

the very same site where young Chinese students gave their lives struggling for democracy, something is wrong, very wrong, and the hope and inspiration for democracy that once existed in China may turn into disgust and despair.

Let us tell it like it is. If the President can stonewall Kenneth Starr, the President can stonewall the butchers of Tiananmen Square.

And one last word:

The Berlin Wall would still be standing if Ronald Reagan made no demands on Communists.

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TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS TO CHINA A RISK TO AMERICAN SECURITY

(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, most Americans are familiar with the old saying, "Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me." Well, Americans are now starting to wonder just how many times the Communist Chinese have fooled this administration.

The Clinton administration has been selling U.S. secrets to China for the past few years. You name it, nuclear technology, missile secrets, computer technology, they have sold it. Now we have another foolish deal to add to the list.

In 1993, in exchange for a deal on commercial airliners, the Clinton administration pushed a sale to China of special computer-controlled machinery used to make parts for America's premier war planes. The Chinese gave us their word, they gave us their solemn promise, that these machines would not, repeat, would not, be used for military purposes.

Should anyone have been surprised when that sophisticated equipment showed up in a Communist Chinese factory that makes military cruise missiles, military cruise missiles that can be aimed at American soldiers and sailors?

Mr. Speaker, it is time the Clinton administration and their Commerce Department take off their blinders and see these technology transfers for what they are, risks to American national security that clearly endanger American lives.

HONORING SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

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

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Santa Maria, California, one of the most vital and remarkable communities of this great Nation. The strength of this di-

verse city is its people. The residents of Santa Maria are from all walks of life, and they work together often finding innovative ways to solve complex problems.

For example, the Santa Maria-Bonita School District's Healthy Start Program has long offered crucial services to local families in need, and it is not unusual for farmers, educators, entrepreneurs and elected officials to join together and stand up for their city, as they did last October when a delegation of leaders came to our Nation's capital for Santa Maria Day in Washington. Just last Saturday my grandson and I participated in the annual Elks rodeo and parade and saw firsthand the support this community gives to projects which benefit children and families.

Mr. Speaker, it is for these reasons that I wholeheartedly recommend Santa Maria for the prestigious All-American City Award.

Mr. Speaker, this is a city and a community to be honored.

EXPLANATION REQUIRED ON U.S. MISSILE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS TO CHINA

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

Mr. BARR of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, India conducts nuclear tests; Pakistan then conducts nuclear tests; China we know transfers nuclear technology to Pakistan, to Iran, and possibly other nations. Now it turns out that the United States gave missile technology to China. That is right, Communist China, the same country that has transferred that technology to Pakistan, Iran and possibly other adversaries. Though, not to worry, we are told, the Communist Chinese have assured us they will not do it anymore.

It is time, Mr. Speaker, for Congress to examine how the President of the United States has become the Proliferator-in-Chief. It is time for the White House to explain how it is that transferring authority for technology waivers from the State Department to the Commerce Department is in our national interests.

Why will the White House not respond to the May 1997 Pentagon report that concluded, "National security has been harmed," as a result of the technology transfers arising from China's February 1996 rocket failure? The Proliferator-in-Chief should respond to these questions before the next nuclear tests take the world by surprise yet again.

PASS CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM LEGISLATION NOW

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

Mr. ADAM SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to strongly

urge the House to pass the Shays-Meehan campaign finance reform bill as quickly as possible. I also urge the House to reject all amendments and all substitutes to that bill.

Opposition to campaign finance reform has been the main reason that it has not passed thus far, but another reason has been the lack of consensus among the pro-campaign finance reform members. There have been too many reform proposals to settle on one, and the confusion has stopped reform. Well, thanks to the work of Mr. SHAYS and Mr. MEEHAN, we have a consensus bill. Let us unite behind that legislation and pass it as soon as possible.

I also urge this House to stop the sham on the campaign finance reform debate. The underlying bill currently has 11 substitutes and over 600 amendments filed. It is obvious that this is just a stalling tactic to stop reform.

Promises have been repeatedly made on the floor of this House to bring up campaign finance reform and have a vote on it as soon as possible. Once again, those promises are not being met. Campaign finance reform is being thwarted, and a stalling tactic is replacing real reform. Let us vote on Shays-Meehan as soon as possible.

PROTECT AMERICA FROM THREAT OF BALLISTIC MISSILE ATTACK

(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, recent nuclear tests abroad serve as a stark reminder to those who need reminding that the world is still a very dangerous place. Although some are tempted to think that free trade and diplomacy alone will remove the threat of war, all of history suggests this is both fantasy and a dangerous illusion. It was a dangerous illusion in 1914, it was a dangerous illusion in 1939, and it remains a dangerous illusion today.

It is crucial that America end this foolish policy of remaining vulnerable to a ballistic missile attack. Many Americans will be shocked to learn that it is the policy of the United States to have no national ballistic missile defense system in place.

It is time to protect Americans from the threat of a ballistic missile attack and recognize the reality that the world is a dangerous place. If we fail to do that, Mr. Speaker, we will fail in the most crucial obligation we have as a Congress and as the elected representatives of the American people—to secure their future.

TIME TO SCHEDULE VOTE ON SHAYS-MEEHAN CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM BILL

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

Mr. MEEHAN. Mr. Speaker, yesterday's Los Angeles Times got it right: "Voters are getting tired of empty promises" from the Republican leadership on campaign finance reform.

Weeks have passed since the Republican leadership committed to holding a vote on the Shays-Meehan bill. Each day Republican leaders have postponed reform or debate on reform, and every day they postpone it, support for our bill has grown. Grassroots organizations, ranging from the AARP to the National Farmers Union to public groups all over the country are uniting behind supporting the Shays-Meehan bill.

Last week, key Democratic and Republican sponsors of the commission bill merged with our coalition in support of a single bipartisan bill. Over the past few weeks, reform-minded Members on both sides of the aisle have committed to pulling their own reform proposals off if the Shays-Meehan bill wins a majority vote. Now all we need is the opportunity to do just that. Vote on the Shays-Meehan bill.

In short, to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DELAY), reform supporters are ready to move forward. Enough is enough. Let us vote on Shays-Meehan.

TIME TO BUILD NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM

(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, it is a shame that it has taken nuclear blasts in India and Pakistan to convince American leaders that it is time to put an end to our policy of mutually assured vulnerability.

What I mean by this is that the United States is vulnerable to a missile attack. Many Americans are unaware of this. But if a missile were to be fired at American cities, the United States would be defenseless against it. Not only that, but this is the deliberate policy of the United States, to remain defenseless in the face of nuclear attack.

But recent events in Pakistan and India should serve to force us to reconsider our policy of vulnerability in face of a missile attack. Recent reports that Communist China has 13 nuclear missiles aimed at the United States should reinforce the need for this reassessment. It is time to begin to build a national missile defense system. The security of our Nation is at stake.

SUPPORT DOLLARS TO THE CLASSROOM ACT

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

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge Congress and the Presi-

dent to send more dollars to our classrooms instead of Washington bureaucrats. The Dollars to the Classroom Act is a Republican initiative which would require 95 percent of all Federal funding for K-through-12 education programs to be sent to local schools. As a former teacher, I support this act.

Unfortunately, the Clinton administration and its core of Washington bureaucrats believe that they know best how to educate our children. They believe that our children should submit to another national test and that they would benefit from another Federal mandate.

However, the American people know better. The Dollars to the Classroom Act will send nearly all of our Federal tax dollars for education back to local schools. That means \$10 billion will be taken from the grasp of bureaucrats and put into the hands of a teacher who actually knows your child's name.

Support H.R. 3248, the Dollars to the Classroom Act.

WITNESSES REFUSING TO TESTIFY IN WHITE HOUSE INVESTIGATION

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, the Washington Post, which is not exactly known as a conservative newspaper, has done the American people a great service. I do not think anybody with a straight face could say they are part of some vast alleged right wing conspiracy.

Yesterday the Washington Post published a full page list of 94 witnesses who have either fled the country or taken the fifth amendment in relation to the Clinton White House scandals. There has been a pattern of nearly total noncooperation by this administration.

The White House delays and stone-walls, and then complains that the investigation is taking too long. Witnesses flee the country or refuse to testify, and then the White House accuses investigators of being on a witch hunt. Attorney General Janet Reno expands the investigation, and then the White House blames Judge Starr for spending too much money. White House aides suddenly experience massive memory loss and cannot recall any relevant facts about important events.

Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve better than this.

CONGRESS, NOT THE FCC, SHOULD SET TAXES

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

Mr. CANNON. Mr. Speaker, the most exciting technological development of the past decade is the Internet. This truly global network is a conduit for

communication and commerce and is rapidly transforming business, government and virtually every other part of our society.

Not surprisingly, Congress in the Telecom Act 2 years ago moved to push the Internet into our schools. The concept was that deregulation would push down phone rates, allowing for some of the savings to be channeled into connecting schools to the Internet.

That was the intent. The reality has been much different. Starting July 1, every AT&T customer will begin paying a 5 percent surcharge on every long distance call. MCI customers will be burdened with a 5.9 percent markup.

Should every American school have access to the Internet? Yes. Should every American child have the opportunity to tap the wonders of the electronic highway? Clearly, yes. But should every American be forced to pay up to 5.9 percent of their current phone bill in order to funnel funds into a new Federal bureaucracy with the charge to disburse billions of dollars to schools that beg appropriately? The answer to that is no.

The power and authority to levy taxes is clearly vested in Congress. We, not the FCC, should be shaping policy in this area.

EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO MARY-ALYCE JONES ON THE PASSING OF HER MOTHER

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DUNCAN). Without objection, the gentleman from Ohio is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, I take this time today to notify Members of the House that we could be expressing our condolences to Mary-Alyce Jones on the death of her mother this past Sunday.

Many in the Congress will recognize Mary-Alyce as a longtime employee of the Clerk, whose professional attitude and quiet dignity here on the floor serves as a model for all employees to follow, and Members as well.

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So on behalf of all the Congress to not only notify them, we say to Mary-Alyce Jones and the family to please accept our deepest sympathy and know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family on this day of loss.

BANKRUPTCY REFORM ACT OF 1998

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 462 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 462

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 1(b) of rule XXIII, declare the