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TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS JEOPARDIZE NATIONAL SECURITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. WELDON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to spend the last few moments before we break for the Memorial Day work period to discuss an issue that has been in the national news this week and that has occupied the minds of most of our colleagues in this body and the other body; and that is the issue of proliferation.

We have seen a lot of discussion in the national media about the most recent transfer of technology from American corporations, most specifically the Loral Corporation, the Hughes Corporation, to China that may, in fact, jeopardize our national security and pose threats to us.

The issue of proliferation, Mr. Speaker, is not a new one. In fact, a week and a half ago, on May 13, I did a 40-minute special order on this floor where I documented in the public record 37 specific cases over the past 6 years of proliferation by Russia and China to Iran, Iraq, to India and Pakistan.

At that time, I said to our colleagues, Mr. Speaker, that we must take more aggressive action in imposing sanctions and enforcing requirements provided in our arms control agreements.

This week, Mr. Speaker, we have seen some of the results of that lack of inaction in enforcing those arms control agreements. In fact, we have seen the escalation of the conflict and the rhetoric and saber rattling between India and Pakistan.

Much of that technology, Mr. Speaker, that both of those Nations now have came from both Russia and China. We should have and could have stopped that proliferation. Iran and Iraq are both now developing medium range missiles. Iran will have one within 12 to 18 months. Again that technology came from Russia.

Again, our action should have been able to stop it. The Congress is talking about proliferation. And the White House, through spokesman Mike McCurry, has basically said it is a knee-jerk reaction, that the Congress is now voting as we did yesterday on the defense authorization bill to limit the transfer of technology to China.

I would remind the White House, Mr. Speaker, that it was back in November

of last year that this Congress voted overwhelmingly with almost 400 votes to force the administration to impose sanctions on Russia because of transfers to Iran.

Mr. Speaker, this is a serious issue, but I want to leave our colleagues with two important points. First of all, let us make sure that when we impanel this special task force, the select committee, after we return from the break, that we do not politicize it.

The issue is national security. We must focus in a very deliberate way on what damage has been caused by the most recent transfer of technology by the Loral Corporation to China. We must not allow this special select committee to be politicized by either side of the aisle.

Secondarily, Mr. Speaker, we must remember that, while we must investigate whether or not the Chinese government deliberately try to acquire this technology and circumvent our laws, we must not rush to judgment, because trade with China is critical and important.

My concern is that we not overreact, overreacting then causing further isolation in our relationships with China.

Mr. Speaker, we saw a situation like this occur just a few short years ago when the President initially refused to grant a waiver for a visa for Taiwan President Li Teng-hui to come speak at his alma mater at Cornell. The day after that rejection by the administration, the Congress overwhelmingly voted in both bodies to overturn the President and allow President Li Teng-hui to come here, as I think he should have been able to do.

The problem is that we sent mixed signals to China. China read that as a deliberate slap in their face. That then partially led to the escalation of what could have been a very serious conflict as we sent our carrier battle groups up on the straits of Taiwan.

We do not need another confrontation with China. We must get to the bottom of what happened in the Loral technology transfer. We must have Members on both sides of the aisle who are serious sit down behind closed doors and assess whether or not our security has been jeopardized.

When we are done, if, in fact, it has been jeopardized, we must then determine why the administration took the actions they took. We must then take steps to deal with the results of what we have found. Until that happens, we must reserve our rhetoric; we must make sure that we base our decisions on fact.

I would encourage our colleagues to think carefully about this over the break because, when we return in June, this will be the major issue that will be the focus of this body and the Nation through the rest of this summer.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. GREEN (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today, on account of family business.

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

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

Mr. BURR of North Carolina (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 2 p.m., on account of illness in the family.

Mr. QUINN (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today, on account of family reasons.

Mr. RIGGS (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 9:15 a.m., on account of illness.

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 Member (at her own request) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas for 5 minutes today.

The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. HEFNER for 5 minutes today.

The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. HAYWORTH.

The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. BLUMENAUER.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. WHITFIELD, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WELDON of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. EDWARDS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CONYERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BERRY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

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

Mrs. KELLY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A concurrent resolution of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. Con. Res. 73. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the European Union is unfairly restricting the importation of United States agriculture products and the elimination of such restrictions should be a top priority in trade negotiations with the European Union;

To the Committee on Ways and Means.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 98, 105th Congress, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of Senate Concurrent Resolution 98 of the 105th Congress, the House stands adjourned until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 1998.

Thereupon (at 6 o'clock and 27 minutes p.m.), pursuant to Senate Concurrent Resolution 106, the House adjourned until Wednesday, June 3, 1998, at 2 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

9270. A letter from the President and Chairman, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a report involving U.S. exports to the Republic of China, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3)(i); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

9271. 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; Phoenix, Arizona Ozone Nonattainment Area, 15 Percent Rate of Progress Plan and 1990 Base Year Emission Inventory [AZ-005-ROP FRL-6101-9] received May 20, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9272. 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; State of Florida [F1-071-9810a; FRL-6015-4] received May 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9273. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Delegation of National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories; State of Nevada; Nevada Division of Environmental Protection; Washoe County District Health Department [FRL-6014-5] received May 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9274. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Food Labeling; Nutrient Content Claims-General Provisions [Docket No. 98N-0283] received May 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9275. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Revocation of Lather Brushes Regulation [Docket No. 97P-0418] received May 18,

1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9276. A letter from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Office of Policy, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Food Labeling; Petitions for Nutrient Content and Health Claims, General Provisions [Docket No. 98N-0274] received May 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9277. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Securities And Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Amendments to Rules on Shareholder Proposals [Release No. 34-40018; IC-23200; File No. S7-25-97] (RIN: 3235-AH20) received May 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Commerce.

9278. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Army's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Turkey for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 98-33), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

9279. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Australia (Transmittal No. RSAT-3-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

9280. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Japan (Transmittal No. DTC 51-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9281. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Japan (Transmittal No. DTC 57-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(d); to the Committee on International Relations.

9282. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Japan (Transmittal No. DTC 53-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9283. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Germany and Kuwait (Transmittal No. DTC 56-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9284. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract to Saudi Arabia (Transmittal No. DTC 31-98), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

9285. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report of political contributions by nominees as chiefs of mission, ambassadors at large, or ministers, and their families, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3944(b)(2); to the Committee on International Relations.

9286. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report of political contributions by nominees as chiefs of mission, ambassadors at large, or ministers, and their families, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3944(b)(2); to the Committee on International Relations.

9287. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

9288. A letter from the Administrator, General Service Administration, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act from January 1, 1997 to September 30, 1997, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

9289. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule—Redesignation Of 30 CFR Part 250—Oil And Gas And Sulphur Operations In The Outer Continental Shelf (RIN: 1010-AC45) received May 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9290. A letter from the Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—National Estuarine Research Reserve System Regulations [Docket No. 980427108-8108-01] (RIN: 0694-AL16) received May 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9291. A letter from the Director, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Withdrawal of Proposed Rule to List a Distinct Population Segment of Atlantic Salmon (*Salmo Salar*) As Threatened (RIN: 1018-AD12) received May 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9292. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator For Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule—Magnuson-STEVENSON Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Observer Health and Safety [Docket No. 970829214-8090-02; I.D. 082097B] (RIN: 0648-AJ76) received May 18, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Resources.

9293. A letter from the Executive Director of Government Affairs, Non Commissioned Officers Association, transmitting the annual report of the Non Commissioned Officers Association of the United States of America, pursuant to Public Law 100—281, section 13 (100 Stat. 75); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

9294. A letter from the Chief, Regulations Unit, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's "Major" final rule—Tax forms and instructions [Revenue Procedure 98-36] received May 21, 1998, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. GEKAS: Committee on the Judiciary. H.R. 872. A bill to establish rules governing product liability actions against raw materials and bulk component suppliers to medical device manufacturers, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 105-549 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee of Conference. Conference report on H.R. 2400. A bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs,