

31, through U.S. mediation, both sides agreed to withdraw.

I am certainly thankful and I think the world is thankful that this incident did not lead to an armed confrontation. But I am disappointed that at no time during the United States mediation did the President, Secretary of State Christopher, Defense Secretary Perry or then Assistant Secretary of State Holbrook, who has generally done a wonderful job on this issue, at no time did they recognize the sovereignty of Greece over the islet.

Is it my sincere hope this latest incident will not deter the administrations efforts to resolve the Cyprus problem, but rather strengthen the administration's commitment to finding a solution this year of 1996.

As you may know, and I do not suppose many people do, my parents were born on the island of Kalymnos, which I guess the rocks Simi are a part of that particular island chain, and only just a few miles away from the island of Kalymnos. The island has always been considered Greek territory. At no previous time has Turkey questioned Imia's territorial ownership. Indeed, Greek Foreign Minister Theodore Pangalos stated, "This is the first time that Turkey has actually laid claim to Greek territory."

The European parliament overwhelmingly approved a resolution which states, "The Islet of Imia belongs to the Dodecanese group of islands, on the basis of the Lausanne Treaty of 1923, the protocol between Italy and Turkey of 1932, the Paris Treaty of 1947, and whereas even on Turkish maps from the 1960's the islets are shown as Greek territory."

Moreover, the Governments of Italy and France have publicly stated their support of Greek sovereignty over Imia, as provided by international law.

So Madam Speaker, given Turkey's breaches of international law, its continued illegal, and I underline that, illegal occupation of Northern Cyprus, its restrictions on religious freedom from the Eastern Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarchate, which represents over 250 million Orthodox Christians worldwide, its refusal to recognize the human rights of its 15 million Kurdish citizens, and its illegal blockade of Armenia, I have serious concerns about this most recent example of Turkish provocation.

Although Turkey is an ally, Madam Speaker, its actions must not go unquestioned. In fact, European Commission President Jacques Santer stated in reference to Turkey, "We cannot tolerate a state with which we have just entered into a customs union developing territorial demands on a European union member state."

Turkey must respect and abide by international law. As President Eisenhower once stated, "There can be no peace without law. And there can be no law if were to invoke one code of international conduct for those who oppose us, and another for our friends."

Madam Speaker, I would say in closing, enough is enough.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON H.R. 2202, IMMIGRATION AND THE NATIONAL INTEREST ACT OF 1995

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Agriculture be permitted to file a supplemental report on the bill (H.R. 2202) to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States, and for other purposes to include a cost estimate as required under clause 2(l)(3) of rule XI.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Nebraska [Mr. CHRISTENSEN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. CHRISTENSEN 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 Georgia [Mr. LEWIS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. LEWIS of Georgia 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 Utah [Mr. HANSEN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. HANSEN 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 Alabama [Mr. BROWDER] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BROWDER 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 gen-

tleman from California [Mr. RIGGS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. RIGGS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

THE NEW CONTINUING RESOLUTION IS BAD FOR AMERICAN INDIANS, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, AND SELF-GOVERNANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from American Samoa [Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, I want to make sure that the American public is aware of two very dangerous provisions in H.R. 3019, a continuing resolution which would fund, among other things, Interior spending for the remainder of the fiscal year. Though these two majority sponsored provisions primarily affect American Indians, I believe they have far reaching implications for the rest of the country as well. Why should we care? Because as the great jurist Felix Cohen observed,

The Indian plays much the same role in our American society, that the Jews played in Germany. Like the miner's canary, the Indian marks the shift from fresh air to poison gas in our political atmosphere; and our treatment of Indians, even more than our treatment of other minorities, reflects the rise and fall in our democratic faith.

This country was founded on two great principles—the inalienable right of a people to govern themselves and the solemn right of a people to freely practice their religion. Yet there are two provisions in this spending bill that are an affront to those principles and the rights of our people. I am afraid to think what our Founding Fathers would think of these measures. Had this bill been brought up under an open rule, I would have offered an amendment to strike both of them.

The first provision that deeply concerns me is the Mt. Graham rider contained in section 335 of the general provisions of the Interior portion of the bill which would waive applicable law, reverse three court decisions and permit immediate construction of an observatory on Mt. Graham in Arizona. This is a measure of the worse sort that should be stricken as soon as possible.

First, this rider approves the destruction and mechanized desecration of the single-most sacred site of the San Carlos Apache Tribe. Can you imagine waiving the law to approve the clearing of part of the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem or the Vatican in Rome? Well that is what this provision does, not to mention the fact the telescope's owners plan to charge rent to other users even though it lies on public land. This rider ignores the rights of those who prayed and worshiped on the mountain for centuries and is an assault on religion.

Second, this rider is wrong because it waives the very laws and procedures