

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

on this. Do we stand for reform or do we stand for big money? I hope it is for reform.

TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER TO CHINESE BAD FOR U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

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

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, our Commander-in-Chief and our President's national security doctrine seems to be "anything for a buck."

A 1997 Pentagon report revealed that a defense contractor had given highly technical information regarding a failed space launch to the Great Wall Industry. Great Wall also produces key components to China's strategic nuclear missiles. The Pentagon concluded that this transfer of information damaged our United States national security, and the Department of Justice has been conducting a criminal investigation into the transfer.

That is until the President got involved. The President, however, approved a waiver for the export of that same technology, effectively killing the criminal investigation. Conveniently, the chairman of the aerospace firm being investigated was the largest donor to the Democratic Party last year.

The Clinton Administration continues to follow a policy of helping its friends at the expense of national security. It does not take a Pentagon report or a rocket scientist to figure out that the transfer of missile technology to the Communist Chinese is bad for the United States national security.

MARRIAGE TAX PENALTY

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

Mr. ROGAN. Mr. Speaker, no sane individual, if asked to start from scratch, would come up with the current tax code in a million years. A tax code that is baffling even to the experts is indefensible.

One of the aspects of the tax code that is particularly obnoxious is the marriage tax penalty. Many people do not learn about the marriage tax penalty until they get married. Then they discover all of a sudden that the Government wants to make sure that couples just starting out have a little bit tougher time than they had planned.

Perhaps most surprising of all is the fact that the marriage penalty can be stiffest for those who can afford it least, the working poor. Those who benefit from the earned income tax credit can face a marriage penalty that can only be described as destructive.

This tax code monstrosity should have been done away with years ago. It will take a Republican Congress to do away with it now. I urge my colleagues to pass H.R. 3734.

GLOBAL WARMING TREATY

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

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, on December 11, 1997, the United States became a signatory to the Kyoto Protocol, or so-called global warming treaty. They did this despite the fact that the treaty went against the unanimous advice of the Senate.

In Kyoto, the administration completely ignored the Senate position and did exactly the opposite. Now there is wide concern that the administration is working proactively to implement the Kyoto targets through the back door. Part of this stems from the EPA indicating its plan to draft new clean air rules enacting portions of the Kyoto protocol.

That is why I introduced the American Economy Protection Act, H.R. 3807, which will ensure that the Kyoto Protocol is not implemented through the regulatory process. H.R. 3807 would prevent the administration from implementing this dangerous treaty in the absence of Senate ratification by requiring that Federal funds cannot be used for rules, regulations, or programs designed to execute the Kyoto Protocol.

This bill maintains the integrity of the United States Constitution and supports continued economic growth in this country. I urge support of this bill.

IMMIGRATION REFORM AND IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 1998

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

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, are my colleagues tired of hearing about thousands of felons being naturalized as American citizens by an agency out of control? Are my colleagues tired of having lost control of our borders? Are they tired of a bureaucracy that allows millions of illegal aliens simply because they overstayed while on a legal visa?

Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation to overhaul and dramatically improve the Nation's immigration system. The bill would enact the reforms proposed by the bipartisan Commission on Immigration Reform, headed by the late Barbara Jordan.

These reforms, received by Congress last year, are based on the most comprehensive bipartisan study of our immigration system to date and they offer a common-sense approach to fixing a system that is broken, failing the citizens it is supposed to protect and the immigrants it is supposed to serve.

Since 1984, the Congress has increased the budget of the INS by over 600 percent, yet illegal immigration is at an all-time high and service for illegal immigrants is at an all-time low. Money is no longer an excuse. By im-

plementing these changes, we can end the 3-year backlogs in benefits processing, end the granting of citizenship to criminals and other undeserving individuals, and end the mismanagement of our entire immigration system.

HIGH TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS TO COMMUNIST CHINA

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

Mr. COOKSEY. Mr. Speaker, it might very well be impossible to prove the quid pro quo which seems obvious to all observers, Chinese money to the Democrats in exchange for high technology to the Chinese.

But whether the Clinton administration changed the policy to give high technology to the Chinese because they were taking millions of dollars in illegal campaign donations or not, the scandal is still the same.

Why did the Clinton administration go against its own Defense Department and the Department of State in giving sensitive technology to Communist China? I would like to insist on this point. Taking campaign money from Communist China is a crime, a serious crime. Crimes have been committed. But giving high technology to Communist China and endangering national security is an even more serious crime.

The first subverts democracy and is evidence of political corruption. But the second puts the lives of 265 million Americans at risk; and that, Mr. Speaker, is the biggest crime of all.

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QUESTIONS REMAIN UNANSWERED BY LORAL SPACE AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

Mr. TIAHRT. Mr. Speaker, I have here in my hand a copy of a two-page statement released by the Loral Space and Communications Group in response to recent allegations that, after large contributions to the Democrat party, Loral aided the communist Chinese government with the development of the "Long March" missile, jeopardizing the security of the United States.

As always, the scandal is not what is in the statement but what is left out, what Loral is not telling us. If Loral is correct that no sensitive information and no significant technology was conveyed to the Chinese, why then did the State Department and the Defense Department oppose the administration's granting of a waiver?

Did Loral violate its own policy by providing a report to the Communist Chinese before consulting with the State Department? Was not Loral specifically advised by the U.S. Government not to go forward with their review of the Chinese investigation of the "Long March" missile failure?