

These are things that we need to do. It is part of my resolution. As a sense of Congress, we are calling for those things. I would hope that all of my colleagues come back here next week and that we get a number of cosponsors on this, and that this moves through the system very rapidly.

We need to send a message to this administration, to the people of Panama, and to the Communist Chinese that Congress will not permit the security interests of the United States to be jeopardied because of some fantasy by the President that we are in a strategic partnership with the communist regime in Beijing.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to leave people with this one thought. My father was a marine pilot. He was a 20-year career man, a lieutenant colonel. When I was a young boy we lived in Japan, and my father flew intelligence missions along the Chinese coast. We lived in a small compound outside of Iwakuni, Japan, which is a Navy base there.

My father would fly, along with other pilots, right along the coast and photograph the coast of China. This is in the 1950s. He did so at great personal risk. In fact, my next-door neighbor, this is when I was 10 years old, my next-door neighbor was shot down by a Communist Chinese plane. Thank God that that person was not shot down and murdered by the Communist Chinese plane, and there was not any question, they were not using American technology to shoot down our neighbors, this American pilot.

In the future, when they shoot down American pilots, that we will haunt us, did we provide the technology necessary to kill those Americans?

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I remember that very vividly. I remember the tears and the sorrow of my next-door neighbor, my playmates, and the sense of hopelessness of the wife who was now left with the two children, on her own, to raise these kids and live her life without a loving husband. I remember that very well.

I also remember that when a few years later my father, he is passed away now, perhaps one of the great things he did for our country was that he helped develop the Navy way of dropping the atomic bomb. To make this clear, what happens is before, if you drop a bomb from a plane like this, a small plane cannot do it because it will blow up the plane. But my father developed the system that the plane goes down, a small jet aircraft can come down like this and loft the bomb ahead as the plane pulls around and heads in the opposite direction. That was a most important development, because after that was perfected, America's aircraft carriers became strategic weapons, and the formula in the Cold War changed dramatically in favor of the United States because we now could deliver nuclear weapons throughout the world. That did not just happen.

My father was taken out of a hospital bed when he described that to a general and given command of a squadron of hotshot pilots, that they were going to develop that as soon as they could, perfect that system with all speed because it meant so much to the security of our country. He put his team together. During that time period, they worked and they pushed the limits and they pushed beyond the limits in order to perfect that system so that other American pilots would be safe when they delivered their weapons.

My mother told me something recently. When my dad passed away about 11 months ago, at the funeral my mother told me how during that time period my father was operating in total secrecy, as was his whole operation, and four young pilots lost their lives in developing this system, four young pilots who were pushing the envelope beyond what they could, flew too low, flew too fast, lost their lives. One of these young pilots who died, my mother remembers going to his home and his wife was there, and it was their first wedding anniversary, and they stood there, my mother and my father, telling this young wife, the candlesticks on the table, that her husband would never come home and they were never able to tell that wife why her husband had died. The mission was top secret. They could not let her know that her husband died developing a system that was so important to the national security of our country, because it was that secret.

I do not know who that man was. I do not know the names of the people who died during the Cold War like that. But there were many of them. My next-door neighbor in Japan, these four young men, they died protecting our country from communism and especially from the Communist Chinese. We do not know their names and we owe them a great deal.

It is up to us to keep faith with those people. We cannot let our country be in jeopardy after they paid so much of a price, so dear a price for our security. And to let some fantasy like a strategic partnership with the Communist Chinese put our country in jeopardy when so many people have sacrificed for our safety is a sin against our people.

SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 299. An act to elevate the position of Director of the Indian Health Service within the Department of Health and Human Services to Assistant Secretary for Indian Health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources; in addition to the Committee on Commerce for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 406. An act to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to make permanent

the demonstration program that allows for direct billing of medicare, medicaid, and other third party payors, and to expand the eligibility under such program to other tribes and tribal organizations; to the Committee on Resources; in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned; in addition to the Committee on Commerce for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

S. 613. An act to encourage Indian economic development, to provide for the disclosure of Indian tribal sovereign immunity in contracts involving Indian tribes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 614. An act to provide for regulatory reform in order to encourage investment, business, and economic development with respect to activities conducted on Indian lands; to the Committee on Resources.

S. 944. An act to amend Public Law 105-188 to provide for the mineral leasing of certain Indian lands in Oklahoma; to the Committee on Resources.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 380. An act to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Administration, reported that that committee did on the following date present to the President, for his approval, a bill of the House of the following title:

On September 15, 1999:
H.R. 2488. To provide for reconciliation pursuant to sections 105 and 211 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2000.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ROHRBACHER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 4 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, September 21, 1999, at 12:30 p.m. for morning hour debates.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

4231. A letter from the Acting Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule—Review of Exchange Disciplinary, Access Denial or Other Adverse Actions Review of NFA Decisions Corrections—received September 14, 1999, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

4232. A letter from the Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the