

Now, we did do something very phenomenal last week; and we recognized this in the House of Representatives, Mr. Speaker. That was that we did shoot down a bullet with a bullet in a national missile defense test.

Now, I have put up here, Mr. Speaker, the results of the last eight Patriot 3 tests. That is our smaller defensive system that handles Scud-type missiles, and I put it up here to show that, in fact, we are now hitting a bullet with a bullet with missile defense. We can shoot a Scud missile that goes faster than a .30-06 bullet, that is a high-powered rifle bullet with a Patriot 3 missile that also goes faster than a .30-06 bullet. We have had now eight out of nine successful intercepts.

Mr. Speaker, at about 11:09 on Saturday night last Saturday, 148 miles above the earth in the mid-Pacific, we hit a Minuteman missile launched out of Vandenberg, California, going some 11,000 feet per second. That is about four times the speed of a .30-06 bullet. We hit it with an Interceptor from Kwajalein Island, 4,800 miles from the west. We launched that Interceptor, and it also had a speed about four times faster than a .30-06 bullet, and they collided 148 miles above the earth.

That utilized radar capability, the Beal Air Force station in California, also our ex-band radar on Kwajalein, also radar at Hawaii with hundreds and hundreds of Navy and Air Force assets monitoring that test. And with some 35,000 Americans, whether they were members of the Army that helped develop the radar or the Air Force team that launched the missile from Vandenberg Air Base or the Navy and Coast Guard that provided security, some 35,000 plus Americans, engineers, scientists, technicians, blue collar workers, participated in making that test a success.

It was a great day for the United States, but it was a chart along a very difficult road of trying to achieve missile defense.

The Bush administration has the right idea about missile defense. They know it is necessary because we live in an age of missiles. We found that out when we had a number of our personnel killed in Desert Storm by a ballistic missile launched by Saddam Hussein at an American force concentration. We can defend today, even though we have a weakened defense, we still have defenses against ships, tanks, aircraft. We have no defense against an incoming ICBM coming into this country.

So that is why the administration is working with the Russians to try to develop a cooperation that will allow us to deploy defenses, and it is why also the Bush administration has the right idea, that if we cannot make an agreement with the Russian, it is in our national interests to build a missile defense system, because it is the United States Government that has a con-

stitutional responsibility to its people to provide for national security. National security must now and forever on include defense against incoming ballistic missiles.

So, Mr. Speaker, I would hope that the administration would work overtime to try to increase this defense budget. Let us not look back on this era of relative prosperity when the American people are doing well as an era that was similar to the era immediately preceding Korea, when we decided that there would not be any more wars and that we did not need to have a military that was ready to go. Then, on June 6 of 1950, we found ourselves pushed down the Korean peninsula by a third-rate military; and when the dust had cleared, over 30,000 Americans lay dead because we had underestimated the danger of the world; and we had also underestimated the drawdown of the American military that took place after World War II.

Mr. Speaker, we must keep a strong military. That is the underpinnings of our foreign policy, which is ultimately the underpinnings of our economic policy. So let us try to get that \$18 billion, Mr. Speaker. It is crucial to everybody that wears a uniform in the United States, and it is crucial to every American.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CRANE (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of attending a funeral.

Mr. GRAVES (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of traveling with the Vice President.

Mr. THOMAS (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of traveling with the Vice President.

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. BROWN of Ohio) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BROWN of Ohio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. DIAZ-BALART) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. KERNs, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. WATERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 180. An act to facilitate famine relief efforts and a comprehensive solution to the war in Sudan; to the Committee on International Relations.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 39 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, July 23, 2001, 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:

2976. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Eighty-Seventh Annual Report of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System covering operations during calendar year 2000, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 247; to the Committee on Financial Services.

2977. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, transmitting the Board's semiannual Monetary Policy Report, pursuant to P.L. 106-569; to the Committee on Financial Services.

2978. A letter from the Legal Technician, NHTSA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Occupant Protection Incentive Grants [Docket No. NHTSA-01-10154] (RIN: 2127-AH40) received July 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2979. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Kern County Air Pollution Control District, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution District, Modoc County Air Pollution Control District [CA032-0241a; FRL-7001-2] received July 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2980. A letter from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule—Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, El Dorado County Air Pollution Control District [CA241-0239a; FRL-7005-1] received July 16, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

2981. A letter from the Acting Director, Defense Security Cooperation Agency, transmitting notification concerning the Department of the Navy's Proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office for defense articles and services (Transmittal No. 01-19), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(b); to the Committee on International Relations.

2982. A letter from the White House Liaison, Department of Education, transmitting