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#### AMERICAN PEOPLE DESERVE IMMEDIATE EXPLANATION FROM WHITE HOUSE ON AID TO CHINA'S MISSILE DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY

(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, why would the United States share some of its most sensitive missile technology with Communist China? Did America really fight a Cold War and reduce the nuclear threat only to have the threat return from a Communist regime that recently threatened to launch a nuclear strike on Los Angeles over the Taiwan issue?

This administration's policy to grant waivers to high technology companies that are working to improve China's missile and rocket capability is dangerous, reckless, and indefensible.

The press now reports that 13 of China's 18 long-range strategic missiles have nuclear warheads aimed at American cities. And how does the Clinton administration respond? It actively works to help China's missile and rocket program.

The American people deserve an explanation of this administration's conduct relating to transfers of missile technology to China; and Mr. Speaker, they deserve it today.

#### U.S. NEEDS MANAGED CARE REFORM NOW

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

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, hidden in today's Washington Post is an article that Speaker GINGRICH sent the Republican Health Care Reform Task Force of the Republican Conference back to the drawing board. It is another attempt of the Republicans to destroy-by-delay health care improvements which are needed by the American people.

We should not forget that our first priority is to help the patient. We owe it to the American people to provide top quality medical care. We need an anti-gag rule where physicians can talk to their patients. We need an appeals process, both internal and external, for the patients' benefits. We need to give employees the choice, other than going to the HMO that somebody else chooses for them. We need to make decision-makers responsible. If a doctor is responsible for one's health care, then somebody who tells that doctor no should also be responsible.

This decision stops a bipartisan effort to provide health care reform, and

I hope that the American people think it is such a shame, just like I do. We need managed care reform now, Mr. Speaker.

#### AMERICAN ECONOMY PROTECTION ACT

(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, yesterday's vote on the Gilman amendment is good news for the opponents of the Kyoto treaty.

By a vote of 420 to 0, 420 to 0, the House voted to protect the quality of our national defense by exempting the U.S. military operations from the Kyoto treaty's stringent requirements.

I applaud the gentleman from New York (Mr. GILMAN) for his leadership on this issue and I urge my colleagues to continue fighting against this treaty, because it is not just bad for the military. This overreaching agreement would have a negative effect on virtually every sector of our economy and result in fewer jobs, higher prices, and a lower standard of living for the American people.

Along with my colleagues, the gentlewoman from Missouri (Mrs. EMERSON) and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KLINK), I have introduced a bill, the American Economy Protection Act, that would prevent even \$1 of taxpayer money from being spent to implement the provisions of the Kyoto treaty until it has been ratified by the Senate.

With the President attempting to circumvent the Constitution by implementing the Kyoto treaty through regulatory actions, I urge my colleagues to support this bill. It ensures that the Kyoto agreement is debated in the light of day and not rammed through the back door.

#### REAGAN ADMINISTRATION ALLOWED MILITARY TECHNOLOGY TO BE SOLD TO ROGUE NATION

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

Mr. GUTIERREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a sad duty today. I rise to present documents showing a direct link between campaign contributions and administration decisions that allowed military technology to be sold to a rogue nation.

Yes, the Departments of Commerce and State took a series of steps allowing military sales to international pariahs. When was this? In the 1980s, during the Reagan administration. And one country buying the equipment, Iraq, would later turn those weapons on us.

But why would Ronald Reagan do such a thing? Well, using the same tactics that other Members have used this week, I checked to see who benefited from those sales. Guess who? The same

defense contractors who contributed millions and millions of dollars to the Republicans during the 1980s.

Today we are hearing accusations of treason, of aiding Communist dictators. Well, according to the 1983 Washington Post article, the Commerce Department, then under Ronald Reagan, was found to have made decisions that "enabled the Soviet Union to improve the accuracy of its nuclear missiles."

We want to investigate sales of military technology? We want to tie campaign contributions to administration waivers or accuse the White House of aiding Communists?

Let us investigate the President. President Ronald Reagan.

#### WHITE HOUSE TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO CHINA

(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, the shift of the responsibility by the Clinton administration for licensing the export of advanced technology has created dangerous foreign policy and potentially jeopardized our Nation's security.

The administration is stripping the State Department and the Department of Defense from overseeing the export of advanced technology. The result of this questionable policy is the export of advanced satellite technology which can be used to perfect the targeting of nuclear weapons to a hostile country like Communist China.

This raises serious questions, as was pointed out in a column by Mark LEVIN in today's Washington Times. Questions like, what national security interest was served when President Clinton personally intervened, overruling objections from the Pentagon and the State Department, to approve further technology transfers to the Communist Chinese? Which Clinton administration officials were involved in this decision?

After the Justice Department opened a criminal investigation into the unauthorized technology transfer to the Communist Chinese in February of 1996, why were the companies involved not suspended, at least temporarily, from exporting further?

Mr. Speaker, potentially this could be a stunning betrayal of American interests and national security. I urge my colleagues to join me in holding the administration accountable for this dangerous transfer of technology.

#### PROPOSITION 226 BAD FOR WORKING FAMILIES

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

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I spent over 20 years working for genuine campaign finance reform. Nothing does

that effort more harm than the mutant and perverted effort at campaign finance reform symbolized by Proposition 226.

In California we spend too much money on campaigns, but at least often, that money is balanced, and often, the interests of corporations are well represented, but the interests of working men and women are represented by organized labor. We need to hear from both sides in California campaigns.

Unfortunately, Proposition 226 is intellectually dishonest. It says that the money of labor union members cannot be spent by labor leaders on political efforts, but at the same time, it welcomes corporate money, money that belongs to shareholders, to be spent on politics by corporate management. What it does is it gives us a lopsided input into California politics.

Mr. Speaker, in the last election we in California raised the minimum wage. We did so because of the input of organized labor and working men and women. I urge Californians to join with the Sierra Club and the League of Women Voters in opposing Proposition 226.

#### CELEBRATING ISRAEL'S 50 YEARS OF EXISTENCE

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, we around the world, including many Americans, are celebrating the 50th year of the existence of the State of Israel. In fact, a delegation from this House will be traveling to Israel during the Memorial Day recess to celebrate with the Israeli people, yet I am disappointed by many signals that the administration is sending to our ally, Israel, that is one of our staunchest allies among the community of nations.

The Secretary of State was reported to have made ultimatums regarding withdrawal of territory by the Israeli government and people. The First Lady was recently quoted as supporting the establishment of a Palestinian state. The Israeli people are our friends. We should not only celebrate with them, we should demonstrate we are their friend and support their existence.

#### OPPOSE CALIFORNIA'S PROPOSITION 226

(Ms. PELOSI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to denounce the anti-worker initiative on California's June 2 ballot.

Proposition 226 is not a grassroots effort to reform campaign finance and protect the paychecks of California's workers, as its proponents would have us believe. It is a national right-wing effort funded by national organizations to set their agenda: To silence working families, first in our State, and then throughout the Nation.

The primary backers of the California initiative do not even reside in our State. National business, conservative and anti-union organizations, and individuals, in a quest to set a national agenda State-by-State, have contributed more than 60 percent of the funding to the Prop 226 campaign.

Backers include conservative, anti-union groups and individuals such as Americans For Tax Reform and J. Patrick Rooney, an Indianapolis millionaire who chairs the Golden Rule Insurance Company and is a significant GOPAC contributor.

In the past 2 years, working families who participated in the political process won a minimum wage increase, protected medicare from cuts, and saved Federal job safety protections. So now this initiative's proponents are looking for payback.

Please join the League of Women Voters, the Sierra Club, and working families in opposing this anti-worker initiative.

#### U.S. NEEDS FULL ACCOUNTING OF DAMAGE DONE TO NATIONAL SECURITY

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

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, on the policy of launching U.S. satellites with Chinese missiles, National Security Adviser Sandy Berger says, "The telecommunications industry has a tremendous need to put satellites up into the air, and that exceeds the launch capacity of the United States."

It is shameful that this administration's answer to the problem was a transfer of dangerous missile technology to a Communist government which has 13 nuclear missiles aimed at us.

I encourage the President to review his budget and that he work with Congress to increase funding for U.S. missile and space launch research. Defense is not an option. The space program is not a luxury.

The United States is the greatest technological and manufacturing nation in the world. Let us build U.S. rockets to launch U.S. satellites and spend what is necessary to maintain our Nation's defense.

Finally, all Americans need to see this administration cooperate fully with the committee of the gentleman from California (Mr. Cox) so that we can have a full accounting of the damage already done to our national security.

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#### CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT

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

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, the principal issue still facing this Congress is the issue of campaign finance reform. Campaign finance reform is so critically important because it influences so much else of what we do in this House and the other one, as well.

In the summer of 1995, the Speaker of this House, the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. NEWT GINGRICH), shook hands in New Hampshire with President Clinton. He promised then that we would resolve the issue of campaign finance reform. Now it is almost 3 years later, and the issue has still not been resolved. Not only that, but we have not been assured that we will have a simple up-or-down vote on the principal bill that seeks to reform the way we finance campaigns, the Meehan-Shays bill.

We need to bring that bill out to the floor. That bill needs to be fully debated. This House needs to have the opportunity to vote yes or no on Meehan-Shays. Let us have that vote as soon as possible, this week, next week, or the week after. Let us have that vote up-or-down on Meehan-Shays.

#### TOBACCO AND IMMUNITY FOR WITNESSES

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I am here to talk about tobacco. Think about this one minute, those who are cigarette smokers. They may be familiar with the Pagoda Red Mountain cigarette. The Pagoda brand, as Members may know, is the third largest cigarette selling in the world. It is the number one cigarette in China. It is owned by the Communist Chinese government.

The Pagoda Mountain cigarette company has an operative named Ted Sioeng. He gave \$400,000 to the Democrat National Party. His associate, Mr. Kent La, personally gave \$50,000 of the money. He is willing to testify before the Burton committee and just say why a Communist cigarette company was interested in giving the \$400,000 to the Democrats. No big deal. Something we all should want to know. Maybe it is that they just like good cigarette smokers, and recognize the Democrats as such.

But the reality is, 19 Democrats on the committee will not let him speak. They will not let the guy testify. The Democrat Justice Department, the Department of Justice, said they have no problem with immunity and will let Mr. Kent La speak and have immunity, but 19 Democrats say no.

What do the Democrats want to do instead? We heard it this morning. They want to investigate Ronald Reagan. I suggest they have been smoking more than Pagoda Red Mountain cigarettes or whatever it is.