

bolstered the case for most intelligence analysis." So now it appears that, like his favorite former presidential candidate, Mr. Wilson is flip-flopping.

The typically softspoken Senator PAT ROBERTS, chair of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, was harsh in his condemnation. "Time and again Joe Wilson told anyone who would listen that the President had lied to the American people, that the Vice President had lied and that he had debunked the claim that Iraq was seeking uranium from Africa. Not only did he not debunk the claim he actually give some intelligence analysts even more reason to believe that it may be true." ROBERTS went on to say that it was important for the Intelligence Committee to declare that much of what Wilson said had no basis in fact.

Contrary to what he has said publicly, Mr. Wilson's wife, a CIA employee, did recommend him to serve as envoy in 2002.

It appears obvious that neither Mr. Wilson nor his wife had conducted themselves properly in the best interest of this country. Why would a former ambassador privately report inaccurate facts about Iraqi officials potential dealings with business men in Niger? Why would his wife float his name to serve as envoy on this trip if they wanted to stay out of the public eye?

I have come to know people after they retired from being covert agents of the government. It seems that the best covert agents are the kind of people who go into a room, and when you look around that room, you do not notice them. They blend in. They keep their names off lists so they do not make contributions, especially to political figures. They keep a low profile. They certainly avoid having their picture put in popular magazines. It really appears that the Wilsons' disdain for this administration will likely go down as one of the greats in history. But they have been so blinded to something we would call the truth.

Some of our colleagues across the aisle and Senate Democrats down the hall have embraced this man on little credibility in efforts to harm this administration that is determined to protect us from evil men with evil motivations desiring to destroy our way of life. Their rhetoric is based on two news stories—both of which appear to exonerate Rove.

The facts are simple:

Joe Wilson said the Vice President sent him to Niger and that his report was shown to the Vice President.

The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence confirmed that Rove was right and Wilson was wrong: The Vice President didn't send Wilson anywhere.

Karl Rove then discouraged a reporter from writing a false story that was based on a false premise promulgated by a lying or blindly prejudiced Mr. Joe Wilson.

The main questions now on the matter should be what else has Joe Wilson lied about and why is anyone putting him on television?

Perhaps if recommending a blindly prejudiced man to go to Niger to do critical research for our country is any indication as to Mr. Wilson's wife's judgment, then maybe it is a good thing she has not been trying to be covert for several years.

A FURTHER MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A further message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment concurrent resolutions of the House of the following titles:

H. Con. Res. 202. Concurrent resolution permitting the use of the Rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to honor Constantino Brumidi on the 200th anniversary of his birth.

H. Con. Res. 212. Concurrent resolution to correct technical errors in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3377.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested.

S. 544. An act to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to provide for the improvement of patient safety and to reduce the incidence of events that adversely effect patient safety.

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S. Con. Res. 212. Concurrent resolution to correct technical errors in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3377.

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

(Mr. SCHIFF addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

EXCHANGE OF SPECIAL ORDER TIME

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take the time of the gentleman from California (Mr. SCHIFF).

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

There was no objection.

31ST ANNIVERSARY OF TURKEY'S ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF CYPRUS

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, yesterday July 20 marked the 31st anniversary of an illegal and inexcusable act by Turkey. Thirty-one years ago yesterday Turkish military forces illegally invaded Cyprus, forcing nearly 200,000 Greek Cypriots from their homes. And these Greek Cypriots became refugees in their own country and have remained refugees for the past 3 decades.

Mr. Speaker, the U.N. Security Council resolved in both 1974 and 1975 that the Turkish occupiers had to facilitate the safe return of all refugees to their homes. For 31 years, Turkish-Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash has defiantly refused to abide by these U.N. resolutions.

Furthermore, in December of 1996 the European Court of Human Rights ruled that refugee Titina Loizidou be given access to her property in the occupied territory. And once again this court ruling was met with defiance from the Turkish occupiers.

After waiting for 2 years for Turkey to comply, Loizidou then went back to the European Court again and this time asking that the Turkish government compensate her for the property. The European Court ruled the Turkish government should pay Loizidou 458,000 Cyprus pounds. And it has now been 7 years and the Turkish government still refuses to comply.

Mr. Speaker, Turkey's intransigence is unacceptable and must come to an end. Earlier this year I joined the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS) and the gentlewoman from New York (Mrs. MALONEY), the co-chairs of the Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues, in introducing legislation that would put this House on record in support of the European Court's decisions and expressing our desire that the Court hear more cases regarding illegal seizures of Cypriot property by the Turkish Cypriot regime. Turkey's refusal to comply with these court decisions should not go unnoticed by this House, and that is why it is important that we pass this important resolution.

Mr. Speaker, Cypriot-Americans are among the refugees that are being denied access to their property by Turkey. Since these Americans cannot return to their illegally seized property, I believe these Cypriot-Americans should be allowed to seek financial remedies with either the current inhabitants of their land or the Turkish government itself.

So earlier this year I introduced the bipartisan American Owned Property in Occupied Cyprus claims Act. The legislation authorizes the President to initiate a claims program under which the claims of U.S. nationals who Turkey has excluded from their property can be judged before the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission. If this commission determined that Cypriot-Americans should be compensated for their property, negotiations would then take place between the United States and Turkey to determine the proper compensation. My legislation would also empower U.S. District courts to hear causes of action against either the individuals who now occupy those properties or the Turkish government.

Passage of this legislation is particularly crucial today as reports show sharp increases in the number of unlawful investments of occupied properties and a construction boom on land