

circle publicly stated that the President's reelection campaign helped direct the spending of these funds.

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When asked if it was illegal for the Clinton campaign to use soft money, Mr. Panetta replied it was not because the money was spent as a part of overall Democratic strategy in confronting the Republican Congress.

The key witnesses in the Democratic fundraising probe, Webster Hubbell, John Huang, and former White House aide Mark Middleton have reportedly invoked their fifth amendment rights and refused to turn over subpoenaed papers to the White House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, although in recent developments in the news, Mr. Hubbell has been forthcoming.

The Democratic National Committee has said it will return \$3 million in illegal, improper or suspicious donations including \$1.6 million raised by Mr. Huang, \$645,000 raised by Charlie Trie and \$366,000 raised by Johnny Chung.

What I would say, Mr. Speaker, is we need to take a look. Is there a conflict of interest between payments to the DNC, to the White House, and to the takeover of a Communist-controlled COSCO in Long Beach Naval Shipyard, a company again that shipped in AK-47's, a company that is owned by Communist China. Another company that actually made the arms, owned by Communist China. Another company that directs the sales of those and delivery of those arms owned by Communist China. All three corporations, their CEO is Communist China. And what future developments could we have by Communist China completely controlling and having access to Long Beach Naval Shipyard?

Again if they want to have a right to port there like they have over the 15 years, we have no problem with that. Our problem is it gives them complete control of the 145 acres and access, and where things go.

Mr. Speaker, we are opposed to the takeover of Long Beach Shipyard by a Communist Chinese power. Recently Communist China has increased its military spending by over 30 percent in one year. They recently purchased 250 SU-27's which outclass, nonparity, our F-15 Strike Eagles and our F-14-D's. Their AA-10, AA-11 and 12 missiles that they bought from Russia outclass our AMRAAM to where we do not have parity, even with those fighters.

Russia has currently a follow-on to that, the SU-35. Communist China and COSCO have illegally shipped nuclear weapons to all of our former enemies, including Iraq, Iran, and Syria. They have been cited for shipping chemical and biological weapons to Iran, Iraq, and Syria. That, with the threat to the United States that if we got involved with one of their holdings, Taiwan, that they would threaten us with nuclear retaliation on the city of Los Angeles, is that a country that we want to

have control and access to our port? I say no, Mr. Speaker.

I believe in China, and I believe in trade, that it is hard to change a 10,000-year-old dog, and I think we need to get involved in investment with China. But currently we have one of the largest deficits, trading deficits with any other Nation with China. When we talk about trade, we need to talk about fair trade. We do not want access of Chinese-controlled government, we do not want them to slap us in the face with the threat of Taiwan. I think under Republican and Democratic administrations, Mr. Speaker, that our weak link is our State Department. I think our new successor in that department is probably the absolute best person we could have. She is tough, she is tough on negotiations, and I think she will stand up for our workers' rights over trade with China. But it has not happened in the past. And Madeleine Albright, I think if anybody can do it in the administration, she can, and I support that, because she is tough and that is what we need for a change in our trade negotiations. I supported NAFTA and I supported GATT, but yet our administration now and under Republican administrations in many of my colleagues' opinion has not stood up for our workers. Yes, we do need to trade with China. We do need to trade with other countries. But not when they keep slapping us in the face, and currently and in the future pose a national security threat to this country.

Mr. Speaker, all these facts are documented in newspaper articles.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. SCHIFF (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today and the balance of the week, on account of medical reasons.

Mr. COSTELLO (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of his mother's illness.

Mr. MANTON (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of official business in the district.

Ms. DANNER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), until 5 p.m. today, on account of an illness.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders hereto entered, was granted to:

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. MCKINNEY, for 5 minutes today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DUNCAN) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCINTOSH, for 5 minutes each day, on today and April 16.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, on April 16.

Mr. COBLE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. UPTON, for 5 minutes, on April 17.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, on April 17.

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes each day, on today and April 16.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. ROEMER.

Mr. PASCARELL.

Mr. KUCINICH.

Mr. OBEY.

Mr. POMEROY.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Mr. VISCLIOSKY.

Mr. SCHUMER.

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts.

Mr. TOWNS.

Mr. MCGOVERN.

Mr. SABO.

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut.

Ms. NORTON.

Ms. KILPATRICK.

Mr. MENENDEZ.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DUNCAN) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. SOLOMON.

Mr. CAMP.

Mr. GALLEGLY.

Mr. GOODLING.

Mr. DOOLITTLE.

Mr. MCINTOSH.

Mr. ARCHER.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART.

Mr. GEKAS.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

Mr. SPENCE in two instances.

Mr. GILMAN in two instances.

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. CUNNINGHAM) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. DIXON.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, 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. 785. An act to designate the J. Phil Campbell, Senior, Natural Resource Conservation Center.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight reported that that committee did on the following date present to the President, for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

On April 15, 1997:

H.R. 785. An act to designate the J. Phil Campbell, Senior, Natural Resource Conservation Center.