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Many of the questions I asked in my original letter to you remain unanswered or were answered as indirectly as the avenue through which I received your response. I hope to receive more enlightening answers to my concerns so to 16 to 17 terrorists, including six militia men of Hizbul-Mujahideen and 11 to 12 foreign mercenaries owing allegiance to Lashkar-e-Taiba, the LeT. Both of these terrorist organizations are on the long list of terrorist organizations that receive support from Pakistan.

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Mr. KASICH. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Sec.

314 of the Congressional Budget Act, I hereby submit for printing in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD revisions to the allocations for the House Committee on Appropriations printed in House Report 106-655.

Floor action on H.R. 4635, the bill making fiscal year 2001 appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies, removed the emergency designation contained in the House-reported bill. Outlays flowing from the budget authority totaled $13,000,000,000. Accordingly, the allocations to the House Committee on Appropriations are reduced to $501,180,000,000, in budget authority and $625,735,000,000 in outlays. Budgetary aggregates become $1,529,835,000,000 in budget authority and $1,494,956,000,000 in outlays.

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sense of disappointment and concern that I rise tonight to respond to a misguided initiative that some of my colleagues in this House are involved with. Several Members of Congress have attached their names to a letter to President Clinton that makes some outrageous and false charges about recent events in India. I believe these claims cannot go unchallenged.

The letter repeats the malicious claims that the massacre of 36 Sikh villagers in Chittisinghpora, in the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir, was the work of Indian security forces. That massacre occurred on March 20, at the beginning of President Clinton’s historic trip to India. I had the opportunity to take part in the President’s trip, and this tragic and shocking massacre did cast a shadow over the trip. It left a deep sense of sadness among all of us in the American delegation and among all the people of India that we encountered. President Clinton condemned the attack in the strongest terms.

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The idea of cutting off aid to India, an approach that has repeatedly been tried and failed here in the House, is even more absurd, seeking to send a message by cutting vital nutrition and health care.

TRIBUTE TO DR. WALTER D. “WALLY” WILKERSON

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

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to pay tribute to one of my constituents, a very special man, Dr. Walter Wilkerson, Jr., who, on June 24 of this year, will be stepping down as Chairman of the Texas Board of Health.

Walter Wilkerson was appointed to the Texas Board on June 7, 1995; and shortly after that, on September 1, Texas Governor George W. Bush named him chairman. We are fortunate in Texas.