

Network to Freedom Program, and for other purposes;

H.R. 3035, to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies; and

H.J. Res. 113, approving the location of a Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial in the Nation's Capitol.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO DECLARE A RECESS ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1998, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING HIS EXCELLENCE EMIL CONSTANTINESCU, PRESIDENT OF ROMANIA

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Wednesday, July 15, 1998, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting his Excellency Emil Constantinescu, President of Romania.

THE SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

SUPPORT THE CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

(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, I rise today in support of the Child Custody Protection Act, which this House will address tomorrow. It is time that we stand up for the safety of the daughters of this Nation as well as for the rights of the parents.

I served in the Pennsylvania legislature when we passed the parental consent laws for the purpose of keeping our young girls safe and under the consent of their parents. Yet abortion clinics in Pennsylvania's neighboring States, New Jersey and Maryland, seek to peddle their services through Pennsylvania newspapers and even to anyone who opens a Pennsylvania phone book.

By passing the Child Custody Protection Act this body will take a clear stand against the bizarre notion that the U.S. Constitution confers a right upon strangers to take one's minor daughter across State lines for a secret abortion, even when a State law specifically requires the involvement of a parent or judge in the daughter's abortion decision.

The government should not allow our daughters' lives to be endangered by turning them over to strangers for serious medical procedures.

Let us protect States' rights. Let us protect parental authority. And most importantly, let us protect our Nation's young women. Let us pass the Child Custody Protection Act.

THE LAST THING AMERICA SHOULD DO IS GIVE MORE TAX DOLLARS TO RUSSIA AND CHINA

(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, since 1992, Russia has gotten \$35 billion from the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and foreign aid from the United States of America. And reports say, check this, not one penny of all those billions can be accounted for.

Now, if that is not enough to tax your vodka, the International Monetary Fund today is giving Russia another \$22 billion, to which the White House said, "Russia needs the money, and this time they promise to behave." Promises, my ascot, Mr. Speaker. Russia promised before, and they sold missiles to our enemies. China gets all our cash, and they have nuclear warheads pointed at America.

Promises, promises, promises. My colleagues, the last thing America needs is to give more money to China and Russia, who are building armies with our tax dollars. But what do I know, I am still trying to figure out the Tax Code.

PRESIDENT ASKS AMERICA TO BLINDLY TRUST THE COMMUNIST CHINESE

(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, the President is back from a \$50 million trip to China and he said that the Chinese now plan to move their nuclear-tipped missiles away from American children and American cities. So why are Americans a little confused and scratching their heads over this? Well, because time and time again this President has guaranteed the American public that we were free from the threat of nuclear missile attack.

In fact, the White House web site says that the President has made this promise 131 times. And in at least a quarter of these speeches, he stated very clearly that no country anywhere was aiming nuclear missiles at Americans.

The President was not alone in his claim. It seems the Vice President, as well as former Secretary of Defense Perry, have made similar claims.

Here is another surprise. President Clinton never mentioned that both Russia and China are upgrading their nuclear missiles with U.S. help. He also failed to mention that the missiles can be retargeted in minutes.

Mr. Speaker, I am not sure when to believe this President. All I know is he is asking us to blindly trust the Chinese, and that worries all of us.

SUPPORT STATES' RIGHTS TO ENACT DEATH WITH DIGNITY LAWS

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

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, twice the voters of Oregon have gone to the ballot box to enact and uphold our Death With Dignity law. The Ninth Circuit Court, the Supreme Court, and most recently the Attorney General have upheld the right of the citizens of Oregon to enact a Death With Dignity law.

But now a group of our colleagues, working hand-in-glove with the same national special interest groups that opposed our ballot measure, have proposed Federal legislation to preempt our Death With Dignity law. Many of these same Members of Congress wax eloquent day after day on the floor of the House for States' rights. Yes, States' rights if it restricts a woman's right to choice. They are for States' rights if it shreds the social safety net. But if the people of Oregon want a Death With Dignity law, well, they are not for States' rights anymore. The Federal Government should preempt them.

This is not only an attack on our States' rights, it is an attempt to overturn the will of a majority of Oregonians with an unprecedented Federal intrusion into the doctor-patient relationship. It is no longer a doctor-patient relationship when we are dying, it is a doctor-patient and Drug Enforcement Administration official relationship. This will have an incredibly chilling effect on the end of life painfully provided by doctors. We must reject this proposal.

PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO CHINA SYMBOLIC OF MANY THINGS

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

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, the President just got back from his trip to China, and I read in the newspaper while we were home for the break that this trip was symbolic. I began to think, what is it symbolic of?

I think it is symbolic, maybe, that the President told them "symbolically" that we do not care that they are building the biggest nuclear arsenal in the world; and we do not care that they are selling that technology to people around the world; and "symbolically" the President was also saying that we do not care that they are invading a little nation like Tibet, that never hurt anybody, and have occupied it for all these years; and "symbolically" he is saying that we do not care that they persecute people because of their faith and their beliefs and religion; and he is telling them "symbolically" that we do not care that they

threatened Taiwan, that could not do them any damage, and that they even threatened the cities on the West Coast of the United States; and "symbolically" the President said, oh, it is okay that their army gave money to his reelection campaign.

And to show them "symbolically" that we do not mind any of this, we are going to give them some missile technology to help their intercontinental ballistic missiles function more appropriately.

The President must be proud of his symbolism.

SUPPORT PATIENT'S BILL OF RIGHTS

(Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I just got back from home as well, and what I heard is that the people really want us to give attention to the Patient's Bill of Rights. They want to be able to choose their own physicians. They feel legislation has been introduced and it is time for us to hear it on the floor so we can vote it. It is the number one concern throughout this country.

Patient care has totally left the hands of physicians and is in the hands of our insurance companies and our corporate leaders, who will not pay any more for coverage. It is time for us to address the issue, bring it to the floor, debate it and send it to the Senate. It is long past due. We have enough people to pass it, and I would simply call on our leadership to bring it to the floor.

SUPPORT SCHOOL CHOICE FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

(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, children living in the District of Columbia deserve something they are not getting today: a quality education. The District of Columbia Control Board found "that the longer students stay in the District's public school system, the less likely they are to succeed."

In today's high-tech economy, our children simply cannot compete in life without a sound education. While Congress supports the efforts of General Becton, we must do more to give the children in the District of Columbia the opportunity for a quality education.

The D.C. School Choice bill would give low-income parents the freedom to choose the best schools for their children. When D.C. public schools compete for students, they will improve by necessity.

Mr. Speaker, the children of Washington deserve a chance to succeed in life. I urge my House colleagues to give

them that chance by supporting school choice for the District of Columbia schools.

SUPPORT THE CHILD CUSTODY PROTECTION ACT

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

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, the American people may not all agree on the issue of abortion, but all Americans should agree that parents have a right to know when their children are having an abortion.

Should a person be able to take a minor girl across State lines to obtain an abortion without her parents knowing about it? Well, 85 percent of the American people say no.

Mr. Speaker, this is not merely a question for the pollsters, it is a question of propriety. Mothers need to know when their daughters are having an abortion. A family needs to know when their children are in trouble. It does no good to keep parents in the dark. Parents need to have the peace of mind to know what their children are doing, and they have the right to know when their daughters are having an abortion.

Mr. Speaker, the Constitution does not confer a right upon strangers to take children across State lines for secret abortions. I urge my colleagues to support the Child Custody Protection Act. It is the right thing to do for America's families.

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PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED SUICIDE

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

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, last year, after 3 years of intense debate and two separate ballot measures, the State of Oregon became the first State to implement a physician-assisted suicide law. This was not an easy decision for the people of my State. It was the subject of intense debate and media coverage, and the issue was so thorny that the legislature even decided to send it to the voters twice, and both times it was approved.

Despite this level of scrutiny in the State of Oregon, the Committee on the Judiciary will begin work today on a bill to overturn the Oregon law.

I came to the well today to say that I understand there are a number of Members of Congress who have very personal concerns about this issue. I have deep personal reservations about the concept of assisted suicide; and, as a private citizen, I voted against it at the ballot box and in this House of Representatives. I voted against Federal funding of assisted suicide.

But I understand this is not an issue about personal feelings. This is an issue about respecting the judgment of

the voters of Oregon. This is about leaving Oregonians' business to Oregonians.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HAYWORTH). Pursuant to the provisions of clause 5 of rule I, the Chair announces that he will postpone further proceedings today on each motion to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered or on which the vote is objected to under clause 4 of rule XV.

Such rollcall votes, if postponed, will be taken after debate has concluded on all motions to suspend the rules but not before 5 p.m. today.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 1997

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 1273) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for the National Science Foundation, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

Senate amendment:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Science Foundation Authorization Act of 1998".

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) **DIRECTOR.**—The term "Director" means the Director of the National Science Foundation established under section 2 of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (42 U.S.C. 1861).

(2) **FOUNDATION.**—The term "Foundation" means the National Science Foundation established under section 2 of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (42 U.S.C. 1861).

(3) **BOARD.**—The term "Board" means the National Science Board established under section 2 of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (42 U.S.C. 1861).

(4) **UNITED STATES.**—The term "United States" means the several States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and any other territory or possession of the United States.

(5) **NATIONAL RESEARCH FACILITY.**—The term "national research facility" means a research facility funded by the Foundation which is available, subject to appropriate policies allocating access, for use by all scientists and engineers affiliated with research institutions located in the United States.

TITLE I—NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AUTHORIZATION

SEC. 101. FINDINGS; CORE STRATEGIES.

(a) **FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

(1) The United States depends upon its scientific and technological capabilities to preserve the military and economic security of the United States.

(2) America's leadership in the global marketplace is dependent upon a strong commitment to education, basic research, and development.

(3) A nation that is not technologically literate cannot compete in the emerging global economy.

(4) A coordinated commitment to mathematics and science instruction at all levels of education