

for the Lord, and I want to thank Reverend Rambo for his inspirational words today and thank him for the inspirational work that he does in Sugar Land, Texas.

So I want to welcome him to the House, and thank him for all his good work.

#### NATIONAL SECURITY TOO IMPORTANT TO BE AUCTIONED OFF TO HIGHEST BIDDER

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

Mr. GIBBONS. Mr. Speaker, Americans awoke this morning with a number of new questions on their minds, beginning with why would the Clinton administration switch the responsibility for satellites from the Department of State to the Commerce Department?

Both the State Department and Defense Department were against this move. They knew these communication satellites were one of America's most sensitive military and intelligence gathering technologies. Even the former Secretary of State, Warren Christopher, wrote to the President that these sophisticated communication satellites held technology secrets that could jeopardize, and I quote, "significant military and intelligence interests of America."

Was Secretary Christopher reluctant because he understood the importance of the built-in encryption equipment that interprets the ground controller's instructions; or was it because he knew that similar encryption systems were used to communicate with America's spy satellites?

Did the Commerce Department in any way understand that anyone who could crack these codes could take control of these satellites themselves? Did anyone care? Was there some other issue driving this change?

America deserves to know the answers to these questions, Mr. Speaker.

#### SUPPORT H.R. 692 TO APPOINT INDEPENDENT COUNSEL TO INVESTIGATE GOVERNMENT WRONGDOING

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

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, Federal agents killed his dog, they killed his 14-year-old son, and they killed his wife. Federal agents said they did not like his politics.

Randy Weaver is a white separatist. My colleagues do not like his politics, I do not like Weaver's politics either, but that is no reason for the government to gun down his family.

Let me tell my colleagues something. This does not sound like the FBI of Efrem Zimbalist, Jr. This sounds like the KGB of Joseph Stalin.

To make matters worse, a Federal judge dropped all charges against the

FBI agent who shot Vicky Weaver right between the eyes while clutching her infant son. Shame, my colleagues. Congress, the Justice Department investigates themselves and then they cover their assets every time.

We are a bunch of fools. It is time to put our government in order. Support H.R. 692 and put an independent counsel on these types of cases. Shame, Congress. No American family should be gunned down.

#### SUPPORT H.R. 2183, FRESHMEN CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM BILL

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, Congress has spent millions of dollars to investigate soft money abuses, but there are many Members in this Chamber who will rail against certain big money contributions and then vote against campaign finance reform.

The freshmen took a different tact. We put together a bill that would ban soft money, improve candidate reporting and require some disclosure of the outside group advertising. H.R. 2183 closes the soft money loophole, it gets elected officials, candidates, and party officials out of the business of raising money from corporations and unions and the wealthiest contributors.

Later this week the long delayed debate on real campaign finance reform will begin. Now we must watch out for poison pills and red herrings. Poison pills are amendments that sound great but are designed to kill campaign finance reform; and red herrings are arguments about suppression of free speech that are designed for simply the same purpose.

Support the freshmen bill, support campaign finance reform, let us get on with the business of reforming our campaign finance system.

#### NATIONAL SECURITY IS MOST IMPORTANT IN INVESTIGATING MISSILE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO CHINA

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

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, I am sure my Democrat colleagues will exhibit the same zeal and passion to get to the truth about the allegations of missile technology to Communist China as they are about finding answers to the question of who hired Craig Livingstone, or about how the White House ended up with 900 FBI files on Republicans, or about 92 witnesses that have either fled the country or taken the Fifth Amendment to avoid testifying, and about why Mrs. Hubbell is afraid, very afraid, of losing her job if Webster Hubbell cooperates with Judge Starr.

If the past is any guide, I am sure the Democrats will leave no stone

turned in seeking the truth about these stunning revelations about illegal campaign contributions in return for missile technology to Communist China.

That said, I urge my colleagues to investigate this matter with their minds focused on one thing and one thing only: National security. National security is not a partisan issue. It is about protecting our values and our way of life from those whose entire political system is hostile to our belief in freedom, the rule of law, individual rights, and the right to worship God as we see fit.

#### HOUSE SHOULD MAKE DECISION ON DRUG TESTING OF DOD EMPLOYEES

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

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, our Nation this year is going to spend \$18 billion on the war on drugs. As we speak, there are Americans flying counter drug missions in places like Colombia and Peru, and they are being shot at, and pretty often they get killed.

Mr. Speaker, imagine my surprise then when, just yesterday in the Committee on Rules, an amendment to require all Department of Defense employees to be drug tested was voted down along straight party lines. Every single Republican voted against requiring our Department of Defense employees to be drug tested. I think that is a decision the full House should make.

Mr. Speaker, I wanted to tell my colleagues that if they had plans for this weekend, they should cancel them, because I am going to keep us here until we have a vote on that amendment.

I want to tell the gentleman from New York (Mr. SOLOMON) and the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. GINGRICH) that we can have a half-hour of debate on that issue and an up or down vote, or we can spend a Memorial Day weekend here in Washington.

#### SHOCKING REVELATION THAT WHITE HOUSE IS HELPING COMMUNIST CHINA WITH ITS MISSILE PROGRAM

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

Mr. NEUMANN. Mr. Speaker, of all the scandals coming out of the White House, this scandal is perhaps the most disturbing of all. I am talking about the shocking revelation that the White House is helping the Communist government develop its missile system.

Do we, as a nation, understand that what we are doing is sending them the technology to allow them to aim missiles at the United States of America, while when we here in our Nation do not even have the ability to shoot

down one of these missiles should China decide to launch them at us?

We do not know if the administration gave this waiver to the Loral Company because the chairman of the board, Bernard Schwartz, was the Democrats' top donor in 1996 or not. But whether the administration did it for money, the scandal is still beyond comprehension.

If this administration actively helped the Communist government to launch and to develop its "Long March" missile, we deserve an explanation and we deserve the explanation right now.

#### LIFT EMBARGO ON FOOD, MEDICINE AND MEDICAL EQUIPMENT TO PEOPLE OF CUBA

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

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, for 39 years the United States has maintained an economic embargo on the Republic of Cuba, all with the intent of toppling Fidel Castro. Thirty-nine years. Nine U.S. Presidents. And nothing has happened. He is still there.

My colleagues, Helms-Burton has increased tightening the noose on those people. We are punishing the people of Cuba. We have effectively perpetuated malnutrition and disease because they cannot get food and medicines, contrary to the arguments that we hear that they can. Senior citizens, children, women, men are slowly starving to death.

We cannot do this to another Nation, as great a republic as we are. H.R. 1951, a bill that I have introduced, would lift the embargo on food and medicine and medical equipment to the people of Cuba, and I ask my colleagues on both sides to join with me in cosponsoring this legislation. No less than the Pope has said that this is a monstrous act that we perpetuate upon the people of Cuba.

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#### WHY WOULD CLINTON ADMINISTRATION HELP COMMUNIST CHINESE GOVERNMENT?

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

Mrs. KELLY. Mr. Speaker, just what is it about the Democrats and foreign policy? Why on earth would the Clinton administration help the Communist Chinese government develop their Long March missile?

The facts are pretty clear. The Chinese Long March missile was made by Loral Corporation. In missile tests, the early Long March missile kept crashing and the Communist Chinese desperately needed high technology that only the United States possessed. They wanted to improve missile guidance systems, but the U.S. had a policy that stood in the way.

In fact, a criminal investigation was already underway about missile tech-

nology to China when the White House overrode the Justice Department and the Defense Department, granting Loral a waiver to give China a missile system.

Again, the question that must be answered, why would the Clinton administration try to help the Communist Chinese government with their missile program? We need an answer to this question. Clintonism is Carterism without virtue.

#### TRIBUTE TO TAMPA BAY POLICE OFFICERS

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

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, James Brad Crooks, a brand new highway patrol trooper in Florida engaged to be married; Randy Bell, a Tampa police detective, a 20-year veteran of the force described as a hard worker with quiet ambition; Rick Childers, a Tampa Police Department detective, another 20-year veteran, who in 1990 bravely went into a creek and saved a young girl who was drowning in a car. These law enforcement officers have solved hundreds of cases, saved many lives in the Tampa Bay area that I represent.

Yesterday, each of them died in the line of duty at the hands of a gunman who later took his own life and also at a time when his 4-year-old stepson died under questionable circumstances.

I stand here on the floor of the House today to express our sorrow to the families of these 3 slain law enforcement officers, to express gratitude for their lifetime commitment they made to protect our community and to salute them for their efforts, and to say that we will try to learn from the terrible lessons of this terrific tragedy that struck the Tampa Bay area yesterday. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and with all of their colleagues who are grieving.

#### END UNITED STATES SUPPORT FOR SUHARTO DICTATORSHIP IN INDONESIA

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

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to announce that 2 Members of the House have now signed a letter to President Clinton which calls for an end to U.S. support for the Suharto dictatorship in Indonesia. I hope that more of my colleagues will sign it in the coming days.

While the transition to democracy in Indonesia will not be easy, the United States should play an active role in helping to develop a process by which Suharto's political prisoners are released, free speech is guaranteed to all, and an approach is created for free and fair elections.

Most importantly, we must let the Indonesian people know that we will not continue in any way to support the corrupt Suharto dictatorship, a regime

which over the last 32 years has not only killed hundreds of thousands of people, but which has enabled the Suharto family to accumulate over \$40 billion in personal wealth in a country where the average income is \$20 a week.

Mr. Speaker, tens of thousands of Indonesian students have put their lives on the line for freedom. We must listen to their cries.

#### REPEAL MARRIAGE PENALTY TAX

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

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, marriage, the very foundation of American social structure, is currently undermined by our American Federal Tax Code.

That is right. Our current Tax Code, instead of being friendly to a husband and wife who both work full-time, places a tax penalty on them solely for the fact that they are married. Under the Tax Code, had this man and woman chosen to live together and file separately, they would not be punished with higher taxes. Mr. Speaker, this is just plain wrong. Our tax policy should encourage family formation in marriage, not discourage it.

As our budget negotiations begin and as we seek tax relief for the American people, a repeal of the marriage tax penalty should be a part of the mix. This penalty hidden within the Tax Code harms the very institution on which we have built our society, our family. Let us repeal the marriage tax penalty once and for all.

#### CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM

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

Mr. KIND. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow we are going to start a debate about the biggest issue confronting this United States Congress, and that is campaign finance reform.

There has been a lot of allegations about technology transfer to China in recent days and a lot of attention given to it, as it should. But the Speaker indicates that this is a national security issue and not a campaign finance reform issue. How wrong he is. This has everything to do with campaign finance reform.

We have been promised over and over again by the leadership in this House to have an open and fair and honest debate on campaign finance reform. The American people get this. They understand there is too much money in the political system and too much influence of money in the political system.

This body, in the coming days, will have the ability to start cleaning up the process and restoring some integrity to this democracy of ours. And I hope the American people hold us individuals accountable on where we stand