black teen beside their sport utility vehicle.

A Rolling Meadows man was convicted of hate crimes after shouting racial slurs and attacking an African American in a bowling alley.

The list is much longer. Though the Justice Department is required to publish a report of hate crimes, police agencies are not required to report crimes to the Department of Justice. Hundreds of agencies do not report hate crimes. Many individuals are afraid to report hate crimes.

In Illinois, 114 departments reported one or more hate crimes totaling 333 for 1996. The remaining 787 agencies reported no hate crimes. It is obvious that hate crimes are running rampant throughout not only Illinois but throughout our country. They cannot, should not and must not be tolerated.

I urge America to come into the 21st century as one Nation with enough room for everybody to live.

Hate crimes are an attack on individuals or groups of individuals. But they are also an attack on our communities and our nation. The strength of our nation flows directly from the powerful notion that democracy and equality form the inseparable, interlinked foundation for our economic, social and cultural progress.

Our democracy succeeds because the notions of democracy and equality and the constant struggle to expand and deepen democracy and equality have grown and spread and taken root in the psyche of our people.

The struggle for equality for African Americans, Latinos, Asian Americans, Native Americans and women have not been easy or painless. These struggles are far from complete.

I believe the historical record is clear: every American has benefitted, our Nation has been enriched, by breaking down the barriers which prevent some Americans from fully participating in, contributing to and benefitting from all that America has to share.

Hate crimes, and those who perpetrate such crimes, crimes which target victims based on race, religion, gender or sexual orientation, tear at the heart of America, at the ideal that people all over the world look to for inspiration. Hate crimes are twice as likely to cause injury and four times as likely to result in hospitalization as assaults in general.

Our Nation fought a bloody civil war to determine whether a nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men (and women) are created equal can long endure. The resounding answer to that question,

written in the blood of so many Americans, was nothing less than a second American Revolution.

It is no accident that our Department of Justice was born in 1871 following the Civil War as a response to the wave of hate crime terror instituted by the Ku Klux Klan. And, within the space of a few years the DOJ brought more than 500 prosecutions under the Enforcement Acts which broke the back of the Klan. It is unfortunate that the second and third incarnations of the Klan were not met with similarly forceful responses.

We need additional legislation on the Federal level to reinforce and upgrade the tools, both criminal and civil which give law enforcement the ability to prevent and punish hate crimes. Now is the time for state and local government to review their hate crime laws and upgrade the training of law enforcement officials to respond to hate crimes.

Most important, we must rally every American, every man, woman and child to join in defending our democracy. The best defense against hate crime is mass revulsion and rejection of racism, sexism and homophobia.

To paraphrase the remarks of Frederick Douglass, of July 4, 1852 condemning slavery and racism:

> * * * It is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder. We need the storm, the whirlwind and the earthquake. The feeling of the nation which is insensitive to such crimes must be quickened; the conscience of the nation which tolerates such crimes must be roused; the propriety of the nation which ignores such crimes must be startled; the hypocrisy of the nation which tolerates such crimes must be exposed; and these crimes against God and community, men and women must be proclaimed and denounced and fought against with every fiber of our national will.

Hate crimes must not be tolerated at any level in our society.

AN ACCURATE READING OF THE COX COMMITTEE REPORT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BEREUTER) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, following the public release of the Final Report of the Select Committee on U.S. National Security and Military/Commercial Concerns with the People's Republic of China, more commonly referred to as the Cox Committee report, there have been attempts to discredit the work of the select committee.

As one of the nine members of the select committee, this Member would like to reemphasize the truly bipartisan nature of the select committee and underscore that every finding made by the Cox committee in its report is fully corroborated with evidence detailed either in the public report itself or in the classified version.

The Cox committee report is not and has never claimed to be a comprehensive report, nor was it ever meant to be one. When rumors first arose that sensitive military technology was being illegally transferred to the People's Republic of China, the House of Representatives created a select committee to investigate such allegations with emphasis on the launch failure investigations of the failures of two Chinese rockets carrying commercial satellites produced by American companies and an investigation of the sale of high performance computers to China.

In the course of our investigation, far more disturbing information came to light that took us into unanticipated directions. Even as we were trying to close the select committee's operations, new revelations kept being brought to our attention by whistleblowers. It became clear that a very deep institutional problem had existed for some time in some of our Federal agencies and particularly the Department of Energy and its national laboratories, there at least since the late 1970s. I believe that these lapses of security at the DOE weapons laboratories taken together resulted in the most serious espionage loss and counterintelligence failure in American history. Moreover, these lapses facilitated the most serious theft ever of sensitive U.S. technology and information.

Clearly, what the select committee revealed is very disturbing. Americans should be angry that their own government's lax security, indifference, naivete and incompetence resulted in such serious damage to our national security. The loss of sensitive nuclear weapons information to China is a national embarrassment and an incredibly important loss.

The bipartisan Cox committee report should be used as the starting point in our efforts to fix the serious problems the select committee identified. Rather, some have focused on discrediting the report by improperly interpreting the very clear language we used and questioning the construction of the report. Instead, they should just focus their attention on the actual meaning of straightforward, plain English meanings of the words we used. We were very careful in what we said and how we said it.

The most recent distortion circulated in Washington and in the national media is a document written by Dr. James Gordon Prather entitled ''A Technical Reassessment of the Conclusions and Implications of the Cox Committee Report.'' It was released personally by the Honorable Jack Kemp after Empower America, the organization to which Mr. Kemp belongs and which sponsored Dr. Prather's research, refused to endorse the final document. The Prather document was also the subject of a Wall Street Journal article and one of Robert Novak's columns last week.

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Dr. Prather claims that our select committee erred in finding that Chinese espionage penetrated U.S. weapons labs. Indeed he claims there was no evidence of Chinese espionage, that the real culprit is the Clinton administration's policy of unilateral nuclear disarmament and opening up the Nation's nuclear secrets to the world.

That is pure nonsense. Of course there was espionage. After careful review of the Prather document, this Member concludes that it was written with an underlying political agenda in mind; that is, to focus attention and blame on the Clinton administration, particularly its policy of engagement with China and its declassification of nuclear secrets. There is plenty of blame that might be headed that direction, but that should not discredit the Cox Committee Report.

If partisan politics is the purpose of the report, then we should recognize it as such, but it is a disservice to the Nation to discredit the work of the Cox committee if the result is that their recommendations are not implemented.

The cover letter to the Prather document clearly states, quote, ''the White House is using the espionage angle to mask the real security risk which comes not from foreign spies, but rather from the Clinton administration's own ill-conceived strategy,'' end of quote. Of course the United States is a target of foreign espionage, including Chinese espionage. To ignore or fail to act on such evidence is an embarrassment to the Clinton administration, and it is dangerous.

Without the Cox Committee, we would still not know of this massive failure or be seeing corrective action. There is a significant difference between analyzing the motive behind whatever partisan spin and public relations angle the White House has given to the Cox Committee Report and the Prather analysis of the contents and conclusions of the report itself.

It appears to this Member that the Prather document mixes up these distinctions for its partisan purposes. In order to better support and prove its conclusions, the Clinton administration policy alone, and not any Chinese espionage, is responsible for American national security losses. The Prather analysis necessarily had to redefine the Cox committee report in a critical way. Unfortunately the overall credibility of the Prather document is suspect, given its numerous flaws and its noticeable selective cherry picking of the Cox committee report.

For example, the Prather document essentially dismisses the charge that China stole design information for the neutron bomb with the help of Taiwan-born Peter Lee.

This dismissal is based on a deliberately selective reading of our report, faulty assumptions and a disregard for other information which is still classified. The Prather document called this theft charge (quote) ''ridiculous'' (unquote) and opined that the Cox Committee, in its zeal to be bipartisan, claimed the Chinese stole neutron bomb information (quote),

''because the alleged spying happened on Reagan's watch, not Clinton's watch.'' (unquote). Notwithstanding Dr. Prather's interpretations, Peter Lee pled guilty to willfully passing classified U.S. defense information to PRC scientists and to providing false statements to a U.S. government agency.

The Prather document also introduces the case of Wen Ho Lee, another scientist at Los Alamos. In fairness, the Prather document states that ''Wen Ho Lee is not mentioned by name in the Cox Report . . .'' He is not. However, aside from the caveat, Prather treats the Wen Ho Lee case as if it was the lynchpin of our investigation. It was not and furthermore the allegations against Wen Ho Lee are, at this time, still just that—allegations.

This Member does not disagree with Dr. Prather that through our open system, smart people can gather significant amounts of information other countries would consider very sensitive. Mr. Speaker, our colleagues may recall the publicity that was given to the book ''Mushroom'' which was written back in 1978 by John Phillips, then an undergraduate student at Princeton University. Mr. Phillips wrote about how he was able to design an atomic bomb using only the open-source information available in the university's library. Experts confirmed the design was valid. This Member is sure that the Chinese and others have similarly used our open system, as Dr. Prather states. However, the detailed design plans and other extremely sensitive information relating to the neutron bomb and other thermonuclear warheads have not been declassified and are not in Princeton's library or on the Los Alamos public website.

There are numerous other instances in the Prather document of inaccurate interpretations and distortions of the Cox Committee Report for which there is not enough time this evening to detail. However, given the apparent political objectives of the Prather document and the questionable selectivity of its analysis, it should be seen for what it really is: a partisan attack or a partisan counterattack to a Clinton Administration selective leak and spin operation against the findings of the Cox Committee, and it therefore does not warrant any further attention.

Mr. Speaker, the Congress has just begun the job of implementing many of the 38 recommendations made in the Cox Committee Report. Most can be implemented by the executive branch without legislation. Some recommendations, such as increasing the penalties for export control violations, are relatively easy to legislate. Others such as reauthorizing the Export Administration Act, are not so simple and will take time and effort. This Member strongly urges his colleagues to concentrate on implementing these recommendations and not be distracted and dissuaded from this duty by those critics like the author of the Prather Report who all too apparently has a different agenda.

LT. COL. EILEEN COLLINS, FIRST FEMALE PILOT OF A SPACE SHUTTLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OSE). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. LAMPSON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. LAMPSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to talk about a first that is, in my opinion, long overdue. Early tomorrow morning, shortly after midnight, Lieutenant Colonel Eileen Collins, the first woman in the history of NASA, will command a 5-day Columbia space shuttle mission to launch NASA's most powerful space telescope, the Chandra X-ray Observatory.

Lieutenant Collins, who also can boast that she is the first female pilot of a space shuttle, is a good example of how far our space program has come since the first lunar landing 30 years ago tomorrow.

In these days of economic progress and budget surpluses, I urge all of my colleagues to support continued funding of the manned space program so that today's little girls can grow up knowing that they may be one of the first to walk on Mars or to conduct research in the international space station right alongside scientists from Italy, Russia, Japan, or wherever else in the world.

As a member of the House Committee on Science, and I guess a confirmed space nut, it makes me proud that I represent Johnson Space Center and its efforts to put more women into manned or, perhaps I should say, womaned space program.

Lieutenant Colonel Collins, I wish her Godspeed, a most successful mission, and a safe return for her and her crew.

HMO REFORM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. GANSKE) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. GANSKE. Mr. Speaker, here we are again. Another week has gone by, and the House of Representatives, United States of America, has done nothing to address HMO abuses in this country.

Of course we had, Mr. Speaker, a big debate on the other side of the capital last week, and I want to talk a little bit about that, that bill that passed, because I think that my colleagues on both sides of the aisle will need to educate themselves on some of the details of that bill that passed the Senate last week.

I think we may be looking at that bill in the near future. I hope at least we will be looking at some bill on the floor in the near future. After all, it was about 2 weeks ago that the Speaker of the House told me personally that it was his intent to have HMO reform legislation on the floor by the middle of July.

Well, Mr. Speaker, I am looking at my dates here, and here we are, it is past the middle of July; and furthermore, we are going to find time this week to debate a tax bill and other bills, and there is nothing in sight to even be having a committee markup in the Committee on Education and the Work Force or in the Committee on Commerce on HMO reform.

It is not exactly, Mr. Speaker, like we have not been dealing with this issue for the last 3 or 4 years in Congress. It is not exactly as if earlier this year we were overworked here on the floor when we were naming post offices. Mr. Speaker, I think it is time that we get this issue to the floor. There are people that are losing their lives and losing their limbs and their health is being injured because HMOs are making medical decisions that are not in the best interests of their clients, their patients.

Mr. Speaker, I want to talk specifically about some of the provisions that are in Senate bill S. 1344, which passed last week in the Senate, because, Mr. Speaker, I have the bill here, and I have been reading through this bill, and you know, there is an old saying here in Congress: the devil is in the details. You can have awfully good headings, Mr. Speaker, but once you start looking at the language, you can find out that it comes up rather empty.

So let me just go over a few problems and deficiencies with the bill that passed the Senate last week.

Now a couple years ago we here in the House, the other body, passed a bill for Medicare and Medicaid recipients that was signed into law by President Clinton. It said that if you were having a chest pain, severe chest pain in the middle of the night such that a prudent lay person would say, hey, that could be a heart attack, you could go to the nearest emergency room and be treated, and your health plan would be responsible for covering the cost because we know from the American Heart Association that if you delay prompt treatment, diagnosis and treatment of a heart attack, you could be dead before you get your treatment; and unfortunately many HMOs have said, as my colleagues know, you could go to that emergency room, but if they find out that instead of having a heart attack that you just had a severe case of inflammation of your esophagus, for instance, well, that proves that you did not have a heart attack and we are not going to pay for it.

The problem with that, Mr. Speaker, is that once that information gets out, people are a little bit hesitant to go to the emergency room when they have crushing chest pain because they think, oh, my goodness, what if I am not having a heart attack? Then I could be left with thousands of dollars of bills. So maybe I will just be a little extra careful, and I will just stay at home here sweaty, really sick, until I am really sure that I have a heart attack.

Mr. Speaker, we wanted to fix that. We did that in Medicare and Medicaid. We passed what is called a lay person's definition of an emergency, and we told the Medicare health plans that you have to cover those services if a patient goes to the emergency room.

Mr. Speaker, you would think that it would not be too difficult to get the language right in a patient bill of

rights that would apply to all Americans, the same as we have for those who are elderly in Medicare or those who are poor in Medicaid. After all, people are spending a lot of money for their health insurance, it ought to be worth something if one did wake up with that case of crushing chest pain in the middle of the night.

You would think it would not be too hard to simply take that language that we did in Medicare and put it into a bill that would apply to all Americans. That should not be difficult, should it? I mean, that is actually not one of the more contentious issues. But no, no, S. 1334, as reported, could not get that right either.

Let me give you an example. The bill fails to guarantee that health plans will cover emergency care at the nearest hospital. That should not be so difficult. If you do not take my word, just take my word for it and read Page 7, Line 1 through 20. The bill that passed the other body last week would allow plans to refuse to cover emergency services.

What are the details? Well, look at Page 8, Lines 3 through 7. The plan's obligations to pay for cost of treatment for stabilization, maintenance ends when the plan contacts the provider to arrange for discharge or transfer even if in the opinion of the treating physician the patient is not ready for transfer.

Or how about the provision that would allow plans to shift the cost of refusing to pay for emergency care to the health providers? That is Page 8, Lines 8 through 14. I mean, that should be a relatively noncontentious issue, but they could not get it right. They could not get it right. They had to write a bill that was an HMO protection bill for emergency provisions.

How about gag rules that HMOs have had in their contracts that say before you, the treating physician, can tell your patient all of his treatment options, you first have to get an okay from us, the health plan. Now think about that.

Now say a woman goes to her treating doctor, she has a lump in her breast. The doctor takes the history, the physical exam, and then he says, excuse me, leaves the room, has to get on the phone, phone the HMO and says, You know, I have Mrs. So and So. She has a lump in her breast, and she has three treatment options. I would like to tell her about all three treatment options.

And the health plan says, well, you know, according to our definition we only cover two of those, so we would rather not have you tell that patient about the third one because she might want it, might be appropriate for her.

Those are what are called gag clauses in contracts. Mr. Speaker, once again a couple years ago we passed a Medicare, a Medicaid rule that forbade those types of impediments to communications between their health care providers and their patience, doctors and nurses and their patients. We said you cannot do that in Medicare; you cannot do that in Medicaid. Not a big deal. It has not added really anything significant to the cost of premiums. But it is an important reassurance to patients so that they know they are getting the whole story.

Well, why could we not just take that language and put it into a bill that applies to all Americans? A bill that I have in the House here, the Managed Care Reform Act of 1999, does that; a bill that the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. DINGELL) has, Patient Bill of Rights, does that; a bill that the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. NORWOOD) has does that.

Could they get it right over in the other body? No, no. All they needed to do was add a few little words, but they are important words. They needed to add a provision that said all current contractual language prohibiting health communications is null and void. Could not do it. Could not force themselves to buck up to the HMOs on that.

Mr. Speaker, let me tell my colleagues what the two really big problems were with the bill that passed the other body last week, and that has to do with the definition of medical necessity and who gets to define that and whether you have an enforcement provision to make all of the other provisions in the bill mean anything.

Now, before I go into the language of S. 144, let me just set this up for my colleagues a little bit and tell them about testimony that a medical reviewer for an HMO gave before the Committee on Commerce.

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It was May 30, 1996. A small nervous woman testified before the House Committee on Commerce. Her testimony came at the end of a long day of testimony about the abuses of managed care. This woman's name was Linda Peno. She had been a claims reviewer for several health care plans and she told of the choices that plans are making every day when they determine the medical necessity of treatment options.

Here is her story, quote: I wish to begin by making a public confession. In the spring of 1987, I caused the death of a man. Although this was known by my people, I have not been taken to any court of law or called to account for this in any professional or public forum. Just the opposite occurred. I was rewarded for this. It brought me an improved reputation in my job and contributed to my advancement afterwards. Not only did I demonstrate that I could do what was expected of me, I exemplified the good company reviewer. I saved the company a half a million dollars, unquote.

Well, it was clear to see her anguish over causing harm to patients as she testified. Her voice got husky. She continued, and the audience shifted uncomfortably and grew very quiet. The industry representatives and lobbyists who were there started looking at the floor and shifting their eyes.

She continued. Since that day, I have lived with this act and many others eating into my heart and soul. For me, a physician is a professional charged with the care of healing of his or her fellow human beings. The primary ethical norm is, do no harm. I did worse. I caused death.

She continued. Instead of using a clumsy, bloody weapon, I used the simplest, cleanest of tools: My words. This man died because I denied him a necessary operation to save his heart. I felt little pain or remorse at the time. The man's faceless distance soothed my conscience. Like a skilled soldier, I was trained for that moment. When any moral qualms arose, I was to remember that I am not denying care, I am only denying payment.

She continued. At the time, that helped me avoid any sense of responsibility for my decisions. Now I am no longer willing to accept the escapist reasoning that allowed me to rationalize that action. I accept my responsibility now for this man's death, as well as for the immeasurable pain and suffering many other decisions of mine caused.

At that point, Ms. Peno described many ways that health care plans deny care, but she emphasized one in particular; the right to decide which care is medically necessary. She said, quote, there is one last activity that I think deserves a special place on this list, and this is what I call the smart bomb of cost containment, and that is medical necessities denials. Even when medical criteria is used by the health plan, it is rarely developed in any kind of standard traditional clinical process. It is rarely standardized across the field. The criteria are rarely available for prior review, review by the physicians or members of the plan, and we have had enough experience from history to demonstrate the consequences of secretive unregulated systems that go awry.

The room was stone cold quiet, and the chairman mumbled, thank you.

Well, Mr. Speaker, I wish that this were an isolated instance, but I can say what health plans are doing around the country. Under Federal law, under Federal law called the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, passed 25 years ago, employer health plans can define medical necessity in any way they want to. Let me give you an example.

There is a health plan in Texas that has defined medical necessity as the cheapest, least expensive care as determined by us, the health plan. Think about that. The cheapest, least expensive care as determined by us.

Well, Mr. Speaker, before I came to Congress I was a reconstructive surgeon. I took care of children who were born with birth defects, birth defects like cleft lips and palates. This is an anomaly that occurs in about one in

500 live births. The child is born with a big hole right in the middle of their face. Their lip is separated. They have a big hole in the roof of their mouth. It needs to be surgically corrected. That is the standard treatment, surgical correction.

But, Mr. Speaker, under Federal law, instead of a surgical correction of the roof of that child's mouth so that that child can learn to speak normally, so that that child does not have food coming out of their nose, that health plan, under their own contractual definition of the cheapest, least expensive care, under Federal law, could say, well, we are just going to provide a little piece of plastic, kind of like an upper denture, that will keep some of the food from going up. After all, that is the cheapest, least expensive care.

I do not think very many people in the public understand this. I do not think many people understand that by Federal law we have told HMOs that provide insurance under employer plans that they can determine any type of medical necessity they want, whether it meets prevailing standards of care, whether it has anything to do with the medical literature, whether it follows NIH guidelines, standard care for treatment, for cancer treatment. They do not have to follow it because they can write a little definition in their own health plan and under Federal law that is all they have to follow.

So I get back, Mr. Speaker, to the bill that passed the Senate last week, after a lot of partisan debate, but the underlying problem with that bill is this: I urge my colleagues to look at page 116 in the bill that passed the Senate, where it is dealing with external review where an independent panel could review denials of care.

What can that independent panel under that bill review? Items or services that would have been covered under the terms of the plan or coverage if provided by the plan or issuer. In other words, Mr. Speaker, they are just reiterating what current law is. They are saying that independent panel, which is looking at a denial of care that could be lifesaving for a patient, at the end of the day the only thing one can appeal is whether the plan has followed its own definition of medical necessity. That is not reform. That is why that bill ought to be called the HMO Protection Act.

I want to talk about something I have not talked about on the floor as it relates to this issue. This Congress may deal with an issue of physician-assisted suicide. There are people on both sides of that issue, but we have to remember what that debate is going to be like if we do not correct Federal law that says the HMO, in an employer plan, can decide what is medically necessary.

Assisted suicide is now legal in Oregon, and there exists a natural cost incentive for health plans to support assisted suicide over other more expensive treatment options, according to Nelson Lund, professor of law at George Mason University. He is an expert on assisted suicide.

Protecting patients from unscrupulous cost shifting is very difficult, he says Quote, it is very hard to think of a law that could make a distinction between legitimate cost cutting by an insurance company in long-term care and cancer treatments and an illegitimate cost reduction. Inevitably you have pressures develop. Unquote.

Insurance companies can exert an enormous amount of pressure on health systems as a whole and on individual physicians, Professor Lund says. Quote, once strong incentives are created through cost cutting, through the managed care system, you naturally are going to get more of the cheaper treatments and less of the expensive treatments. That has to be true. That is why things are done, unquote.

Mr. Speaker, although there are protections written into the Oregon law, I can guarantee that physicians will face subtle pressures to view patients' options as more limited than they otherwise may consider them. Lund says, quote, even though the law requires a diagnosis of less than 6 months to live, that is an incentive for the physician to say, this person only has 6 months to live.

Once eliminating the patient is considered a form of treatment, the economic incentives are there that I think are unstoppable, quote/unquote.

That is part of the reason why we have to change this Federal law. Look, it may cost an HMO only $500 to get an opinion that this patient should have a physician-assisted suicide. There is primary care referral. There is a mental health evaluation and there are the drugs. $500 is a lot less expensive than taking care of a patient with cancer towards the end of their life.

That is part of the reason why it is very, very important that this Congress, especially in the context of States looking at this issue of physician-assisted suicide, and I do not care whether one is on one side of the issue or the other side of the issue, nobody wants an HMO pushing providers to get rid of patients who may be expensive. That is why we need to have a definition of medical necessity, not determined by the plan as the cheapest, least expensive care but as something that would include looking at prevailing standards of care, looking at the medical literature, looking at NIH cancer treatment statements, consensus statements and, yes, looking at the health plan's own guidelines as long as they are peer reviewed.

All of those things should be taken into consideration, but none of them should be determinative and should not be determinative that the health plan, as under current Federal law, can simply say this is it. We do not care whether someone can provide us with a table full of medical literature that says that that treatment is the standard of care and efficacious, because we did not define it that way.

Well, that is one of the main things that, unfortunately, the bill that passed the Senate last week did not address. It simply allows those health plans to go on even in the independent external appeals to define medical care however they want to.

What is the other big issue? The other big issue is whether those health plans should be responsible for those medical decisions that they make.

Mr. Speaker, let me just give you one example of how an HMO made a decision that resulted in a tragedy. A couple of years ago, a young mother was taking care of her 6-month-old infant. A little baby boy at 3:30 in the morning was really sick. He was hot, sweaty, temperature of 104.

Moms and dads can tell when their kids are really sick. So mom and dad thought he better go to the emergency room. So they phoned the 1–800 number for the HMO. They get a voice a thousand miles away who says, yes, I will let you go to the emergency room but I am only going to authorize this one emergency room, and the mother said, well, where is it? And the reviewing voice at the end of the line said, well, I do not know. Find a map.

Well, it turns out that it was a long ways away, 60 some miles away. Mom and dad wrap up little Jimmy, get in the car at 3:30 in the morning and start out on their trek.

About halfway through the trip, Jimmy is looking sicker, but mom and dad are not health care professionals. They do not know that they need to stop right away, but they do know if they did stop at an unauthorized hospital they are now stuck with potentially a very big bill. This family does not have that kind of resources. Most families do not have that kind of resources.

So they kept driving. They passed three emergency rooms that they could have stopped at. But they did not have an okay from the company. That company had made that medical decision, we are only going to allow you to go to that one hospital.

Well, about 10 or 15 miles from that hospital little Jimmy's eyes rolled back in his head and he stops breathing. Picture dad driving like crazy to get to the hospital, mom trying to keep little Jimmy alive.

They tear into the emergency room entrance. Mom leaps out of the car with little Jimmy, screaming save my baby, save my baby. A nurse comes out, gives him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. They bring the crash cart out; they start the lines; they give him the medicines and somehow or another they get him back to life. That nurse blew the breath of life into little Jimmy again.

Well, he was a tough little guy and he managed to survive, but because of that delay by that medical decision by that HMO and that cardiac arrest with the loss of circulation, little Jimmy

ends up with gangrene in both hands and both feet and they all have to be amputated.

Little Jimmy today is learning how to put on his bilateral leg prosthesis, with his arm stubs. His mom has to help him put on his bilateral hooks. He is getting along pretty good for a kid who has lost both hands and both feet, but he will never play basketball.

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I would tell the Speaker of the House that he will never wrestle. I would say that someday, when he gets married, he will never be able to caress the face of the woman that he loves with his hand.

I hear the opponents of this legislation say, ''Ah, but these are just anecdotes. We do not legislate on the basis of anecdotes.'' I would say to them, this anecdote, if it had a finger, and you pricked it, it would bleed, if he had a hand.

Do my colleagues know what? Under Federal law, that health plan is liable for nothing other than the cost of the amputations. Can my colleagues believe that? It is the only industry in this country that has blanket immunity of that nature.

A judge reviewed this case. He determined that the margin of safety by that HMO for little Jimmy was, ''razor thin.'' I would add, as razor thin as the scalpel that had to amputate his hands and feet.

Now, I ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle, many of us in the past, we have talked a lot on this floor about responsibility. When we were doing welfare reform, we said, ''Do you know what. If you are able bodied, you can go out and get a job, and you can support your family. That is responsibility. We will give you some education. But then it is your responsibility to support your family.''

There have been a number of times on the floor, this floor right here, where we have voted in a bipartisan fashion for the death penalty for somebody who has killed or raped one of our fellow citizens because we say that is responsibility.

I think people need to examine their hearts. Conjure up in your mind the goddess of justice, Themis. She is holding the scales. She is blindfolded. Under current Federal law, she has written across her chiton ''HMOs do not need to follow justice.'' We need to fix that.

There needs to be an enforcement mechanism. I looked at the Senate bill which passed last week, and do my colleagues know what the enforcement mechanism is? A $10,000 fine if it is found that the health plan followed its own definition of medical necessity. That is a joke. That is a travesty. To my colleagues, I say we need to fix that.

This will not result in a huge number of lawsuits. Texas passed a law, a good law. It had a strong external appeals process. It did make the health plans responsible in the end. Do my colleagues know how many lawsuits they have had? One. And one or two are pending in the 2 years, not that explosion of lawsuits. It has not resulted in an explosion of premiums. Texas premiums are below national average.

Before Texas legislature almost unanimously passed that law, the HMOs were saying, ''The sky will fall. The sky will fall. It will kill managed care in Texas.'' There were 30 HMOs in Texas at that time. There are 51 in Texas today. The President of Aetna described Texas today, after passing a strong patient protection law with liability provisions, he described Texas as the filet mignon, the filet mignon of States to have insurance in.

Mr. Speaker, I have given my colleagues a couple of examples tonight of some of the abuses of managed care that have resulted in terrible personal tragedies. Picture little Jimmy as your child or your grandchild, and tell me, when you examine your heart, if you think HMOs under Federal protection should be shielded from the consequences of their negligence. I do not think so.

Should we not have a strong appeals process, something that really means something so that an independent panel can determine medical necessity, not on the basis of some contorted contractual language definition that only serves the basis to increase the HMO's bottom line and profits?

That is what we are dealing with, Mr. Speaker. We are dealing with a bill that, on the surface, if one looks at the surface headings, is called a patient protection bill. But when one reads the fine print, it is an HMO protection bill. It is worse than the status quo in many ways.

I will be happy to share with my colleagues references, the page numbers, the line numbers of any of the statements I have made tonight. But I will tell my colleagues what, if this bill comes to the floor, and we bypass our committee process, then I think every citizen in the country should demand that their Representative know what they are voting on and that their Representative be accountable for improving the situation, not making it worse.

TOO MANY UNKNOWNS FOR ''PROJECTED'' SURPLUS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. OSE). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. TANNER) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I want to thank the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. GANSKE) for that very interesting special order.

This is, I think, the first time I have asked for a special order in the 10 years that I have been in Congress. So my colleagues can readily see this is not something I do routinely or every night. My colleagues, I hope, can understand why I feel so deeply about the matter about which we are going to talk about here for a few minutes with the gentleman from Texas (Mr. STENHOLM) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TURNER).

There has been a lot of talk in this town around the country of a surplus. There are projections of a huge surplus over the next decade, and many people are running around with all sorts of ideas about how to spend it.

But what really upset me last week was the mark-up that we had in the Committee on Ways and Means on which I served and in which this surplus, 87 percent of the nonSocial Security surplus for the next 10 years, was marked up in a tax cut bill.

Now, one of the reasons I ran for Congress in 1988 was because of my concern for the financial integrity of the United States. I am going to show this chart. I do not know if my colleagues can see it or not, but this is the way the country spent money from 1980, when I was in the Tennessee General Assembly, until now, and how we either paid or did not pay for what we spent.

The yellow part here is the administration of President Nixon. The green lines are President Ford. The yellow-red lines here are President Carter. The orange looking lines are President Reagan. This aqua green is President Bush. Then down here on the end, the dark blue lines is the administration of President Clinton.

I saw through the 1980s, as my colleagues did, a Republican President submit to, for 6 of the 8 years President Reagan was President, a Republican Senate and a Democratic House budgets that were never within $100 billion of being balanced. I saw the Congress, Republican Senate and Democratic House, in collusion with the administration, borrow the money necessary to fund those budgets.

When I came here in 1988, we were borrowing in the name of our children and grandchildren over $250 billion a year to pay for the consumption that people of my generation have enjoyed. I thought that was wrong then, and I think it is wrong now.

This is what it looks like on a bar chart in terms of building the national debt. In 1980, it was a little less than $1 trillion. Today, it is over $5 trillion.

Now, my colleagues might ask, who owns this debt? Who do my colleagues and I, we the people, who do we owe this 5 plus trillion dollars? Well, we owe the Federal Reserve and government accounts; that is, the Social Security Trust Fund and some other trust funds, about $2.3 trillion. We owe other people in the country a little over $2 trillion. Foreigners hold over $1.2 trillion of this debt, foreign interests.

So if we take away the money that we the Treasury, we the people owe to ourselves, we come up with about $3.6 trillion in outside held debt that we are paying interest on every day.

Put another way, we spend more on interest, or spent more on interest, this is fiscal year 1998, we spent more on interest right here, $364 billion, than we did on any other government program, save Social Security. Social Security is $379 billion. But it has its own funding stream, the FICA tax.

We spent more money on interest than we did on national defense, which is right here in green. More than we did on medicine, and we heard the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. GANSKE), the previous speaker, talk about medicine in this country, the orange right here. Agriculture, we can barely see, the little green line. We spent more on interest than we did education, than we did veterans.

In short, we spent more on interest last year, almost $1 billion a day than we spent on anything that my colleagues and I can do for our children's future today.

Now, part of this projected, and I want to underline the word projected, none of this money is here yet that they say is going to come into the Treasury from 2000 to 2009, this is the Social Security surplus, the blue. This is what the Congress and the President have agreed is off limits. We will not spend that. The red, $1 trillion is what is projected to come into the Treasury as a surplus over the next 10 years.

Now, mind you, 6 months ago, part of this money did not exist. It is only through reforcasting what we think the economy is going to be in the next 10 years that this has grown to the extent that it has. The money is not yet here. I do not know what the unknowns out there are. We may have a war, tornados, hurricanes, other natural disasters. This is only a projection that, as it changed 6 months ago, could change 6 months from now and this money never show up.

Now, here is why I was so upset last week. Here is the Social Security money in blue. That is off limits. That is for the people in this country who pay into the system and who expect to earn and draw their Social Security benefits when they retire. That is off limits.

What is available, if one believes the projections, to spend or to cut taxes with is this part right here. Do my colleagues know what happened last week? Knowing of this horrendous suffocating debt that our children and grandchildren have, the majority party in the Committee on Ways and Means reported out a bill, I guess it will come to the House this week or next, that spends 87 percent of this projected surplus in terms of a tax cut.

Now, nobody is against tax cuts. Certainly not me. But I will tell my colleagues, I think this is irresponsible from two standpoints. Number one, the money is not yet here. If it does not materialize, if the economy turns south, it may never get here. So to use 87 percent of it in tax cuts today betting on what is going to happen tomorrow I think puts our financial Treasury and our financial integrity as a Nation at risk.

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But it is worse than that, and this is why. We have a suffocating national debt. The interest that we pay every day is more than we pay for defense, it is more than we pay for education, it is more than we pay for anything save Social Security. By spending all the money now that is projected as a surplus for the next 10 years, all we are doing is shoving this note and all the interest due on every schoolchild in this country that went to school today. They do not even know Congress met today. They were in school somewhere; or, worse yet, they are not even here yet. And all we are doing is shoving down all of these notes and this debt for them to pay. I think that is wrong.

When we take 87 percent of the budget surplus that is projected and use it now to satisfy our own immediate desires for a tax cut, what is the message from this Congress to the kids of America? We took the money and ran. That is the message.

Tom Brokaw, some of my colleagues know, has written a book called ''The Greatest Generation,'' and I have received some letters from some of those folks and they say, ''John, if I must do without, so be it. I don't want you to send this suffocating debt down on the heads of my kids and grandkids. They deserve a better Nation. You are putting the country at risk, you, the Congress, if you take all of this projected surplus, do an almost $1 trillion tax cut today and do nothing about the debt.''

I think it is not only selfish and wrong, but I think it could really endanger the future of this country. Because if the world economy collapses, if there is a downturn, if there is a recession, and if interest rates go up as we have to roll these notes, what is going to happen to the interest on them? It is going to have to go up, too. And right now we are already paying almost $1 billion a day. How much more can we stand before we have to say this country is in such bad shape we can no longer pay our bills?

I think it is as serious a situation as we have faced or experienced. Because I know that a country that is bankrupt is unable to defend itself, it is unable to help its citizens, and it is unable to be a force for peace in the world.

Mr. Speaker, I want to now yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TURNER), because he has some comments he would like to make regarding this projected surplus.

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Tennessee for yielding to me, and I appreciate very much the presentation that the gentleman has made. Each of us here tonight feel very strongly that we must, in order to be fair to our children and our grandchildren, we must take a fiscally conservative and responsible course of action with regard to the projected surplus.

Those of us here tonight, Mr. Speaker, feel that we should, instead of devoting the vast majority of the projected surplus to tax cuts, we must devote the vast majority of the projected surplus to paying down that horrendous $5.6 trillion national debt, which is taking interest every year in every annual budget to the tune of about 15 percent of all Federal spending. In fact, I am told that just to cover the interest on that national debt we spend about 25 percent of the total revenue from the Federal income tax just to pay that interest on that debt every year.

Mr. Speaker, we know that really paying the national debt down can give average working families more than any of these pie-in-the-sky tax-reduction schemes, that are mostly designed to benefit the wealthy. Because we know that paying down the debt, according to every economist we know, would result in even lower interest rates than we have today. And lower interest rates means for the American people lower house payments, lower car payments, or lower payments on those student loans they have taken out to send their children to college.

In fact, every 1 percent decrease in interest rates saves the American people between $200 and $250 billion in mortgage costs. Paying down the national debt is the smart way to help average working men and women and their families have more in their pocket.

We also know, as the gentleman from Tennessee pointed out, it is the morally correct thing to do. Why should we, now that we have good economic times, continue to jeopardize the future economic stability of this Nation and cause the preschoolers of today to be the ones that have to deal with the $5.6 trillion national debt that was accumulated over all those years, as was pointed out on the chart, that shows all those successive Democrat and Republican administrations that incurred those annual deficits that have resulted in our $5.6 trillion national debt?

There is one question I want to address here tonight that even is a more fundamental question than the issue of what should we do with this projected surplus; should we cut taxes or should we pay down the debt? Let us look at the projected surplus itself. Because if the truth be known, we may not even have a surplus over the next 10 years.

If we look at the numbers of the Congressional Budget Office projections, what we see is that they have estimated annual numbers over 10 years cumulatively totaling a $2.9 trillion surplus. That starts off in this year with a projected $120 billion surplus for fiscal year 1999. Those numbers go up steadily all the way up to the year 2009, where the projected surplus is about $413 billion. All those numbers together total the projected $2.9 surplus over 10 years.

But let us just look at the last year, 2009, that $413 billion projected surplus.

Those numbers are based on current law. Current law has in place some budget caps that we are now struggling to live within that were put in place in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997. What if we fail as a Congress to meet those budget caps? Those budget caps, in fact, will require us to reduce spending over the next 3 years by 8 percent. Can we do that? I am not sure. If we cannot do that, we know that these numbers are totally unrealistic in terms of the projected surplus.

Let us just suppose that the caps that we have in place are reached, and that discretionary spending, instead of staying within those caps and going down 8 percent over the next 3 years, ends up going up with inflation over the next decade. That would not be an unreasonable expectation; that is for government programs and costs to go up with inflation. That $413 billion surplus in the year 2009 would immediately shrink to $331 billion. And, in fact, discretionary spending could rise faster than that. Sooner or later it is likely to grow again at least as fast as the population or the real economy.

Let us leave all that aside and let us see what would happen if, for example, the projected surplus for 2009 did not only shrink to $331 billion because of inflation, but let us just say it stayed at the same level as the percentage of the gross domestic product that it stayed at for several years since 1970. We would then have only $151 billion in actual surplus in 2009.

Today's surplus projections also assume that the growth in the health benefit costs will be relatively slow over the next decade. Every one of us know that hospitals in this country are under a great deal of pressure. Some of the cuts in Medicare have put great strain on our hospitals and other health care providers, and the CBO estimate says that health care spending, Medicare spending, will rise at 4.2 percent. That is a full percentage point below its long-term average since 1970. So what happens if health care costs continue to go up, as they have since 1970 every year? This would mean that the projected surplus for the year 2009 would only be $95 billion.

Beyond those cost estimates that may be incorrect in the CBO estimate, consider productivity in our Nation, which has grown at 1.1 percent since 1973. The CBO estimates of the surplus says productivity will grow at an average of 1.8 percent over the next decade. Let us say it does not quite make 1.8. Say it is only half that. So it is somewhat closer to the 1.1 percent that we have had since 1973. That would mean that the projected surplus for the year 2009 becomes only $27 billion instead of the $413 billion that we started out with in the original estimate.

Further, what if the number of workers grows just one quarter of a percent, one quarter of a percent slower than the CBO projections estimate, due perhaps to a combination of fewer people seeking jobs and maybe fewer people finding them? In that case the deficit would grow to $102 billion.

So, Mr. Speaker, looking at only five assumptions in the CBO estimate, we can see there may not even be a surplus over the next 10 years. Fiscal conservatism requires that we recognize that the projections upon which the surplus is made by the Congressional Budget Office may not be worth the paper they are written on. We do not even have to talk about, as many people often do, whether the stock market may crash, because all the things I referred to are very minor changes in the direction of the economy that completely erases the surplus of $2.9 billion that we are using to base a major tax cut on, which could result in our children and grandchildren having an even greater national debt to pay off than they already have today.

Mr. TANNER. I want to thank the gentleman for those comments, Mr. Speaker. I come from Tennessee, in a rural area, and if I just knew what the price of cotton or soybeans or a bushel of corn is going to be next week, I would be in pretty good shape. We do not know that, yet we are talking about 10-year numbers here, which as the gentleman suggested, may or may not materialize.

Let me say one other thing before I recognize the gentleman from Texas (Mr. STENHOLM), and that is that the term personal responsibility does not just apply to people on welfare. We have a responsibility here to try as best we can to keep the financial integrity of this country in at least as good as shape as it was when we got here.

I do not believe it is financially responsible, as the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TURNER) said, to base a massive tax cut on nothing more than a projected surplus. I do not think any prudent businessperson in America would say that they think that is a financially conservative doable thing and they wish we would do it.

Mr. Speaker, I would now like to ask my friend, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. STENHOLM) to say a few words. We have also been joined by the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. MINGE). This looks like a Blue Dog gathering down here.

Mr. STENHOLM. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Tennessee for yielding me this time and for taking this time tonight, and I appreciate my colleagues, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TURNER) and the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. MINGE), joining us. The gentleman is right, this is a joining of the Blue Dogs tonight, and my colleagues who are listening will hear us talking considerably about this very ill-conceived proposal that we have facing us very soon.

I want to emphasize a few points that have not yet been made tonight. But first, last week the largest newspaper in my district had an editorial entitled ''GOP Tax Cuts Founded Upon Play Money.'' And this is one point I want to emphasize. My colleague, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TURNER), spoke very succinctly and very matter-of-factly regarding the absolute fact that all of these numbers we are talking about are projections, and for us to base the future, really, of our country on projections is very dangerous.

And here I want to make a point, since we have mentioned the Blue Dogs tonight. One of the things that we believe in, if we are going to be critical of the other side's proposal, and we are very critical of the proposed $864 billion tax cut with play money, we feel if we are going to be critical of the other side, it is incumbent to say what are we for; what it is that we propose.

And I have been asked by many of my colleagues and friends on the other side of the aisle, ''Charlie, what would you have done? What would you do?'' And we spelled this out very clearly in our budget proposal earlier this year in which we said the conservative thing to do is to be conservative. Do not spend the money until we have it. Let us realize that if we are going to use 10- and 15-year projections, we should use them for purposes of outlining what the effects are going to be. But, for Heaven's sake, do not spend the money until we have it in our hands.

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We suggested very strongly, let us fix Social Security and Medicare first. The primary responsibility of this Congress should have been, should be, and I hope will be, let us fix Social Security. Save Social Security. Everyone now agrees, since all the rhetoric we have been hearing around here is a lock box, we are going to save the money, we are no longer going to spend the Social Security trust fund for anything other than Social Security. We all agree to that, we thought.

But if we carefully analyze this $864 billion tax cut as proposed, we will find I believe the numbers will show that we are spending Social Security trust fund dollars in that 10-year plan. I believe those numbers are there.

I have a new set of numbers tonight that we can use, but I think it is going to be important that we use CBO numbers when they come out. And if we are going to show that if we have this $864 billion tax cut over the next 10 years, we will use Social Security trust fund dollars in payment of that tax cut.

But here is the thing that I want to emphasize tonight, and it has to do with Social Security also. And this is something that is being overlooked thus far in this whole debate. What happens in the second 10 years? Once we put a tax cut in place, it goes on and on and on. And since there are pressures in the first 10 years to do all of which the Committee on Ways and Means majority has suggested, they have interestingly done, as Congress so often does, they allow the major part of the actions of the tax cut to occur in the second 10 years.

How much? It is now estimated $2.9 trillion will not make it to the Federal

Treasury in the second 10 years, to which a lot of people and a lot of our colleagues will say, hooray, that is what we were sent here for. Send the money back home.

The only problem with that is in 2014, only about 14 years from today, that is when the baby-boomers begin to retire in earnest. That is when the pressures on the current Social Security system will build to the highest level that we have seen since Social Security was first started.

Now, let us use a little bit of what I like to call west Texas tractor seat common sense. It can be Tennessee common sense. It can be Minnesota common sense. It can be any of our 50 States common sense.

If we have a program that has been clearly defined by most of us as one of the best government programs ever created, Social Security, and what it is doing for senior citizens today, and if we believe, as I do, that we need to do the same thing for our children and grandchildren, why would we pass a tax cut in 1999 that is going to guarantee that the Congress in the year 2014 will have a very difficult if not impossible hurdle to meet? Why would anyone suggest moving revenue of $2.9 trillion at exactly the same time that Social Security is going to have a need for those moneys in order to pay the promises off to those young men and women, all working men and women, who are working and paying in today, why would anyone have the gall to come to the floor of the House and suggest this is good policy, good economics, good anything?

But that is what we have been allowed to believe thus far by the rhetoric thus far. But we hope that with actions and discussions like tonight and the debate on the bill when it gets here and other discussions about this proposed tax cut, as much as I would like to see it, too, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. TANNER) said a moment ago he is for it, we are all for it, that is not the question.

The question is what is the fiscally responsible thing for this Congress to do? And again, I come back to this very simple statement to my colleagues that are asking what would we do. What I wished we would have done this year, I wish the Committee on Ways and Means would have spent the last four or five months debating a Social Security plan, a solvency plan, a proposal that would put Social Security on solid ground.

We have many out there, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. KOLBE) on the other side of the aisle and I, joined by about nine cosponsors, now a partisan group, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. SMITH), another Republican, has come up with some ideas. The gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. SANFORD), another Republican, has come up with some ideas. We have various bipartisan suggestions.

Why did not the Committee on Ways and Means deal with Social Security first? That is what the Blue Dogs suggested. Take care of Social Security first. Then let us deal with Medicare, as the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TURNER) mentioned a moment ago.

Most of us who represent rural districts are hearing from our hospitals saying, if you do not make some changes in the Balanced Budget Agreement of 1997, if you do not make some changes, we are going to be forced to close our doors.

Now, we heard an excellent presentation by the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. GANSKE) in the previous special order just before us today in talking about some of the problems associated with health care a moment ago. But there is another problem with health care that is very prevalent in rural America and that is whether we are going to have health care available. If we do not address the very real priority of medical spending, Medicare and Medicaid, and do it in a responsible, conservative way but do it in a way in which we allow our hospitals to stay open, for many of our rural communities there will be no money, there will be no hospitals. And that is not just crying wolf. That is something that is a very, very real fact.

There is one other area, then I will yield back and allow the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. MINGE) to join us tonight. But we talk about we do not send the money back to those that paid it, we are going to spend it. One of the things that gets overlooked by this is the very real fact of who owes this debt? The American people.

Who is paying the interest, the $300-plus billion that the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. TANNER) showed on his chart a while ago? Who is paying that? We are paying it.

It is consuming an increasing amount of the percentage of income tax that we pay. We forget that when we pay down debt, as the Blue Dogs have suggested, when we pay down debt we reduce the amount that we have to pay on interest.

One of the very real choices we are going to have to make very soon deals with military spending, defense spending of this country. And if we did as the current game plan, if we spend 87 percent of the projected available surplus for the next 10 years, there will be no money there for defense. Immediately folks will say that I am wrong about that, we propose to follow the President's suggestions on defense and, therefore, we will meet those numbers. Fine, I will concede that we will do that.

That means that we are going to have to cut 31 percent out of every other function of the budget, 31 percent out of veterans' programs, 31 percent out of agriculture, 31 percent out of education in order to meet the budget goal that has been set by the majority, who are saying that we can afford this $864 billion tax cut.

My colleagues, we cannot do this. I appreciate the fact that many of you are agreeing with us today privately. But we hope that we will find a way. And to those that are asking what is that way, the Blue Dogs set it out. Let us take any projected surplus and let us be conservative with it, whatever it is, you pick the number and let us wait until they are real.

First off, 100 percent of all Social Security surpluses go to pay down the debt. Then half of any non-Social Security surplus, pay down the debt with that also. And then the remaining, let us meet the priorities of this Nation, military, agriculture, health care, education, and veterans. And then let us deal with tax cuts targeted towards keeping this longest peacetime economy that we have seen in the history of our country.

That is a pretty good plan. We hope our colleagues will be joining us.

I yield back now to the gentleman and look forward to participating in a moment.

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I would just say this. Both of my colleagues all have done an excellent job talking about this problem. But it does not take a lot of sense. We talk here in Congress and our eyes glaze over with all these projections and numbers. If we have a trillion-dollar projected surplus, we cannot take 87 percent of it and cut taxes today and then meet the needs of defense, education, health care, veterans and so on. We cannot do that.

People know that. I think the American people are way ahead of us quite frankly. If anybody believes they can save Social Security, that we can do all the things we need to do with the military and veterans and education and health care, then there is a bridge in Brooklyn that is going to be sold pretty quick. They know better. They know we cannot have it all.

And so, I hope that without regard to the numbers that make us glaze over, people know that we cannot have it both ways.

So I would like to call on the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. MINGE) who helps the Blue Dogs with our budget, and he is going to talk a little bit I think about the budget priorities that the gentleman from Texas (Mr. STENHOLM) mentioned.

Mr. MINGE. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to address the body this evening.

We really face a situation here in the United States at the end of the decade that is intoxicating. We face the situation where we have balanced or are close to having balanced the budget after decades of deficit spending. It is historic. It is dramatic. It is exciting. Everybody is seeking credit.

Those of us in Congress are often boastful, we have a balanced budget. At the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue, the White House is talking about having balanced the budget. Talk of surplus rolls from the lips of all of us. But really we have not yet balanced the budget.

We are hopeful that in fiscal year 1999 there may be a surplus if we disregard what we are making on the Social Security trust fund. But the fact of the matter is in 1999 we are already appropriating funds for so-called emergencies; and if I not correct, these emergency spending measures are eating up any possible surplus that we might have had in fiscal year 1999.

Mr. TANNER. Money is money. It does not matter where it comes from. If it goes, it goes. My colleague is right.

Mr. MINGE. So 1999 there is no surplus. And we can talk about it, but really what we are doing is relying upon the Social Security trust fund. The baby-boom generation is at its peak earning years paying into the Social Security trust fund at a very fast clip. And the trust fund is not yet paying out on the benefits to that baby-boom generation. So that is why we are accumulating some additional money.

There is always this temptation to roll the Social Security trust fund into the rest of the budget and look at this temporary surplus that is being accumulated in Social Security as it ought to be accumulated but then act like this is a surplus in Federal operations overall.

But the sad fact is we have been borrowing this money from the Social Security trust fund. The Social Security trust fund has been forced to invest it in U.S. Government bonds, and then we are spending that money that we borrow from Social Security for current consumption. We are not putting it away as a long-term investment.

So I think one thing we have to be very clear on at the very outset is that in 1999 there is no surplus; and chances are in Fiscal Year 2000 there will not be a surplus either because we face the prospect of yet more so-called emergency spending for Kosovo, for agriculture, farm crises, and other matters and that is going to eat up the hope for surplus in fiscal 2000 if we put that Social Security trust fund to one side.

So I think that first it is very important that all of us here in Congress and the folks in the administration be straight with the American people.

One thing that troubles me about this is that I notice the news media is critical of those of us in Congress when we talk about surpluses and we disregard Social Security but then the news media proceeds to report news from the White House or news from the leadership here in Congress and not point out that often the talk of a surplus disregards what we are doing with Social Security.

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So let us make sure that we put the Social Security business to one side.

Just to give all of us an idea of the magnitude of this and I think that the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TURNER) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. STENHOLM) have alluded to this, but I would like to repeat it. If you are looking at the next 5 years, which is all that those of us in the Blue Dog Coalition have tried to do, just look out the next 5 years, we would have about a $1 trillion surplus if we were rolling Social Security in. But if you back Social Security out, even under the most optimistic projections as to surplus, we would have around a $250 billion surplus in that 5-year period once we have disregarded Social Security.

Now, the other thing I would like to emphasize with respect to this so-called claim of a surplus is that the intoxicating effect of the surplus is sort of overwhelming in the political process, that we are all trying to find ways to both take credit for it and then to somehow lavish benefits, supposed benefits on various constituencies in this country with that surplus before we have realized it.

So here we sit in 1999 and we are talking about surpluses that hopefully will occur in 2001, 2003, 2004 and on over the next 15 years. What we would like to do here in 1999 is commit Congress, commit the Federal Government, commit the American people to programs 5, 10, 15, even 30 years down the road, as the gentleman from Texas (Mr. STENHOLM) emphasized, before we really have the surplus.

What it reminds me of, we all talk about going on a diet. Everybody, even those that are quite thin and trim talk about going on diets, but here what we have is a situation where we have sort of fattened ourselves at the trough with Federal money for all sorts of things, and many of them very good programs. We are not talking about the money has been spent on things that are necessarily inappropriate. There are constituencies that ask for all these programs, but we have spent money on these programs, and we are overweight. We are trying to do something about it. So we are going to go on a diet. Now we see that we are shedding these excess pounds so that in the future, 5 years, 10 years, 15 years down the road, we are going to be shedding these excess pounds, so what we want to do is start eating again before we have even shed the weight. We are looking at shedding the weight 5, 10, 15 years down the road but we want to start eating those rich chocolate and ice cream desserts right now.

Mr. TANNER. What I think we have done is we have taken the Nation's credit card and we have maxed it out. Now all we can do are make the interest payments, and we are going to leave to our children, son or daughter, ''I'm going to give you a credit card. What I'm telling you though, is, it's going to take everything you're making just to pay the interest on what I have already consumed. The suit I've bought and put on the credit card is worn out. The meal that I had at one of these fancy restaurants is eaten, it's gone.'' And so we have maxed out, instead of taking the money that we see maybe as a surplus now and doing what I think is a pretty good thing, that is paying what you owe, where I come from, where you come from, that is considered poor form really if you come into money and you owe a fellow and you do not pay him. We owe our kids and grandkids. Instead of spending it now, I think we ought to pay them.

Mr. MINGE. Another thing about this, we are all looking for political advantage out here in Washington. All the Republicans would like to say, ''We've delivered tax cuts,'' or we did this or we did that. Democrats like to claim that we did this or that. The White House likes to make claims. If we can take this surplus being hopefully accrued in the future and say we are doing things with that surplus by making decisions now when the surplus is not even in hand yet, we are building points supposedly with the American public. But I do not think those are points that we are entitled to earn. We ought to be, if you are looking at your credit card situation or I was talking in terms of food, I guess it depends on what you need more at the time, a good meal or need to go out and do some binge spending, what we ought to be doing is eating our vegetables here. We have got a few more years here where we ought to be eating the vegetables and we should not be talking about that rich dessert. Or as I know the gentleman from Texas (Mr. STENHOLM) has said many times, the sun is shining now, now is the time to fix the roof, to fix the leak. What sense does it make to sort of languish there and try to get a suntan instead of doing the work of fixing the roof when the sun is shining?

What I would like to emphasize is that in this setting, we have come up with a proposal which is really very simple, or humble in the Blue Dog group, and the proposal is reflected by this chart. I would just point out quickly, we would take 100 percent of the Social Security surplus and devote it to Social Security. The surplus over and above what is accumulating in Social Security we would split three ways: 50 percent to pay down on the debt, reduce that credit card bill as you are talking about; 25 percent to invest in priority programs, and everybody has their list of priorities but this is an example of some things that many folks around the country recognize as priorities; and 25 percent and have certain targeted tax reductions. So it is a simple formula, it is a simple approach and by showing this level of fiscal responsibility, the economists who have looked at the American economy and who have studied the impact of fiscal restraint on interest rates and other things have said, we will have a dividend of $165 billion in interest savings to the Federal Government over the next 5 years if we show this type of fiscal restraint. That is, it will cost us that much less, we will save that much in interest on the Federal debt which is sort of an interest dividend.

Mr. STENHOLM. That is a point that I think needs to be reemphasized. If

you took the $864 billion and applied it to the debt instead of a tax cut, we would reduce the interest cost over the next 10 years by $155, $165 billion. But more importantly, this bill, in the second 10 years, that amount of money is $1.5 trillion that future generations are going to have to pay in interest in the next 20 years, and I hope we are still there part of that. But this is what is being overlooked by this frenzy among some to say that the only way we can save this money is to send it back to the people that paid it, forgetting that if we do not deal with the debt, we are going to continue to have to pay interest.

A moment ago, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. TURNER) made the observation, and it is a correct one, each one percentage point of interest cost the American people between $200 and $250 billion in increased mortgage cost, automobile cost, TV cost, daily living expenses. It is a built-in expense. Therefore, we feel that the most conservative thing we can do and the best tax cut we can give the American people, the absolute best tax cut, would be to keep interest rates where they are or lower. Remember what the Federal Reserve did a couple of weeks ago, they increased interest rates a quarter of a point. That cost, according to these numbers, about $60 billion, is what consumers are going to have to pay. Look at what that would have meant if that interest had not gone up. Why did the Federal Reserve choose to raise interest rates? They were afraid the economy was overheating.

Why do we have a tax cut, particularly the largest tax cut in modern history? To stimulate the economy. If we stimulate the economy, what might the Federal Reserve do? Increase the interest rates. Who is going to be the winner? It is not going to be the American people.

Mr. MINGE. It comes back to the Federal budget again, because the Federal Government is the largest single borrower in the U.S. economy. It costs the Federal Government money when interest rates go up just like it costs the homeowner and the business that has to go out and borrow. So that we are not doing any of us a favor when we set in motion the chain of events that provides the Fed with incentive to raise interest rates.

Mr. TURNER. I think it is interesting to note what the Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan said when he testified before the Committee on Ways and Means that the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. TANNER) serves on. He was addressing the subject of reducing the debt. He said it is much better to use the surplus for debt reduction than tax cuts, and he said it this way and I am quoting him. He said, ''The advantages that I perceive that would accrue to this economy from a significant decline in the outstanding debt to the public and its virtuous cycle on the total budget process is a value which I think far exceeds anything else we could do with the money.''

I think that this debate that we are having this week in the Congress has redefined the party of fiscal conservatism, because just as the gentleman said a minute ago, all of these projections of the surplus that our friends in the other party want to base a huge blockbuster tax cut on are merely projections. What would be the conservative approach to take if it was at your house or mine? To do what is being proposed with this major tax cut that takes up 87 percent of the projected surplus is like a fellow sitting at his kitchen table with his wife and they are talking over their budget situation and somebody walks in and sits down over the kitchen table with them and says, ''Oh, by the way, you're going to get raises over the next 15 years and every year, we know you're going to be making more money.''

He says, ''Well, I guess I will. That sounds pretty good. I believe I'll buy me a new boat right now, I believe I'll go out and buy some new camping gear and I believe I'll go out and see if I can't find us a new house right now.''

Right then he would be making the wrong decision. He would be spending money that he does not even have, because somebody told him they think he is going to get a raise every year for the next 10 years. This is the same thing that has happened in this Congress. We do not need to be the Congress of fiscal irresponsibility. We do not need to be the Congress that took away the chance that we have today to pay down a $5.6 trillion national debt. We do not need to be the Congress that passes on that debt to our children and our grandchildren. We need to be the party of fiscal conservatism, the Congress of fiscal conservatism.

I am glad to know that as a member of the Blue Dog Democrat Coalition, we are standing up this week in this Congress for fiscal conservatism and for the children and grandchildren that we want to have a prosperous economy in the years ahead.

Mr. MINGE. I would like to emphasize another dimension, and, that is, folks in this country who have the most modest income are the ones that are hurt the most by higher interest rates. It is those folks who have accumulated some savings that will benefit from the high interest rates, at least theoretically, but it is the modest wage earner that is going to get hit. I think one point that is very important to make is that keeping interest rates low benefits those who are doing that borrowing or have debts, and also having a strong economy like this does a great deal to provide jobs and opportunity for the low-income people in America. We reduce the unemployment rate, low-income folks in our country are participating in our economy at a rate that they have not for many, many years, many decades and so trying to maintain what we have and not being irresponsible about it I think is one of the most effective ways to try to address the needs of modest income Americans.

Mr. TANNER. We did some calculations in the committee and if we could keep the United States Government out of the credit markets, keep the government from borrowing money, operate on an even keel, it is estimated that that would mean a two point difference on mortgage rates. Now, on a $115,000 home with a mortgage, that translates directly into the pockets of those homeowners almost $2,000, a little over $1,900 a year that is money that they are not paying on their mortgage, they are getting to keep. Not only that, it makes housing more affordable, it makes automobiles more affordable. What does all that do? It keeps the economy going. And so if we could keep the government from borrowing money, and let me say this while we are talking tonight. I think it is incumbent upon us to tell the people of this country that we want to pay the debt that we all collectively owe, that we have all consumed, we did not spend it, I was not here in the 1980s but we benefited from the increased consumption in some way and did not pay for it. If we could just say to them, we want to pay what we owe, we want to pay your children and mine and our grandchildren, but we are going to also tell you we are not going to engage in a lot of new, unnecessary spending, the Blue Dogs make that promise as well, because that would not do anyone any good.

So for those who say, ''Well, we cannot keep it here, it has got to be spent,'' I know of no compelling force to spend money around here. You have to vote to spend it the last time I looked. You have a voting card and you vote to spend it. Well, it goes both ways. And so we want to keep the money here and pay it on the debt, not spend it. I think that would be a message that all of us could embrace here tonight.

Mr. STENHOLM. If the gentleman will yield for one other point.

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As my colleagues know, a 1 percent increase in interest rates, according to my arithmetic, costs the taxpayers $56 billion, 1 percent on a $5.6 trillion debt that we have to pay interest on. That quarter of a point costs us a little over $14 billion, the quarter of a point. Look how difficult it is for us to find $14 billion of spending cuts which went away just like that when interest rates went up.

Therefore, the whole message of the Blue Dogs tonight and earlier this year and will for the remainder of this year in this Congress is the fiscally-responsible, conservative thing for us to do is to pay down the national debt while we have the opportunity to do so and use this opportunity to fix Social Security for our children and grandchildren. You cannot do it both ways.

If you take 87 percent of the projected surpluses and spend them today

in a program that literally explodes in the second 10 years, it will make it fiscally impossible to meet the social security needs. It is one of the most irresponsible fiscal actions.

In fact, I have termed this. I have been here now 20 years, going on 21. This bill is the most fiscally irresponsible bill to come before the Congress in the 20½ years that I have been here, and I hope we will be able to turn that around, and I thank the gentleman.

Mr. TANNER. I called it a generational mugging in the committee the other day, and I believe that is what it is. I believe it is a generational mugging that we are taking money now and, as I said earlier, taking the money and running instead of paying what we owe on behalf of our kids and grandkids.

Mr. MINGE. Mr. Speaker, if my colleague will yield for another moment, finally I have a graph over here, a graphic display of what the Blue Dog budget is like, if you just think about the bones and the rewards that all of our dogs at home, they always like to have, and just take that bone. That is not a phony bone. We are talking about using half of a surplus that we hope will accrue to reduce the debt. That has its rewards throughout the economy, as we have said. We are talking about 25 percent for tax reductions.

All of us would like to have tax reductions. It goes without saying. It is a bipartisan goal. But the question is: How do we do it responsibly? And let us allocate a responsible amount to tax reduction and not have, let us say, the White House and the congressional leadership get in some sort of bidding war over spending and tax cuts. That is terribly destructive. That eats into the debt reduction.

And finally, we have all acknowledged that we have program priorities, and I agree with you. I have heard from the hospitals in rural Minnesota and in the metropolitan areas in Minnesota of the dramatic effect that the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 on health care and what this is doing to our institutions; and probably what is most dramatic and what is the saddest is what I see is happening with home health care and with nursing homes.

As my colleagues know, we have loyal, dedicated, hard-working nursing home employees in our country that could earn more by going to fast-food restaurants. But they are committed to working with seniors who are in nursing homes, and I think that it is just we ought to be ashamed at what is happening in nursing homes in our country and the wages that people that work there, and if we say that we cannot do anything to make sure that we can keep the doors open in those facilities and continue to provide home health care so that seniors can live at home as long as possible; and, instead, we are going to, whether it is launching into a new program or initiating tax cuts that we cannot afford. I think that is irresponsible.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to thank my colleague from Tennessee (Mr. TANNER) for contacting us and urging that we get together this evening to discuss this very important issue.

Mr. TURNER. Mr. Speaker, if the gentleman would yield, most of us who are members of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog coalition support tax cuts, but I was just discussing with my friend from Texas (Mr. STENHOLM) the tax cut bill that was on the floor of the House just a year ago, a tax cut that I voted for. In fact, I have voted for each of the two tax cut measures that have been before this Congress since I have been a Member.

Last year's tax cut bill was in the neighborhood of $150 billion over 10 years. It was an $80 billion over 5-year tax cut. That bill passed the House by a small margin, died in the Senate, never became law.

Here we are a year later, almost less than a year later, voting on a tax cut 5½ times as large as the one this House voted on less than a year ago.

Now you cannot tell me that the budget forecasts and the surplus estimates have changed that much in 1 year. Common sense would tell us that what we are talking about in this tax cut is fiscally irresponsible, and I want to thank the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. TANNER) for bringing this issue before the floor tonight and for his leadership as a member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues very much, and I want to thank you all for coming, and I want to thank the folks here for staying around and listening to us, and I think maybe we might ought to do this again sometime with some more charts, not to glaze people's eyes over, but just to tell them we believe that we ought to pay our debts first and then have a responsible tax cut as well as bolster our military, our health care system, our education system through what we said we would do for our veterans and for our agricultural sector that is in real trouble.

Mr. Speaker, with that I want to thank my colleagues.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. THURMAN of Florida (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of family illness.

Mr. TOOMEY of Pennsylvania (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of family illness.

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of medical reasons.

Mrs. FOWLER of Florida (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of medical reasons.

Mr. TAUZIN of Louisiana (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of personal reasons.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. UNDERWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LAMPSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. CALVERT) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. MORAN of Kansas, for 5 minutes, July 20.

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. ROHRABACHER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BEREUTER, for 5 minutes, today.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 2035. An act to correct errors in the authorizations of certain programs administered by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to. Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, July 20, 1999, at 9 a.m., for morning hour debates.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports and amended reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for official foreign travel during the first quarter of 1999 by Committees of the House of Representatives, as well as a consolidated report of foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for speaker-authorized official travel during the second quarter of 1999, pursuant to Public Law 95–384, and for miscellaneous groups in connection with official foreign travel during the calendar year 1999 are as follows:

AMENDED REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN JAN. 1, AND MAR. 31, 1999

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. Bill Archer	1/9	1/13	Chile						4,516.55		4,516.55
	1/13	1/16	Brazil						3,749.00		3,749.00
Committee total									8,265.55		8,265.55

[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.

BILL ARCHER, Chairman, June 21, 1999.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO WARSAW, POLAND, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN MAY 27, AND JUNE 1, 1999

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. Doug Bereuter	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Hon. Tom Bliley	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Hon. Herb Bateman	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Hon. Sherwood Boehlert	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Hon. Ralph Regula	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Hon. Marge Roukema	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Hon. Porter Goss	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Hon. Floyd Spence	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Hon. Joel Hefley	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Hon. Vernon Ehlers	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Hon. Scott McInnis	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Hon. Roy Blunt	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Hon. Robert Borski	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Hon. Owen Pickett	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Hon. John Tanner	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Hon. Nick Lampson	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Susan Olson	5/27	6/1	Poland		1,440.00						1,440.00
Jo Weber	5/27	6/1	Poland		1,440.00						1,440.00
John Herzberg	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Jason Gross	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,235.00						1,235.00
Evan Field	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Robin Evans	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Linda Pedigo	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
David Goldston	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Ron Lasch	5/28	6/1	Poland		1,385.00						1,385.00
Committee total					34,585.00						34,585.00

[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.

DOUG BEREUTER, Chairman, June 29, 1999.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN MAY 27, AND JUNE 2, 1999

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. Amory Houghton, Jr	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland				(3)	NA			
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom				(3)	NA			
Hon. Ben Cardin	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.17	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Hon. Michael McNulty	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.17	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Hon. Collin Peterson	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.17	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Hon. Jim Greenwood	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.17	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Hon. Alcee Hastings	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.17	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Hon. Eddie B. Johnson	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.17	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Hon. Julia Carson	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.17	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Hon. Jan Schakowsky	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.17	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Rev. Dr. James Ford	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.17	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Mr. Robert Van Wicklin	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.17	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Ms. Karen Donfried	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.00	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Mr. Chris Scheve	5/28	5/30	United Kingdom	50.62	81.00		(3)	NA		50.62	81.00
	5/30	5/31	Ireland	IP172.17	229.00		(3)	NA		IP172.17	229.00
	5/31	6/2	United Kingdom	456.25	730.00		(3)	NA		456.25	730.00
Committee total					12,561.00						12,561.00

[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.
[3] Military air transportation.

AMORY HOUGHTON, Chairman, June 17, 1999.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN APR. 1, AND JUNE 30, 1999

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]
Mr. Chadwick R. Gore		5/25	United States				5,297.32				5,297.32
	5/26	6/1	Armenia		972.00						972.00
Mr. Robert Hand		4/25	United States				1,891.02				1,891.02
	4/26	4/30	Poland		940.00						940.00
Ms. Janice Helwig		4/21	United States				3,717.68				3,717.68
	4/22	6/30	Austria		12,607.73						12,607.73
		5/5	Austria				4,597.00				4,597.00
	5/5	5/8	Kyrgyzstan		408.00						408.00
	5/8	5/12	Kazakstan		1,044.00						1,044.00
	5/12	5/17	Uzbekistan		1,354.25						1,354.25
	5/17	5/18	Turkmenistan		191.00						191.00
Ms. Marlene Kaufmann		4/21	United States				4,488.01				4,488.01
	4/22	4/24	Denmark		618.25						618.25
		5/24	United States				5,709.85				5,709.85
	5/25	5/28	Czech Republic		700.00						700.00
Mr. Michael Koby		3/1	United States				4,807.79				4,807.79
	3/2	3/6	Germany		850.00						850.00
Ms. Karen Lord		3/19	United States				2,955.72				2,955.72
	3/20	3/25	Austria		895.00						895.00
	3/25	3/28	Belgium		928.00						928.00
	3/29	3/31	Germany		408.00						408.00
	3/31	4/7	France		1,278.00						1,278.00
Mr. Michael Ochs		4/25	United States				4,746.69				4,746.69
	4/26	5/2	Poland		1,190.00						1,190.00
		5/25	United States				4,180.36				4,180.36
			Armenia		924.00						924.00
			Georgia		2,004.00						2,004.00
			Azerbaijan		1,268.00						1,268.00
			Turkey		211.00						211.00
Ms. Erika Schlager		6/8	United States				4,447.13				4,447.13
	6/9	6/13	Romania		412.50						412.50
	6/13	6/18	Austria		865.00						865.00
Ms Dorothy Douglas Taft		4/27	United States				1,157.69				1,157.69
	4/28	5/5	Romania		562.50						562.50
Ms Maureen Walsh		4/26	United States				3,577.02				3,577.02
	4/27	5/5	Romania		322.84						322.84
		6/12	United States				4,309.13				4,309.13
	6/13	6/18	Austria		764.51						764.51
Committee total					31,718.58		55,882.41				87,600.99

[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.

CHRIS SMITH, Chairman, June 30, 1999.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

3092. A letter from the Manager, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Onion Crop Insurance Provisions—received June 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

3093. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District [CA079–149; FRL–6363–2] received June 15, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3094. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Technical Amendments to Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: Oregon, Correction of Effective Date under CRA [FRL–6363–6] received June 15, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3095. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Final Determination to Extend Deadline for Promulgation of Action on Section 126 Petitions [FRL–6363–5] received June 15, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3096. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Electronic Service of Documents—received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3097. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Revisions of Existing Regulations Governing the Filing of Applications for the Construction and Operation of Facilities to Provide Service or to Abandon Facilities or Service under Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act—Docket No. RM98–9–000—received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3098. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Open Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS), Final Rule on OASIS Issues (RM98–3–000, Order No. 605) received June 8, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

3099. A letter from the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, transmitting the Administration's report entitled ''Annual Report to Congress—Progress on Superfund Implementation in Fiscal Year 1998,'' pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 9651; to the Committee on Commerce.

3100. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Israel for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 99–24), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

3101. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of major defense equipment sold commercially under a contract to Egypt [Transmittal No. DTC 64–99], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

3102. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with Portugal [Transmittal No. DTC 16–99], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

3103. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for defense articles and defense services to Japan [Transmittal No. DTC 56–99], pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

3104. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting a supplemental report to ensure that the Congress is kept fully informed on continued U.S. contributions in support of peacekeeping efforts in the former Yugoslavia; (H. Doc. No. 106–100); to the Committee on International Relations and ordered to be printed.

3105. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report concerning efforts made by the United Nations and the Specialized Agencies to employ an adequate number of Americans during 1998; to the Committee on International Relations.

3106. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting the 38th Semiannual

Report of the Inspector General for the six-month period ending March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3107. A letter from the Administrator, General Services Administration, transmitting a semiannual report on Office of Inspector General auditing activity, together with a report providing management's perspective on the implementation status of audit recommendations, pursuant to Public Law 100–504, section 104(a) (102 Stat. 2525); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3108. A letter from the Chairman, National Endowment for the Arts, transmitting the Semiannual Report of the Inspector General and the Chairman's Semiannual Report on Final Action for the National Endowment for the Arts for the period of October 1, 1998 through March 31, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3109. A letter from the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Inspector General's Semiannual Report and the management response of the Securities and Exchange Commission, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. app. (Insp. Gen. Act) section 5(b); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3110. A letter from the Secretary of Commerce, transmitting a report on the activities and progress made in protecting and restoring the living resources and habitat of the Chesapeake Bay; to the Committee on Resources.

3111. A letter from the Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting a report by the Attorney General regarding the results of a survey of the States to determine the extent to which prisoners have access to interactive computer services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3112. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting the Department's final rule—Veterans Education: Increase in Educational Assistance Rates (RIN: 2900–AJ37) received June 14, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

3113. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Qualified Zone Academy BONDS; Obligation of States and Political Subdivisions [TD 8826] (RIN: 1545–AX23) received June 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3114. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule—Qualified Zone Academy BOND Credit Rate [Notice 99–35] received June 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3115. A letter from the Deputy Executive Secretary to the Department, Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule—Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Hospital Conditions of Participation: Patients' Rights [HCFA–3018–IFC] (RIN: 0938–AJ56) received June 30, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. GILMAN: Committee on International Relations. H.R. 850. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to affirm the rights of United States persons to use and sell encryption and to relax export controls on encryption; with an amendment (Rept. 106–117 Pt. 3). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. COMBEST: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 1402. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to implement the Class I milk price structure known as Option 1–A as part of the implementation of the final rule to consolidate Federal milk marketing orders; with an amendment (Rept. 106–239). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 253. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1995) to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to empower teachers, improve student achievement through high-quality professional development for teachers, reauthorize the Reading Excellent Act, and for other purposes (Rept. 106–240). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. GILMAN (for himself, Mrs. KELLY, and Mr. FILNER):

H.R. 2548. A bill to suspend further implementation of the Department of Defense anthrax vaccination program until the vaccine is determined to be safe and effective and to provide for a study by the National Institutes of Health of that vaccine; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GREENWOOD:

H.R. 2549. A bill to provide that the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania be held at Doylestown, Pennsylvania, in addition to those other places currently provided by law; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DELAY:

H.R. 2550. A bill to compensate owners of private property for the effect of certain regulatory restrictions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOEKSTRA (for himself, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. COLLINS, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. COBLE, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. CLAY, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. FROST, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. STUMP, Mr. BARCIA, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. DOYLE, Mr. SOUDER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. WEYGAND, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. BERRY, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. FILNER, Mr. UPTON, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. CAMP, Mr. KLINK, Mr. EWING, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. NEY, Mr. ROYCE, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. COBURN, Mr. LINDER, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. HOSTETTLER, Mr. TERRY, and Mr. DUNCAN):

H.R. 2551. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require Federal Prision Industries to compete of its Federal contracts to minimize unfair competition with private firms (depriving law-abiding workers of job opportunities), to save taxpayer dollars by empowering Federal contracting officers to be able to acquire commercial products that better meet agencies' needs, more quickly and at less cost without having to obtain permission from Federal Prison Industries, to further empower contracting officers to compel Federal Prison Industries to fully perform its contract obligations to the same extent as all other contractors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. NADLER (for himself, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. FROST, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. MEEHAN, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. WEINER):

H.R. 2552. A bill to promote the health and safety of children by requiring the posting of Consumer Product Safety Commission child care center safety standards in child care centers and by requiring that the Secretary of Health and Human Services report to Congress with recommendations to promote compliance with such standards; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. POMEROY (for himself, Mr. FROST, Mr. PAUL, Ms. LEE, and Mrs. CHRISTENSEN):

H.R. 2553. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow certain individuals a credit against income tax for elective deferrals and IRA contributions; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 2554. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the amount of the deduction allowed for meals and entertainment expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. STEARNS (for himself, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CANADY of Florida, Mr. COOK, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA, Mr. FARR of California, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, Mr. MCCOLLUM, Mr. OXLEY, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mrs. THURMAN, and Mr. UPTON):

H.R. 2555. A bill to establish limitations with respect to the disclosure and use of genetic information in connection with group health plans and health insurance coverage, to provide for consistent standards applicable in connection with hospital care and medical services provided under title 38 of the United States Code, to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of genetic information and genetic testing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Education and the Workforce, Veterans' Affairs, and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. WOLF:

H.R. 2556. A bill to require the Secretary of Transportation through the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program to make a grant to a nonprofit private entity for the purpose of developing a design for a proposed pilot program relating to the use of telecommuting as a means of reducing emissions of air polluntants that are precursors to ground level ozone; to the Committee on Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker,

in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mrs. MEEK of Florida:

H.R. 2557. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a feasibility study on the inclusion in Biscayne National Park, Florida, of the archaeological site know as the Miami Circle; to the Committee on Resources.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Mr. HOSTETTLER, and Mr. PORTER):

H. Res. 254. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives condemning recent hate crimes in Illinois and Indiana; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CALVERT:

H. Res. 255. A resolution designating majority membership to certain standing committees of the House; considered and agreed to.

MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

159. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Montana, relative to House Joint Resolution No. 8 memorializing Congress to oppose the designation of any river in Montana as an American Heritage River under the Federal American Heritage Rivers Initiative; to the Committee on Resources.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS TO PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions as follows:

H.R. 21: Mr. ETHERIDGE and Mr. DOYLE.

H.R. 82: Mr. KING, Mr. MCINTYRE, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, and Mr. SHAW.

H.R. 170: Mr. MEEHAN.

H.R. 202: Mr. TOWNS and Mr. BEREUTER.

H.R. 274: Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. MANZULLO.

H.R. 275: Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 316: Mr. OLVER.

H.R. 363: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota and Mr. MASCARA.

H.R. 488: Mr. CLAY.

H.R. 583: Mr. CONYERS.

H.R. 637: Mr. MCINTYRE.

H.R. 710: Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. MOORE, Mr. COBLE, Mr. BAIRD, and Mr. SKELTON.

H.R. 731: Mr. WYNN and Mr. GUTIERREZ.

H.R. 750: Mr. SMITH of Washington and Mr. DAVIS of Virginia.

H.R. 869: Mrs. ROUKEMA.

H.R. 904: Ms. STABENOW and Mr. SESSIONS.

H.R. 915: Mr. TIERNEY.

H.R. 976: Mr. BLAGOJEVICH.

H.R. 1046: Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 1063: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, and Mr. MOORE.

H.R. 1070: Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. SHADEGG.

H.R. 1071: Mr. RUSH.

H.R. 1083: Mr. HILL of Montana and Mr. HILLARD.

H.R. 1180: Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. LOFGREN and Mr. DAVIS of Florida.

H.R. 1271: Mr. BONIOR, Mr. WYNN, Mr. CLYBURN, Ms. ESHOO, Mr. FILNER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Ms. CARSON, Mr. MARTINEZ, and Mr. EVANS.

H.R. 1324: Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. RAHALL, Ms. CARSON, and Mr. FATTAH.

H.R. 1325: Mr. HINCHEY and FORD.

H.R. 1329: Mr. HYDE, Mr. SALMON, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. GRAHAM.

H.R. 1336: Mr. SMITH of Washington.

H.R. 1355: Mrs. CHRISTENSEN.

H.R. 1356: Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. MCNULTY, Mr. TANCREDO, and Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin.

H.R. 1413: Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.

H.R. 1433: Ms. WATERS and Mr. GORDON.

H.R. 1494: Mr. GILCHREST.

H.R. 1515: Mr. CONYERS, Ms. SLAUGHTER, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. FORD, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. FROST, Ms. HOOLEY OF OREGON, Mr. WEINER, and Mr. MEEHAN.

H.R. 1556: Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

H.R. 1592: Mr. BLUNT, Mr. SOUDER, and Mr. HASTINGS of Washington.

H.R. 1622: Mr. BAIRD, Mr. DELAHUNT, and Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 1657: Ms. RIVERS.

H.R. 1747: Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SPENCE, and Mr. DAVIS of Virginia.

H.R. 1749: Mr. BURR of North Carolina.

H.R. 1776: Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 1779: Mr. KILDEE, Mr. CASTLE, and Mr. MCKEON.

H.R. 1850: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY and Mr. GEKAS.

H.R. 1863: Mr. WU.

H.R. 1883: Ms. DELAURO, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. DICKS, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. BURR of North Carolina, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. GARY MILLER of California, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. LAZIO, Mr. BAKER, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. BATEMAN, Mr. MASCARA, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. LINDER, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. KNOLLENBERG, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TERRY, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. COOK, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. WAXMAN, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. VITTER, Ms. LEE, Mrs. KELLY, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. PRYCE of Ohio, Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. FLETCHER, Mr. BRYANT, Mr. LARGENT, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. WOLF, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island, Mr. KIND, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin, Mr. WAMP, Mr. REYNOLDS, Ms. PELOSI, and Mr. DEMINT.

H.R. 1885: Mr. BEREUTER and Mr. VENTO.

H.R. 1907: Mr. PORTMAN and Mr. DAVIS of Florida.

H.R. 1932: Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. STRICKLAND, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Ms. DUNN.

H.R. 1937: Mr. CALVERT and Mr. UNDERWOOD.

H.R. 1964: Mr. GREEN of Texas and Mr. SHAYS.

H.R. 1990: Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 1999: Mr. RANGEL.

H.R. 2028: Mrs. CUBIN.

H.R. 2172: Mr. PORTER and Ms. BERKLEY.

H.R. 2243: Mr. RAHALL and Mr. BEREUTER.

H.R. 2265: Mr. KILDEE and Mr. WALSH.

H.R. 2267: Mr. HINCHEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. BOEHLERT, and Mr. COOK.

H.R. 2395: Mr. NETHERCUTT, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. HILL of Montana, Mr. GANSKE, and Mr. PICKERING.

H.R. 2409: Mr. FROST.

H.R. 2414: Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 2427: Mr. CONDIT, Mr. LEWIS of California, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, and Mr. ROHRABACHER.

H.R. 2436: Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin, and Mr. COBURN.

H.R. 2441: Mr. HILL of Montana, Mr. BUYER, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. GEKAS, and Mr. CALVERT.

H.R. 2444: Mr. CUMMINGS.

H.R. 2446: Mr. CLAY, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. DELAHUNT, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

H.R. 2539: Ms. WATERS, Mr. MATSUI, and Mr. FILNER.

H.J. Res. 46: Mr. FORBES, Mr. GILMAN, and Mr. HOUGHTON.

H.J. Res. 48: Mr. BISHOP, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. EWING, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. ROEMER, Mr. WAMP, and Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN.

H. Con. Res. 80: Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. COYNE, Mr. GILCHREST, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. HOLT, and Mr. ADERHOLT.

H. Con. Res. 100: Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. WAMP, and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota.

H. Con. Res. 124: Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mrs. LOWEY, and Mr. WAMP.

H. Con. Res. 129: Mr. HILLIARD.

H. Con. Res. 147: Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. LANTOS, Mrs. LOWEY, Ms. CARSON, Mr. ROHRABACHER, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. BONIOR, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. MCKINNEY, Mr. PORTER, and Mr. DIXON.

H. Con. Res. 154: Ms. ESHOO, Mr. HINCHEY, and Mr. DIXON.

AMENDMENTS

Under clause 8 of rule XVIII, proposed amendments were submitted as follows:

H.R. 1995

OFFERED BY: MR. FATTAH

AMENDMENT NO. 2: Page 41, line 25, strike the closing quotation marks and the final period and insert the following:

"SEC. 2404. EDUCATIONAL EQUITY.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, no State shall receive funds under this title unless the State certifies annually to the Secretary that—

''(1) the per pupil expenditures in the local educational agencies of the State are substantially equal, taking into consideration the variation in cost of serving pupils with special needs and the local variation in cost of providing education services; or

''(2) the achievement levels of students on reading and mathematics assessments, graduation rates, and rates of college-bound students in the local educational agencies with the lowest per pupil expenditures are substantially equal to those of the local educational agencies with the highest per pupil expenditures.

''(b) GUIDELINES.—The Secretary, in consultation with the National Academy of Sciences, shall develop and publish guidelines to define the terms 'substantially equal' and 'per pupil expenditures'.''.

H.R. 1995

OFFERED BY: MR. FATTAH

AMENDMENT NO. 3: Page 41, line 25, strike the closing quotation marks and the final period and insert the following:

"SEC. 2404. EDUCATIONAL EQUITY.

''(a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, no State shall receive funds under this title unless it annually certifies to the Secretary that—

''(A) the per pupil expenditures in the local educational agencies of the State are substantially equal; or

''(B) the achievement levels of students on reading and mathematics assessments, graduation rates, and rates of college-bound students in the local educational agencies with the lowest per pupil expenditures are substantially equal to those of the local educational agencies with the highest per pupil expenditures.

''(b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the State shall determine if the expenditures of the local educational agencies of the State are 'substantially equal' by using the same computation method set forth in section 8009(b)(2).

H.R. 1995

OFFERED BY: MR. ROEMER

AMENDMENT NO. 4: Page 36, after line 15, insert the following:

''SEC. 2043. TRANSITION TO TEACHING.

''(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to address the need of high-need local educational agencies for highly qualified teachers in particular subject areas, such as mathematics, science, foreign languages, bilingual education, and special education, needed by those agencies, following the model of the successful teachers placement program known as the 'Troops-to-Teachers program', by recruiting, preparing, placing, and supporting career-changing professionals who have knowledge and experience that will help them become such teachers.

''(b) PROGRAM AUTHORIZED.—

''(1) AUTHORITY.—The Secretary is authorized to use funds appropriated under paragraph (2) for each fiscal year to award grants, contracts, or cooperative agreements to institutions of higher education and public and private nonprofit agencies or organizations to carry out programs authorized by this section.

''(2) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated $9,000,000 for fiscal year 2000 and such sums as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2004.

''(c) APPLICATION.—Each applicant that desires an award under subsection (b)(1) shall submit an application to the Secretary containing such information as the Secretary requires, including—

''(1) a description of the target group of career-changing professionals upon which the applicant will focus its recruitment efforts in carrying out its program under this section, including a description of the characteristics of that target group that shows how the knowledge and experience of its members are relevant to meeting the purpose of this section;

''(2) a description of the training that program participants will receive and how that training will relate to their certification as teachers;

''(3) a description of how the applicant will collaborate, as needed, with other institutions, agencies, or organizations to recruit, train, place, support, and provide teacher induction programs to program participants under this section, including evidence of the commitment of those institutions, agencies, or organizations to the applicant's program;

''(4) a description of how the applicant will evaluate the progress and effectiveness of its program, including—

''(A) the program's goals and objectives;

''(B) the performance indicators the applicant will use to measure the program's progress; and

''(C) the outcome measures that will be used to determine the program's effectiveness; and

''(5) such other information and assurances as the Secretary may require.

''(d) USES OF FUNDS AND PERIOD OF SERVICE.—

''(1) AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES.—Funds under this section may be used for—

''(A) recruiting program participants, including informing them of opportunities under the program and putting them in contact with other institutions, agencies, or organizations that would train, place, and support them;

''(B) training stipends and other financial incentives for program participants, not to exceed $5,000 per participant;

''(C) assisting institutions of higher education or other providers of teacher training to tailor their training to meet the particular needs of professionals who are changing their careers to teaching;

''(D) placement activities, including identifying high-need local educational agencies with a need for the particular skills and characteristics of the newly trained program participants and assisting those participants to obtain employment in those local educational agencies; and

''(E) post-placement induction or support activities for program participants.

''(2) PERIOD OF SERVICE.—A program participant in a program under this section who completes his or her training shall serve in a high-need local educational agency for at least 3 years.

''(3) REPAYMENT.—The Secretary shall establish such requirements as the Secretary determines appropriate to ensure that program participants who receive a training stipend or other financial incentive under paragraph (1)(B), but fail to complete their service obligation under paragraph (2), repay all or a portion of such stipend or other incentive.

''(e) EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION.—To the extent practicable, the Secretary shall make awards under this section that support programs in different geographic regions of the Nation.

''(f) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section:

''(1) The term 'high-need local educational agency' has the meaning given such term in section 2061.

''(2) The term 'program participants' means career-changing professionals who—

''(A) hold at least a baccalaureate degree;

''(B) demonstrate interest in, and commitment to, becoming a teacher; and

''(C) have knowledge and experience that are relevant to teaching a high-need subject area in a high-need local educational agency.''.

Page 36, line 19, strike ''part,'' and insert ''part (other than section 2043),''.

Page 36, line 21, strike ''4.'' and insert ''4 (other than section 2043).''.

Page 36, line 23, strike ''part,'' and insert ''part (other than section 2043),''.