

## ENSURING EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT OF U.S. TAXPAYER DOLLARS

(Mr. KIRK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, the State Department has notified this House of the President's intent to transfer \$86 million to provide vehicles, uniforms and body armor to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' security forces. Yet on January 11, Abbas made the following remarks at a Fatah rally in Ramallah: "Let 1,000 flowers bloom and let our rifles, all our rifles, all our rifles, be aimed at the occupation."

Mr. Speaker, we have seen this movie before. In 1996, the U.S. pledged \$100 million to help Fatah defeat Hamas terrorists. But in 2000, Yasser Arafat turned his American-funded security forces on Israel.

Now, Abbas calls on rifles to be aimed at Israel again, and we are poised to give him \$86 million to upgrade his security forces, without first establishing an independent audit regime.

I urge my colleagues to apply the lessons of history and to increase the effective oversight of this taxpayer-funded program, which in the past has been turned against our allies in Israel.

### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

### PUBLICATION OF THE RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, 110TH CONGRESS

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

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I hereby submit for printing in the RECORD the Rules of the Committee on Science and Technology, as agreed to and passed on January 24, 2007.

### RULES GOVERNING PROCEDURE OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FOR THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH CONGRESS

#### RULE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

##### GENERAL STATEMENT

(a) The Rules of the House of Representatives, as applicable, shall govern the Committee and its Subcommittees, except that a motion to recess from day to day and a motion to dispense with the first reading (in full) of a bill or resolution, if printed copies are available, are privileged motions in the Committee and its Subcommittees and shall be decided without debate. The rules of the Committee, as applicable, shall be the rules of its Subcommittees. The rules of germaneness shall be enforced by the Chairman. [XI 1(a)]

##### MEMBERSHIP

(b) A majority of the majority Members of the Committee shall determine an appro-

appropriate ratio of majority to minority Members of each Subcommittee and shall authorize the Chairman to negotiate that ratio with the minority party; Provided, however, that party representation on each Subcommittee (including any ex-officio Members) shall be no less favorable to the majority party than the ratio for the Full Committee. Provided, further, that recommendations of conferees to the Speaker shall provide a ratio of majority party Members to minority party Members which shall be no less favorable to the majority party than the ratio of the Full Committee.

##### POWER TO SIT AND ACT; SUBPOENA POWER

(c)(1) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), a subpoena may be authorized and issued in the conduct of any investigation or series of investigations or activities to require the attendance and testimony of such witnesses and the production of such books, records, correspondence, memoranda, papers and documents as deemed necessary, only when authorized by majority vote of the Full Committee or Subcommittee (as the case may be), a majority of the Committee or Subcommittee being present. Authorized subpoenas shall be signed only by the Chairman of the Full Committee, or by any member designated by the Chairman. [XI 2(m)]

(2) The Chairman of the Full Committee, after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member of the Full Committee, or if the Ranking Member cannot be reached, the Ranking Minority Member of the relevant Subcommittee, may authorize and issue such subpoenas as described in paragraph (1), during any period in which the House has adjourned for a period longer than seven (7) days. [XI 2(m)(3)(A)(i)]

(3) A subpoena duces tecum may specify terms of return other than at a meeting or a hearing of the Committee.

##### SENSITIVE OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION RECEIVED PURSUANT TO SUBPOENA

(d) Unless otherwise determined by the Committee or Subcommittee, certain information received by the Committee or Subcommittee pursuant to a subpoena not made part of the record at an open hearing shall be deemed to have been received in Executive Session when the Chairman of the Full Committee, in his judgment and after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, deems that in view of all the circumstances, such as the sensitivity of the information or the confidential nature of the information, such action is appropriate.

##### NATIONAL SECURITY INFORMATION

(e) All national security information bearing a classification of secret or higher which has been received by the Committee or a Subcommittee shall be deemed to have been received in Executive Session and shall be given appropriate safekeeping. The Chairman of the Full Committee may establish such regulations and procedures as in his judgment are necessary to safeguard classified information under the control of the Committee. Such procedures shall, however, ensure access to this information by any Member of the Committee, or any other Member of the House of Representatives who has requested the opportunity to review such material.

##### OVERSIGHT

(f) Not later than February 15 of the first session of a Congress, the Committee shall meet in open session, with a quorum present, to adopt its oversight plans for that Congress for submission to the Committee on Government Reform and the Committee on House Administration, in accordance with the provisions of clause 2(d) of Rule X of the House of Representatives.

(g) The Chairman of the Full Committee may undertake any formal investigation in

the name of the Committee after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member of the Full Committee.

(h) The Chairman of any Subcommittee shall not undertake any formal investigation in the name of the Full Committee or Subcommittee without formal approval by the Chairman of the Full Committee, in consultation with other appropriate Subcommittee Chairmen, and after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member of the Full Committee. The Chairman of any Subcommittee shall also consult with the Ranking Minority Member of the Subcommittee before undertaking any investigation in the name of the Committee.

##### ORDER OF BUSINESS

(i) The order of business and procedure of the Committee and the subjects of inquiries or investigations will be decided by the Chairman, subject always to an appeal to the Committee.

##### SUSPENDED PROCEEDINGS

(j) During the consideration of any measure or matter, the Chairman of the Full Committee, or of any Subcommittee, or any Member acting as such, may recess the Committee at any point. Additionally, during the consideration of any measure or matter, the Chairman of the Full Committee, or of any Subcommittee shall suspend further proceedings after a question has been put to the Committee at any time when there is a vote by electronic device occurring in the House of Representatives. Suspension of proceedings after a record vote is ordered on the question of approving a measure or matter or on adopting an amendment, shall be conducted in compliance with the provisions of Rule 2(t).

##### OTHER PROCEDURES

(k) The Chairman of the Full Committee, after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, may establish such other procedures and take such actions as may be necessary to carry out the foregoing rules or to facilitate the effective operation of the Committee.

##### USE OF HEARING ROOMS

(1) In consultation with the Ranking Minority Member, the Chairman of the Full Committee shall establish guidelines for use of Committee hearing rooms.

#### RULE 2. COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND PROCEDURES

##### QUORUM [XI 2(H)]

(a)(1) One-third of the Members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for all purposes except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this Rule.

(2) A majority of the Members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum in order to: (A) report or table any legislation, measure, or matter; (B) close Committee meetings or hearings pursuant to Rules 2(c) and 2(d); and, (C) authorize the issuance of subpoenas pursuant to Rule 1(c).

(3) Two (2) Members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for taking testimony and receiving evidence, which, unless waived by the Chairman of the Full Committee after consultation with the Ranking Minority Member of the Full Committee, shall include at least one (1) Member from each of the majority and minority parties.

##### TIME AND PLACE

(b)(1) Unless dispensed with by the Chairman, the meetings of the Committee shall be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month the House is in session at 10:00 a.m. and at such other times and in such places as the Chairman may designate. [XI 2(b)]

(2) The Chairman of the Committee may convene, as necessary, additional meetings