OUR TERRORIST ENEMIES ARE AFOOT

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, as we were grimly reminded in Egypt yesterday, our terrorist enemies are afoot. As we conclude our work on the 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act today, we do so under a veil of uncertainty abroad and here at home, which makes both the content and tone of our debate on intelligence reform so important.

The 9/11 Commission performed a great public service, and its recommendations were thoughtful. Let us make this point. The 9/11 Commission was not elected by the American people to see to their security, we were. By retaining the independence of our defense and intelligence, while increasing coordination among agencies and adding vital immigration reforms, this Congress is doing just that.

Our enemies wish to do us harm, and the days before elections seem to be especially attractive to them for their treachery. As we debate the 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act today, let live up to that ancient charge. Let us be strong and courageous and do the work the American people sent us here to do.

FOG OF WAR HAS SET IN

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

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, in the past 24 hours, AT&T announced it is cutting an additional 7,000 workers, Bank of America is laying off an additional 4,500 employees, and Unisys 1,400, and 18,000 manufacturing jobs last month alone were lost. Less than an hour ago, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced the economy added a paltry 96,000 jobs. Oil prices are above $50 a barrel. Since 2000, 5 million more Americans have entered the rolls of poverty. Bankruptcies are up more than a third. College and health care costs have each gone up by a third in the last 3 years, yet President Bush says we are making steady progress on the economy.

In Iraq, the numbers of attacks are increasing daily. Nearly 1,100 Americans have been killed and Republican Senators MCCAIN, LUGAR and HAGEL have said Iraq is a mess.

America is stuck in an endless occupation and a jobless economy, yet the word ''progress'' is how President Bush described the situation. Time after time this administration has tried to bend reality to its ideology. Usually, the fog of war sets in on the battlefield, but it appears the fog of war has set in at the White House.

JOHN KERRY'S HANDOUT TO THE RICH

(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, despite what he says, under JOHN KERRY's tax plan, a multi-billionaire could get away without paying 1 penny more in taxes. The problem is Mr. KERRY does not distinguish between wealth and taxable income. Many truly wealthy do not receive a lot of taxable income. They put their money in tax-sheltered investments. If Mr. KERRY were truly serious about taxing the wealth, he would propose eliminating these tax shelters and penalize wealth directly.

Instead, Mr. KERRY would raise taxes on small business owners, ranchers and family farmers. They all work hard, but many are asset rich in land and equipment and cash poor. They are not wealthy. Many borrow money to start or grow businesses and often have high expenses. But if Mr. KERRY gets his way, these hard-working families would see more of their dwindling resources go to Uncle Sam while the truly wealthy get richer. Mr. KERRY's plan might sound good, but it is just a back-door tax hike on working families while giving the truly wealthy a pass.

ETHICAL CLOUD OVER HOUSE GROWS DARKER

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

Mr. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, the ethical cloud hanging over the House of Representatives is growing darker. The arrogance of power has brought dishonor on the House of Representatives.

Look at the Medicare bill. It was written by the drug and insurance companies in the White House and in the Oval office. The legislation passed here in the middle of the night. The leadership attempted to bribe one Republican Member from Michigan. There was the threat of firing a bureaucrat in the President's office who tried to be honest with Congress and tried to be honest with the American people.

The result of that corruption is a 17.4 percent premium increase, the largest premium increase in Medicare history. Republican leaders should be ashamed of themselves.

HONORING ANDREW PHILLIPS

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

Mr. GINGREY. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to a man whose selfless service keeps the citizens of Georgia's 11th Congressional District safe each and every day.

I recently had the privilege of attending a Public Safety Appreciation Breakfast to honor Officer Andrew Phillips of the Marietta Police Department with the Award of Merit.

The Award recognizes a public safety employee for an act of bravery involving great personal risk and saved lives. Officer Phillips was nominated for an incident in March, 2004, where he placed his life in jeopardy to protect other officers who had been shot as they were executing a search warrant in Mableton, Georgia. Instead of retreating, he pressed forward and returned the perpetrator's gunfire until the man surrendered.

By putting other's safety above his own, Andrew Phillips exemplified the highest bravery and professionalism in police work.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in congratulating Officer Phillips of Georgia's 11th Congressional District.

ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD CELEBRATES 200TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. SNYDER. Mr. Speaker, it was my honor last week to attended the 200th anniversary of the Arkansas National Guard.

In 1804, Arkansas was part of the District of Louisiana which was attached to the Indiana territory for administrative purposes. On October 1, 1804, the governor and judges of the Indiana Territory met to pass the laws of the newly acquired District of Louisiana. One of those laws established the requirement for the establishment of a militia which stated ''all the male inhabitants in the district shall be liable to and perform militia duties.'' The Arkansas guard has grown from that.

The first use of the Arkansas militia was during the territorial period when one company of the Miller County militia was called out in 1828 to settle a dispute between local settlers and Native Americans. The situation was resolved without the use of force.

Arkansas units have served in every American war from the war with Mexico in 1846 to the current war on terrorism. Currently, over 3,000 members of the Arkansas National Guard are serving in Iraq with the 39th Brigade, and a number of other units, and over 40 percent of the Army Guard in Arkansas is currently employed in Iraq or in the war on terror.

Mr. Speaker, our thoughts and prayers are with these troops today as we celebrate the 200 years of service of the Arkansas National Guard.

EXPERTS PROVE HUSSEIN WAS A THREAT

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, Charles Duelfer, the chief of

the Iraq Survey Group, said in testimony before Congress that Saddam Hussein had plans to reconstitute his weapons of mass destruction, waiting for the sanctions to erode. In June 4, Mr. Duelfer told me that threat analysis while I visited him in Baghdad. This comes after former weapons inspector David Kay said earlier this year that Saddam was more of a serious threat than we thought.

As President Bush said yesterday, Saddam Hussein retained the knowledge, the materials, the means and intent to produce weapons of mass destruction; and he could have passed that knowledge on to our terrorist enemies. After September 11, we learned we could no longer wait until threats became imminent. If we had waited to liberate Iraq, sanctions may have been lifted, and by that time he may have acquired the weapons that he so desperately wanted. Removing Saddam's brutal, terror-sponsoring regime was the right thing to do at the right time.

Mr. Speaker, we need a courageous President that will continue to protect American families by stopping the enemies at the source in the war on terrorism to reduce the threat of warfare in American neighborhoods.

In conclusion, may God bless our troops. We will never forget September 11.

CHANGE IS COMING

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

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, I want to introduce Members to four young men: Justin Sane, Chris #2, Chris Head, and Pat-Thetic. They are a major punk band called Anti-Flag. Do not let this stage name fool you. These kids care about their country. For over a month, they have been touring America and singing to get kids involved in this election.

Yes, they have mohawks and rings, but in the 1960s, we were considered radical because of long hair and beads, and we changed this country. And these kids will, too.

They are straight-edge punk; no drugs, no alcohol, just kids from Pittsburgh with interesting-colored hairdos and a great message for young people, register and vote or be told what to do and where to go and fight by an administration that will not talk straight to the American people.

To their parents I say, be proud; they are smart kids. I ought to know. I am a child psychiatrist. Do not worry about the hair. It will change.

To the country, all I can say is kids are listening and change is coming because voting is going to be the in thing in 2004. Mr. Bush, your days are numbered.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members should address their remarks to the Chair and not to the President.

9/11 RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTATION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 827 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 10.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 10) to provide for reform of the intelligence community, terrorism prevention and prosecution, border security, and international cooperation and coordination, and for other purposes, with Mr. KOLBE (Chairman pro tempore) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. When the Committee of the Whole rose on the legislative day of Thursday, October 7, 2004, amendment No. 3 printed in House Report 108–571 by the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. SOUDER) had been disposed of.

It is now in order to consider amendment No. 4 printed in House Report 108–751.

AMENDMENT NO. 4 OFFERED BY MR. KIRK

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Chairman, I offer an amendment.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amendment No. 4 offered by Mr. KIRK:

Page 60, after line 9, insert the following new section:

SEC. 1018. REPORT ON INTEGRATION OF DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY INTO THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY.

(a) REPORT.—Not later than 120 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a report on the practicality of integrating the Drug Enforcement Administration into the intelligence community.

(b) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES DEFINED.—In this section, the term ''appropriate congressional committees'' means—

(1) the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives and the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate; and

(2) the Committees on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 827, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KIRK) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KIRK).

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Chairman, this amendment corrects a critical problem with our intelligence community and adds a needed bipartisan recommendation to the reforms we have in the underlying legislation. We have known for quite some time that the sale of elicit narcotics and terrorism go hand in hand. This link is now firm and is clear with regard to the terrorist activities and terrorist groups in Colombia. It is also clear in Peru, but this phenomenon has spread far beyond Latin America and is evident in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

Earlier this year, I traveled to Pakistan and Afghanistan, the key frontier border area of such concern to the United States, and there I learned a new fact, that Osama bin Laden's connection to his family fortune has been reduced. His connection to donations to the United States and Europe has been reduced, but he has a new source of income. Osama bin Laden is now becoming one of the world's largest dealers in heroin. Through just one of his supply organizations, bin Laden's lieutenants are earning at least $28 million from the sale of narcotics through Pakistan.

Let us remind ourselves of the conclusion of the 9/11 Commission, that the attacks against the World Trade Centers, Shanksville, and the Pentagon cost al Qaeda only $500,000. With an annual income of $28 million coming from the sale of illegal narcotics, we know that one of the key terrorist financing mechanisms is the sale of illegal narcotics.

In the 9/11 Commission report, they briefly mentioned this but did not focus on it. When you are on the front lines in Kandahar or Peshawar in Pakistan, you see that this link is clear.

Our Drug Enforcement Agency has some of the best financial maps of terrorist organizations in the world, and the Drug Enforcement Agency used to be a formal member of the intelligence community. In my judgment and the judgment of my bipartisan partner, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. LARSEN), on this amendment, we believe that the Drug Enforcement Agency should become part of the intelligence community again, that this link between terrorism and illegal narcotics is very clear.

Roughly half of the 28 terrorist organizations identified by the State Department in October, 2001, have links to drug activities. Organizations like the Kurdistan Worker's Party, the National Liberation Army, ELN, al Qaeda, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, Shining Path, and the United Self-Defense Forces/Group of Colombia. All of these in a worldwide phenomenon, depending on violence and terror, funded by the sale of illegal narcotics.

This bipartisan amendment would help study the integration of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency into the intelligence community. It is supported by Karen Tandy, the administrator of the DEA. It is supported by a number