

Yes, we have cast our lot with the KLA and its affiliates, an organization dedicated to its own version of ethnic cleansing. Removal of all non-Albanians from a region that not only includes Kosovo, but also southern Serbia and Macedonia, with its Albanian minority.

We were told we went into Kosovo to "stabilize the Balkans." Initially, the ambiguity of our policy gave the green light to separatist movements around the region. Today, in both Bosnia and Kosovo, we are committed into the future as far as the eye can see. When I was able to cause a vote on the floor of the House on the incursion into Bosnia, a vote the administration did not want to take place, I stated on this floor, Mr. Speaker, that Mr. Clinton would not keep his promise to us.

What was his promise? That he would send our American troops home from Bosnia by December 20, 1996. I ask, Mr. Speaker, what stability have we achieved in the Balkans? And at what price to this Nation? Can anyone share with this Congress a realistic exit strategy from this quagmire?

In the Kosovo region, yesterday's Washington Post tells us that Kosovar militias still refuse to disarm and are now destabilizing southern Serbia. A new confrontation with Milosevic and a new refugee crisis is feared. And what will we do with a violent KLA we empowered when it turns its sights on Macedonia, which also has an Albanian population?

I agree with Senator KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON's assessment of our Balkan interventions recently published in the Financial Times. She said, "NATO has got to get off of this merry-go-round. It must acknowledge that imposing multicultural democracy at the point of a gun is not working."

Mr. Speaker, we were told we went into Kosovo to thwart the Serbian ruler there, Milosevic. What have we accomplished here? Milosevic is more firmly in place than ever; hard-liners in Serbia in a better place than ever before due entirely to our intervention; the bombing of civilians; the vilification of the Serbian people; and, the destruction of the Serbian culture under our occupation.

We were told we went into Kosovo to ensure the credibility of NATO. But did we do this by violating the first section of the NATO charter by launching a war against a sovereign Nation that has committed no aggression against any of its neighbors? NATO's strength was that it was a shield, not a sword. Some skeptics say that NATO actions were one of justification, considering their original mission was to protect Europe from a Soviet Union that no longer exists.

The costs of Kosovo? Displacement of hundreds of thousands of Kosovars. Displacement of hundreds of thousands of Serbs and expansion of conflict into

Serbia proper. The potential instability of Macedonia and a new and probably undying hatred for the United States on the part of Serbians, and from what we have recently seen, Albanian Kosovars as well, as a result of this foolhardy intervention.

Mr. Speaker, we need to bring America home. We can be a light to the world. We cannot be agents of violence as enforcers of one dubious cause after another without accumulating some frightful costs and terrible consequences.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

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

Mr. MCNULTY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today after 2 p.m. on account of personal reasons.

Mr. RUSH (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 on account of attending a funeral.

Mrs. CHENOWETH-HAGE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of official business.

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 Members (at the request of Mr. WELDON of Florida) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. SHAYS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, April 5.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. UNDERWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, 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 March 29, 2000:

H.R. 5. To amend title II of the Social Security Act to eliminate the earnings test for individuals who have attained retirement age.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. METCALF. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, April 3, 2000, at 12:30 p.m., for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6863. A letter from the Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Olives Grown in California; Revisions to Handling Requirements [Docket No. FV99-932-3 FR] received February 22, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6864. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Bifenthrin; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300963; FRL-6485-2] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received January 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6865. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Emamectin Benzoate; Pesticide Tolerances for Emergency Exemptions [OPP-300958; FRL-6398-5] (RIN: 2070-AB78) received January 13, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

6866. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—HUD Acquisition Regulation; Miscellaneous Revisions [Docket No. FR-4291-F-02] (RIN: 2535-AA25) received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6867. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulations, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting the Department's final rule—HUD Acquisition Regulation; Miscellaneous Revisions [Docket No. FR-4115-F-03] (RIN: 2435-AA24) received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6868. A letter from the Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule—Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): Non-Discretionary Funding Provisions of the William F. Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 (RIN: 0584-AC77) received December 16, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6869. A letter from the Director, Office of General Counsel, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting the Office's final rule—Processing Garnishment Orders for Child Support and/or Alimony and Commercial Garnishment of Federal Employees' Pay (RIN: 3206-AI91) received January 28, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6870. A letter from the Attorney, Office of the Secretary of Transportation, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability in Air Travel [Docket OST-96-1880] (RIN: 2105-AC28) received January 7, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6871. A letter from the Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Magnetic Levitation Transportation Technology Deployment Program [FRA Docket No. FRA-98-4545; Notice No.3] (RIN: 2130-AB29) received January 6, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6872. A letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, the Department of the Treasury, transmitting the 2000 Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 401(c)(2), 1395i(b)(2), and 1395t(b)(2); (H. Doc. No. 106-220); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

6873. A letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, the Department of the Treasury, transmitting the 2000 Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and the Federal Disability Insurance Trust Funds, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 401(c)(2), 1395i(b)(2), and 1395t(b)(2); (H. Doc. No. 106-221); to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered to be printed.

6874. A letter from the Fiscal Assistant Secretary, the Department of the Treasury, transmitting the 2000 Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 401(c)(2), 1395i(b)(2), and 1395t(b)(2); (H. Doc. No. 106-219); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Commerce, and ordered to be printed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska: Committee on Resources. H.R. 3671. A bill to amend the Acts popularly known as the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act and the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act to enhance the funds available for grants to States for fish and wildlife conservation projects and increase opportunities for recreational hunting, bow hunting, trapping, archery, and fishing, by eliminating opportunities for waste, fraud, abuse, maladministration, and unauthorized expenditures for administration and execution of those Acts, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-554). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following

titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. STUMP (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. QUINN, and Mr. FILNER):

H.R. 4131. A bill to increase, effective December 1, 2000, the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of certain disabled veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DOOLITTLE:

H.R. 4132. A bill to reauthorize grants for water resources research and technology institutes established under the Water Resources Research Act of 1984; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. EVANS (for himself, Mr. CLAY, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts, Mr. HOLDEN, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. SANDERS, and Mr. WYNN):

H.R. 4133. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reduce tax benefits for foreign corporations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FILNER:

H.R. 4134. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to authorize transportation on military aircraft on a space-available basis for veterans with a service-connected disability rated 50 percent or more; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. HEFLEY:

H.R. 4135. A bill to facilitate the acquisition of inholdings in Federal land management units and the disposal of surplus public land, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. HEFLEY:

H.R. 4136. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit against income tax for certain charitable conservation contributions of land by small farmers and ranchers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HOEFFEL (for himself, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. BORSKI, Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD, Mr. NADLER, Ms. CARSON, Mr. WAXMAN, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. ENGEL, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. FATTAH, and Mr. MARKEY):

H.R. 4137. A bill to make Federal law apply to antique firearms in the same way it applies to other firearms; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas (for herself and Mr. GUTIERREZ):

H.R. 4138. A bill to amend section 249 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to permit the Attorney General to create a record of lawful admission for permanent residence for certain aliens who entered the United States prior to 1986; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. METCALF (for himself and Mr. DICKS):

H.R. 4139. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to engage in certain feasibility studies of water resource projects in the State of Washington; to the Committee on Resources.

By Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD:

H.R. 4140. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to authorize appropriations for HIV/AIDS prevention efforts; to the Committee on International Relations.

By Mr. GOODLING (for himself, Mr. CASTLE, Mr. MCKEON, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. PETRI, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. BARRETT of Nebraska, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. GREENWOOD, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. FLETCHER, Mr. MCINTOSH, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. UPTON, and Mr. SAM JOHN-SON of Texas):

H.R. 4141. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. NEY (for himself, Mr. TRAFICANT, Mr. OXLEY, and Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin):

H.R. 4142. A bill to amend section 3729 of title 31, United States Code, popularly known as the False Claims Act, to eliminate the minimum fine under that section; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PRICE of North Carolina:

H.R. 4143. A bill to establish a national teaching fellowship program to encourage individuals to enter and remain in the field of teaching at public schools; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. RAHALL (for himself, Mr. NEY, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. KLINK, Mr. MOLLOHAN, Mr. MURTHA, Mr. STRICKLAND, and Mr. WISE):

H.R. 4144. A bill to provide for the allocation of interest accruing to the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. SHIMKUS (for himself, Mr. SWEENEY, Mr. PORTER, Mrs. WILSON, Mr. HYDE, Mr. PHELPS, Mr. EWING, Mrs. BIGGERT, Mr. EVANS, Mr. LAHOOD, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. BLAGOJEVICH, Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri, Mr. SAWYER, Mr. TIERNEY, and Mr. MARKEY):

H.R. 4145. A bill to improve safety standards for child restraints in motor vehicles; to the Committee on Commerce.

By Mr. SMITH of Michigan (for himself, Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. WELDON of Florida, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. BOEHLERT, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. EHLERS, Mr. SHERWOOD, Mr. LARSON, Mr. BARCIA, and Mr. UPTON):

H.R. 4146. A bill to authorize appropriations to address the needs of State and local emergency responders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, Commerce, Resources, and Banking and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. TANCREDO:

H.R. 4147. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the age of persons considered to be minors for the purposes of the prohibition on transporting obscene materials to minors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. YOUNG of Alaska (for himself and Mr. HAYWORTH):

H.R. 4148. A bill to make technical amendments to the provisions of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act relating to contract support costs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. DICKEY (for himself and Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma):

H. Con. Res. 296. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the necessity to expedite the settlement process for discrimination claims against the Department of Agriculture brought by African-American farmers; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.