

Chinese will improve respect for human rights, cooperate in arms control, and drop barriers to trade, given a choice between losing MFN and addressing these concerns.

Let me state at the outset that my Administration shares the goals and objectives of H.R. 2212. Upholding the sanctity of human rights, controlling the spread of weapons of mass destruction, and free and fair trade are issues of vital concern. My objection lies strictly with the methods proposed to achieve these aims.

There is no doubt in my mind that if we present China's leaders with an ultimatum on MFN, the result will be weakened ties to the West and further repression. The end result will not be progress on human rights, arms control, or trade. Anyone familiar with recent Chinese history can attest that the most brutal and protracted periods of repression took place precisely when China turned inward, against the world.

Recent agreements by the Chinese to protect U.S. intellectual property rights, to abide by the Missile Technology Control Regime Guidelines, to accede to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty by April, and to discuss our human rights concerns—after years of stonewalling—are the clear achievements of my Administration's policy of comprehensive engagement.

We have the policy tools at hand to deal with our concerns effectively and with realistic chances for success. The Administration's comprehensive policy of engagement on several separate fronts invites China's leadership to act responsibly without leaving any doubts about the consequences of Chinese misdeeds. Our approach is one of targeting specific areas of concern with the appropriate policy instruments to produce the required results. H.R. 2212 would severely handicap U.S. business in China, penalizing American workers and eliminating jobs in this country. Conditional MFN status would severely damage the Western-oriented, modernizing elements in China, weaken Hong Kong, and strengthen opposition to democracy and economic reform.

We are making a difference in China by remaining engaged. Because the Congress has attached conditions to China's MFN renewal that will jeopardize this policy, I am returning H.R. 2212 to the House of Representatives without my approval. Such action is needed to protect the economic and foreign policy interests of the United States.

GEORGE BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 2, 1992.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. MAZZOLI, by unanimous consent, ordered that the veto message together with the accompanying bill, be printed (H. Doc. 102-197) and spread upon the pages of the Journal of the House.

On motion of Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI, by unanimous consent, further consideration of the veto message was postponed until Wednesday, March 11, 1992.

#### ¶21.23 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. McCathran, one of his secretaries.

#### ¶21.24 PROVIDING FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF H. CON. RES. 287

Mr. DERRICK, by direction of the Committee on Rules, reported (Rept. No. 102-451) the resolution (H. Res. 386) providing for the consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 287) setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal years 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997.

When said resolution and report were referred to the House Calendar and ordered printed.

#### ¶21.25 MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT—FISH IMPORTS PROHIBITION

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. BACCHUS, laid before the House a message from the President, which was read as follows:

##### *To the Congress of the United States:*

Pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b) of the Pelly Amendment to the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, as amended (22 U.S.C. 1978(b)), I am reporting to you that the Secretary of Commerce reported to me that shipments of yellowfin tuna or products derived from yellowfin tuna harvested by Venezuela in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean (ETP) have been prohibited from the countries of Costa Rica, France, and Italy since June 25, 1991.

The Secretary's letter to me is deemed to be a certification for the purposes of subsection (a) of the Pelly Amendment. Subsection (a) requires that I consider and, at my discretion, order the prohibition of imports into the United States of fish and fish products from Costa Rica, France, and Italy to the extent that such prohibition is consistent with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Subsection (b) requires me to report to the Congress within 60 days following certification on the actions taken pursuant to the certification; if all fish imports have not been prohibited, the report must state the reasons for so doing.

After thorough review, I have determined that sanctions against Costa Rica, France, and Italy will not be imposed at this time while we continue to work toward an international dolphin conservation program in the ETP. Costa Rica, France, and Italy will continue to be certified. I will make further reports to you as developments warrant.

GEORGE BUSH.

THE WHITE HOUSE, *March 3, 1992.*

By unanimous consent, the message was referred to the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 102-198).

#### ¶21.26 SENATE BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS REFERRED

A bill and joint resolutions of the Senate of the following titles were

taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 479. An Act to encourage innovation and productivity, stimulate trade, and promote the competitiveness and technological leadership of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S.J. Res. 139. Joint resolution to designate October 1992 as "National Lock-in-Safety Month"; to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

S.J. Res. 214. Joint resolution to designate May 16, 1992, through May 22, 1992 as "National Awareness Week for Life-Saving Techniques"; to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

S.J. Res. 218. Joint resolution designating the calendar year, 1993, as the "Year of American Craft: A Celebration of the Creative Work of the Hand"; to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

S.J. Res. 233. Joint resolution to designate the week beginning April 12, 1992, as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week"; to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

S.J. Res. 240. Joint resolution designating March 25, 1992 as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy"; to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

S.J. Res. 244. Joint resolution to recognize and honor the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State laws on its centennial for its contribution to a strong Federal system of government; to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

S.J. Res. 246. Joint resolution to designate April 15, 1992 as "National Recycling Day"; to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

S.J. Res. 254. Joint resolution commending the New York Stock Exchange on the occasion of its bicentennial; to the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service.

And then,

#### ¶21.27 ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. CAMP, at 6 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m., the House adjourned.

#### ¶21.28 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. DERRICK: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 386. A resolution providing for the consideration of House Concurrent Resolution 287, a concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the U.S. Government for the fiscal years 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, and 1997 (Rept. No. 102-451). Referred to the House Calendar.

#### ¶21.29 PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Ms. HORN:

H.R. 4359. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code with respect to executory contracts and unexpired leases involving airport terminals, aircraft gates, and related facilities, and to permit governmental units to serve on committees of creditors and equity security holders with respect to certain claims; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ENGLISH (for himself and Mr. DE LA GARZA):

H.R. 4360. A bill to amend the Soil Conservation and Domestic Allotment Act to re-