

and financial history, his international terror network, as well as his hatred for America, were all systematically dissected by Federal prosecutors.

Given these revelations, it was clear, or it should have been clear, that our Nation and our citizens were in grave danger. I do not understand how intelligence services have the ability to penetrate, analyze and publicly distribute records of bin Laden's alleged cellular phone traffic in the hours immediately after the bombings. From these conversations, we learned of bin Laden's alleged celebrations with supporters. But in stark contrast, over the same period of months, they were not able to intercept bin Laden's planning or preparations for the attacks.

I am also deeply concerned that recent reports in the press of specific, credible and quite extraordinary warnings of terrorist attacks on our citizens, which were ignored by our government, and some of these warnings directly referred to the use of hijacked aircraft attacking the World Trade Center.

For example, the L.A. Times reported on September 20, 2001, that Mossad, the Israeli intelligence service, had warned the FBI and the CIA that a major terrorist force of some 200 individuals were entering the U.S.

The Advertiser Newspaper from the Murdoch Group reported on Monday, September 17, that a man in the Cayman Islands wrote to U.S. authorities on August 29 and warned them that he had overheard three Afghan men in a bar talking about impending attacks on the United States. The CIA is said to have followed up on the attack, but apparently did not take it any further.

Then it is also reported that a week later, an Iranian in Hamburg, Germany, contacted police and warned them of an impending terrorist attack against the United States using hijacked planes.

Tragically, I am forced to say, this does not appear to be the first time our intelligence services have been caught flatfooted. Earlier this year, Jamal Ahmed al-Fadl, a former aid to Osama bin Laden, while testifying in New York against the four men accused of the U.S. embassy bombings in Africa, said that he told U.S. officials that bin Laden's group was trying to make a war on the United States. Similarly, Prudence Bushnell, the U.S. Ambassador in Nairobi, warned the State Department of the poor security of her embassy in Nairobi. Regrettably, these warnings appear to have been ignored. Not surprisingly, our government now finds itself subject to civil actions by survivors and family representatives of those killed in the U.S. embassy bombings in Africa.

Count up the combined assets of our Nation's law enforcement, military intelligence agencies charged with fighting terrorism over the last 10 to 15

years, and we have budgets worth billions and billions and billions of dollars, space-age technology that most countries would just dream of having; and despite all of these resources, we sustained three terrible attacks upon our military, our cities, our warships, our embassies.

In my view, the problem is not one of resources, but of a failure of implementation on a scale that should shame us. But what frustrates me most is that no one in a position of leadership in our Nation has yet to seriously ask why our Nation has been attacked in this way. Why have our cities, our embassies and our military forces been systematically targeted by terrorist organizations? Why is it that our Nation and its people are being attacked in these ways? Our politicians and political observers have, for years, been willing to analyze and discuss about the IRA in England, the Shining Path in Peru, the Red Brigade in Italy; but now that it has come home, all of a sudden, we failed to analyze and ask the question, why did it happen.

Secretary of State Colin Powell is absolutely right. We must give diplomacy a chance. We must honestly ask ourselves, what is the root cause of this war being waged on our people and our country? I suspect that we will need to look at altering some of our foreign policy positions. Unless we do this, I fear that a military campaign, unsupported by sound foreign policy strategies, will only cause immeasurable civilian suffering throughout the world and may well actually lead to more terrifying attacks upon our cities and our citizens.

I would ask our President to sidestep those Rambos in the Pentagon who are talking about using nuclear weapons. Now is not the time for us to be talking about using nuclear weapons. We need to free our Secretary of State to do his job, and I know he can do it.

Finally, I pray that common sense and reason will prevail.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. CARSON of Indiana (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT) for today on account of a family emergency.

Mr. BEREUTER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today after 3:00 p.m. 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. TAYLOR of Mississippi) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:

Mr. BONIOR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SHERMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Ms. MCKINNEY, for 5 minutes, today.

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

Mr. FOLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN, for 5 minutes, September 24 and 25.

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

Mr. ABERCROMBIE, for 5 minutes, today.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Jeff Trandahl, Clerk of the House reports that on September 14, 2001, he presented to the President of the United States, for his approval, the following bills.

H.R. 2133. To establish a commission for the purpose of encouraging and providing for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*.

H.R. 2882. To provide for the expedited payment of certain benefits for a public safety officer who was killed or suffered a catastrophic injury as a direct and proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty in connection with the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

H.R. 2888. Making emergency supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for additional disaster assistance, for anti-terrorism initiatives, and for assistance in the recovery from the tragedy that occurred on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 56 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, September 24, 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:

3752. A letter from the Under Secretary, Acquisition and Technology, Department of Defense, transmitting a report entitled, "Department of Defense Chemical and Biological Defense Program Annual Report To Congress and Performance Plan, July 2001"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

3753. A letter from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting office of Management and Budget Cost Estimate For Pay-As-You-Go Calculations; to the Committee on the Budget.

3754. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a consolidated report on the Community Food and Nutrition Program for Fiscal Years 1998 and 1999; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3755. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Community Services Block Grant Program Fiscal Year 1998 Summary Report to Congress; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

3756. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report entitled "Performance Improvement 2001: Evaluation Activities of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services," pursuant to section 241(b) of the Public Health Service Act; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3757. A letter from the Attorney-Advisor, NHTSA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards: Interior Trunk Release [Docket No. NHTSA-01-10381] (RIN: 2127-A151) received August 30, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

3758. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting the President's bimonthly report on progress toward a negotiated settlement of the Cyprus question, covering the period April 1 to May 31, 2001, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2373(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

3759. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

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3761. A letter from the Chairman, Broadcasting Board of Governors, transmitting the Fair Act of 1998 Commercial Activities Inventory, in accordance with Public Law 105-270; to the Committee on Government Reform.

3762. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's FY 2000 Annual Statement of Assurance, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform.

3763. A letter from the Librarian of Congress, Library of Congress, transmitting the FY 2000 annual report of the activities of the Library of Congress, and the FY 2000 annual report of the Library of Congress Trust Fund Board, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 139; to the Committee on House Administration.

3764. A letter from the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury, transmitting FY 2000 Report to the Congress U.S. Government Debt Collection Activities of Federal Agencies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3765. A letter from the Register of Copyrights, Register of Copyrights of the United States of America, transmitting the Office's report entitled, "DMCA Section 104 Report," pursuant to section 104 of Public Law No. 105-304; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

3766. A letter from the Chairman, Inland Waterway Users Board, transmitting the Board's 15th annual report of its activities; recommendations regarding construction, rehabilitation priorities and spending levels

on the commercial navigational features and components of inland waterways and harbors, pursuant to Public Law 99-662, section 302(b) (100 Stat. 4111); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3767. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Final Rule with Request for Comments and Direct Final Rule with Request for Comments [Docket No. FAA-1999-5836; Amendment Nos. 91-269, 121-286, 135-82, 145-27 and SFAR 36-7] (RIN: 2120-AC38) received August 28, 2001, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

3768. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a draft bill entitled, "Promoting Safe and Stable Families Amendments of 2001"; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

3769. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Energy, transmitting the Annual Report on Contractor Work Force Restructuring for Fiscal Year 2000, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 7274h; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Energy and Commerce.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

[Filed on September 21 (legislative day, September 20), 2001]

Mr. REYNOLDS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 242. Resolution waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (Rept. 107-209). Referred to the House Calendar.

[Submitted September 21, 2001]

Mr. MANZULLO: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 203. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a pilot program to provide regulatory compliance assistance to small business concerns, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 107-210). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. MANZULLO: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 2538. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to expand and improve the assistance provided by Small Business Development Centers to Indian tribe members, Native Alaskans, and Native Hawaiians (Rept. 107-211). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. MANZULLO: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 2666. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to establish a vocational and technical entrepreneurship development program (Rept. 107-212). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. MANZULLO: Committee on Small Business. H.R. 1860. A bill to reauthorize the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 107-213 Pt. 1).

Mr. REYNOLDS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 244. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2926) to preserve the continued viability of the United States air transportation system (Rept. 107-214) Referred to the House Calendar.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the Committee on Science discharged from further consideration. H.R. 1860 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union and ordered to be printed.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XII the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 1007. Referral to the Committee on Government Reform extended for a period ending not later than September 28, 2001.

H.R. 1860. Referral to the Committee on Science extended for a period ending not later than September 21, 2001.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

[Omitted from the Record of September 20, 2001]

By Mr. GREENWOOD:

H.R. 2903. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to encourage investment in small companies; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HOBSON:

H.R. 2904. A bill making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, and for other purposes.

By Mr. ACKERMAN (for himself, Mr.

FOSELLE, Mr. DAVIS of Florida, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. WEINER, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. POMEROY, Mr. GILCREST, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. HINCHEY, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, Mr. MASCARA, Mr. McNULTY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. KILDEE, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota, Mr. KING, and Mr. ISRAEL):

H.R. 2905. A bill to require that the United States Postal Service issue a special commemorative postage stamp under section 416 of title 39, United States Code, in order to provide assistance in the case of emergency relief personnel who were killed or who suffer permanent disability as a result of the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Government Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. BAKER (for himself, Mr. MCGOVERN, and Mr. BALLENGER):

H.R. 2906. A bill to direct the Federal Aviation Administration to re-implement the sky marshal program within 30 days, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mrs. CAPPS (for herself, Mr. SHAYS,

Mr. DICKS, Mr. GILMAN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. VISCLOSKEY, Mrs. ROUKEMA, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mrs. MORELLA, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois, Mr. REYES, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr.