

He did not tell Congress about the letter or about Moscow's continued sale of nuclear equipment to Iran, a blatant violation of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Act.

Instead of being open and honest with Congress about this high level national security threat, GORE simply filed the letter away and kept silent.

Mr. Speaker, America deserves an administration that will work with Congress to protect the national security interest of our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back Mr. GORE's flagrant disregard for our Constitution, our security, and our Country.

COSPONSOR H. RES. 635, EXECUTIVE STEEL DEFENSE RESOLUTION

(Mr. VISCLOSKY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to consider cosponsoring House Resolution 635, the Executive Steel Defense Resolution. We currently have 205 cosponsors calling upon the President of the United States to initiate a section 201 trade case to bring to an end illegally traded steel in the U.S. domestic market.

Despite investing \$35 billion to modernize, despite the loss of 240,000 jobs, despite cutting back capacity by 20 percent, despite doubling productivity since 1983 because of collusion overseas, because of illegal dumping from countries overseas, particularly during the intervening time from 1998 until now, we have seen six bankruptcies of steel companies. We have seen an additional 6,000 steelworkers lose their jobs. We have seen capacity utilization decline from 90 percent to 75 percent.

We cannot afford to wait till the next Congress. We cannot afford to wait for the next administration. I call upon President Clinton to immediately file a section 201.

REMEMBERING COURAGEOUS SAILORS ABOARD U.S.S. "COLE"

(Mrs. FOWLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. FOWLER. Mr. Speaker, today we remember those courageous sailors aboard the U.S.S. *Cole* whose dedication and conviction to freedom and democracy cost them their lives. We honor the sacrifice of those who were killed and pray for the speedy recovery of those who were injured and for the families of all those brave Americans.

To EMC Fred Stozier of Jacksonville, my thoughts are with him and his family as he recovers from his injuries.

We can never be completely immune from the darker forces of terrorism that lurk in every corner of the world.

We must counter these threats with a complete commitment to preparedness and strength. Our adversaries must know we will not shy away from our responsibility to preserve our national security and the precious ideals of democracy. The sacrifice of these Americans on the altar of freedom will never be forgotten. May God bless their souls and may God bless America.

UNITED STATES IN THIRD YEAR OF IMPORT STEEL CRISIS

(Mr. MOLLOHAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MOLLOHAN. Mr. Speaker, what happens when a crisis is not resolved, a crisis that is allowed to grow, both in scope and intensity? In time, that crisis will become a disaster. Such a time is near at hand for our domestic steel industry.

We are in the third year of an import steel crisis. Our steel companies and workers are buckling under the weight of unprecedented, record-breaking foreign imports, much of it illegal. Thousands of our workers have been laid off. Six of our steel companies in the last 2 years have gone bankrupt. With this year's imports running higher than ever, the continued existence of a viable steel industry in this country is at risk.

The only way to avert such a disaster is to cut imports, to reverse the trend which is threatening an industry that is vital to our economy and our national defense.

That is why I join the gentleman from New York (Mr. QUINN) in introducing the bipartisan Executive Steel Defense Resolution. That is why I have joined the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. VISCLOSKY); the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. REGULA); the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY); the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. WISE), from my home State; the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KLINK); the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MASCARA); and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DOYLE) in the bipartisan effort to achieve relief against disastrous steel import levels.

We call on the President to initiate a 201 proceeding, Mr. Speaker.

EFFORTS TO REDUCE PUBLIC DEBT AND PROTECT SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE HELD HOSTAGE BY ADMINISTRATION

(Mr. HERGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, our efforts to reduce public debt and protect the Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds are being held hostage by the Clinton-Gore administration.

It has been 36 days since Congress proposed locking away Social Security and Medicare surpluses and dedicating 90 percent of the total surplus to paying off the public debt; and still no response from President Clinton and Vice President AL GORE.

There is a good reason they have not responded. They want to overspend.

President Clinton has threatened to veto seven appropriations bills because he claims they do not spend enough. Vice President GORE's budget proposal spends the entire surplus and raids the Social Security Trust Fund.

The President and Vice President should put debt reduction and protection of Social Security and Medicare ahead of spending and support the 90-10 debt reduction plan proposed by the Republican Congress.

REMEMBERING CHERONE LOUIS GUNN, KILLED ON U.S.S. "COLE"

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

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, on October 12, a terrorist bomb left, not only a hole in the side of the U.S.S. *Cole*, but a hole in the lives of families and friends of the 17 sailors killed by the blast. This is especially true of friends and family of 23-year-old Signalman Seaman Recruit Cherone Louis Gunn.

Seaman Gunn's life was marked by service to family, friends, community and Nation. His neighbors in Rex, Georgia remember him for always being available to help the local youth.

His passion to serve his community fueled his ambition to serve in law enforcement.

His desire to serve his Nation was expressed by his decision to follow his father's footsteps and join the Navy, where he would gain valuable experience which would help him enter law enforcement upon the end of his tour of duty.

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Mr. Speaker, Cheron Louis Gunn always sought to serve his country, knowing the risk inherent in the military and in law enforcement. Yet he did not shrink from making his commitment.

I wish to offer my condolences to the Gunn family. It may be inadequate consolation, but it is important to remember that Seaman Gunn serves as a bright example of the qualities of honor and self-sacrifice which inspire the men and women of our Armed Forces.