

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, most of our colleagues are fully aware that Israel is being treated abysmally at the hands of the United Nations, principally in the General Assembly. Regrettably, the Palestinians have promoted and have adopted anti-Israel and anti-peace process resolutions.

Today, unfortunately, is no different. Despite UN Secretary General Kofi Annan's recent statement that, "words can inflame or soothe, and everyone needs a restoration of calm and quiet so as to create the best possible atmosphere for resumption of peace talks," the UN General Assembly is presently in an emergency session in which they will be considering, despite U.S. opposition, a resolution condemning Israel regarding the ongoing violence in the Middle East.

As our U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Richard Holbrooke, stated, "the General Assembly wants to beat up on Israel" once again. It sounds to me that it is similar to the UN's "Zionism is Racism" resolutions of old. Accordingly, I urge our colleagues to join in condemning this latest act of incitement at the UN.

CHINA BOLDLY TRYING TO PICK OUR PRESIDENT

(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, news reports say a Chinese spokesman said, "America is our enemy, and we must prepare to fight them." Now, if that is not enough to infuriate Ronald Reagan, the spokesman further stated, "China does not want to see George Bush get elected." He said, "Bush will support and bolster Taiwan, and Bush will, in fact, build a missile shield around America, weakening China." I say that is a compliment to George Bush.

Because think about it, last election, China got away with funneling cash illegally to the Democratic National Committee. No investigation. This time they are boldly trying to pick our President. Beam me up, Congress. It is time to mandate an independent investigation into this Chinese business.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the lessons we should have learned at Pearl Harbor.

NATIONAL SECURITY THREATENED BY A LETTER

(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, here we go again. The Clinton-Gore administration is illegally threatening vital national security interests of the American public.

This time the illegality involved a letter written by Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin to Vice

President GORE about a secret, illegal nuclear arms deal with an unidentified terrorist nation "that was not to be conveyed to third parties, including the United States Congress."

Yes, sadly, Vice President GORE kept his promise to the Russian Prime Minister instead of his promise to the American public.

He did not tell Congress about the letter or about Moscow's continued sale of nuclear equipment to Iran, a blatant violation of the Nuclear Non-proliferation Act.

Instead of being open and honest with Congress about this high level national security threat, GORE simply filed the letter away and kept silent.

Mr. Speaker, America deserves an administration that will work with Congress to protect the national security interest of our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back Mr. GORE's flagrant disregard for our Constitution, our security, and our country.

COSPONSOR H. RES. 635, EXECUTIVE STEEL DEFENSE RESOLUTION

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

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, I ask all of my colleagues to consider cosponsoring House Resolution 635, the Executive Steel Defense Resolution. We currently have 205 cosponsors calling upon the President of the United States to initiate a section 201 trade case to bring to an end illegally traded steel in the U.S. domestic market.

Despite investing \$35 billion to modernize, despite the loss of 240,000 jobs, despite cutting back capacity by 20 percent, despite doubling productivity since 1983 because of collusion overseas, because of illegal dumping from countries overseas, particularly during the intervening time from 1998 until now, we have seen six bankruptcies of steel companies. We have seen an additional 6,000 steelworkers lose their jobs. We have seen capacity utilization decline from 90 percent to 75 percent.

We cannot afford to wait till the next Congress. We cannot afford to wait for the next administration. I call upon President Clinton to immediately file a section 201.

REMEMBERING COURAGEOUS SAILORS ABOARD U.S.S. "COLE"

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

Mrs. FOWLER. Mr. Speaker, today we remember those courageous sailors aboard the U.S.S. *Cole* whose dedication and conviction to freedom and democracy cost them their lives. We honor the sacrifice of those who were killed and pray for the speedy recovery of those who were injured and for the families of all those brave Americans.

To EMC Fred Stozier of Jacksonville, my thoughts are with him and his family as he recovers from his injuries.

We can never be completely immune from the darker forces of terrorism that lurk in every corner of the world. We must counter these threats with a complete commitment to preparedness and strength. Our adversaries must know we will not shy away from our responsibility to preserve our national security and the precious ideals of democracy. The sacrifice of these Americans on the altar of freedom will never be forgotten. May God bless their souls and may God bless America.

UNITED STATES IN THIRD YEAR OF IMPORT STEEL CRISIS

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

Mr. MOLLOHAN. Mr. Speaker, what happens when a crisis is not resolved, a crisis that is allowed to grow, both in scope and intensity? In time, that crisis will become a disaster. Such a time is near at hand for our domestic steel industry.

We are in the third year of an import steel crisis. Our steel companies and workers are buckling under the weight of unprecedented, record-breaking foreign imports, much of it illegal. Thousands of our workers have been laid off. Six of our steel companies in the last 2 years have gone bankrupt. With this year's imports running higher than ever, the continued existence of a viable steel industry in this country is at risk.

The only way to avert such a disaster is to cut imports, to reverse the trend which is threatening an industry that is vital to our economy and our national defense.

That is why I join the gentleman from New York (Mr. QUINN) in introducing the bipartisan Executive Steel Defense Resolution. That is why I have joined the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. VISCLOSKY); the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. REGULA); the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. NEY); the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. WISE), from my home State; the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. KLINK); the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MASCARA); and the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. DOYLE) in the bipartisan effort to achieve relief against disastrous steel import levels.

We call on the President to initiate a 201 proceeding, Mr. Speaker.

EFFORTS TO REDUCE PUBLIC DEBT AND PROTECT SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE HELD HOSTAGE BY ADMINISTRATION

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

Mr. HERGER. Mr. Speaker, our efforts to reduce public debt and protect

the Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds are being held hostage by the Clinton-Gore administration.

It has been 36 days since Congress proposed locking away Social Security and Medicare surpluses and dedicating 90 percent of the total surplus to paying off the public debt; and still no response from President Clinton and Vice President AL GORE.

There is a good reason they have not responded. They want to overspend.

President Clinton has threatened to veto seven appropriations bills because he claims they do not spend enough. Vice President GORE's budget proposal spends the entire surplus and raids the Social Security Trust Fund.

The President and Vice President should put debt reduction and protection of Social Security and Medicare ahead of spending and support the 90-10 debt reduction plan proposed by the Republican Congress.

REMEMBERING CHERONE LOUIS GUNN, KILLED ON U.S.S. "COLE"

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

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, on October 12, a terrorist bomb left, not only a hole in the side of the U.S.S. *Cole*, but a hole in the lives of families and friends of the 17 sailors killed by the blast. This is especially true of friends and family of 23-year-old Signalman Seaman Recruit Cherone Louis Gunn.

Seaman Gunn's life was marked by service to family, friends, community and Nation. His neighbors in Rex, Georgia remember him for always being available to help the local youth.

His passion to serve his community fueled his ambition to serve in law enforcement.

His desire to serve his Nation was expressed by his decision to follow his father's footsteps and join the Navy, where he would gain valuable experience which would help him enter law enforcement upon the end of his tour of duty.

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Mr. Speaker, Cheron Louis Gunn always sought to serve his country, knowing the risk inherent in the military and in law enforcement. Yet he did not shrink from making his commitment.

I wish to offer my condolences to the Gunn family. It may be inadequate consolation, but it is important to remember that Seaman Gunn serves as a bright example of the qualities of honor and self-sacrifice which inspire the men and women of our Armed Forces.

CORRECTING ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 2348, AUTHORIZING BUREAU OF RECLAMATION TO PROVIDE COST SHARING FOR ENDANGERED FISH RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS FOR UPPER COLORADO

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table the Senate concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 151) to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill, H.R. 2348, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BLILEY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oregon?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the Senate concurrent resolution, as follows:

S. CON. RES. 151

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring). That in the enrollment of the bill (H.R. 2348) entitled "An Act to authorize the Bureau of Reclamation to provide cost sharing for the endangered fish recovery implementation programs for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Basins.", the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make the following correction:

Strike section 4 and insert:

"SEC. 4. EFFECT ON RECLAMATION LAW.

"Specifically with regard to the acreage limitation provisions of Federal reclamation law, any action taken pursuant to or in furtherance of this title will not—

"(1) be considered in determining whether a district as defined in section 202(2) of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390bb) has discharged its obligation to repay the construction cost of project facilities used to make irrigation water available for delivery to land in the district;

"(2) serve as the basis for reinstating acreage limitation provisions in a district that has completed payment of its construction obligations; or

"(3) serve as the basis for increasing the construction repayment obligation of the district and thereby extending the period during which the acreage limitation provisions will apply."

The Senate concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 5308, FIVE NATIONS CITIZENS LAND REFORM ACT OF 2000

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that in the engrossment of the bill (H.R. 5308) to amend laws relating to the lands of the citizens of the Muscogee (Creek), Seminole, Cherokee, Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations, historically referred to as the Five Civilized Tribes, and for other purposes, the Clerk be authorized to make the following correction that I have placed at the desk.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. WALDEN of Oregon:

At the end of section 403, add the following new paragraph:

"(2) OTHER CONSTRUCTION NOT VALID.—Nothing in this subsection is intended to or shall be construed to create, affect, or imply the existence or nonexistence of authority of any federally recognized Indian tribe over—

"(A) any other federally recognized Indian tribe;

"(B) the members of any other federally recognized Indian tribe; or

"(C) any land in which any other federally recognized Indian tribe or any member of any other federally recognized Indian tribe has or is determined by the Secretary or a court of competent jurisdiction to have any interest."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oregon?

There was no objection.

CHEYENNE RIVER SIOUX TRIBE EQUITABLE COMPENSATION ACT

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when proceedings resume on the unfinished business of the motion to suspend the rules and pass the Senate bill (S. 964) to provide for equitable compensation for the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes, as amended, that the amendment be deemed to include the corrections that I have placed at the desk.

The Clerk read the title of the Senate bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment offered by Mr. WALDEN of Oregon:

Strike Title IV of the bill and insert instead—

"TITLE IV—CONVEYANCE OF KINIKLIK VILLAGE

"SEC. 401. CONVEYANCE OF KINIKLIK VILLAGE.

"(a) That portion of the property identified in United States Survey Number 628, Tract A, containing 0.34 acres and Tract B containing 0.63 acres located in Section 26, Township 9 North, Range 10 East, Seward Meridian, containing 0.97 acres, more or less, and further described as Tracts A and B Russian Creek Church Mission Reserve according to U.S. Survey 628 shall be offered for a period of one year for sale by quitclaim deed from the United States by and through the Forest Service to Chugach Alaska Corporation under the following terms:

"(1) Chugach Alaska Corporation shall pay consideration in the amount of \$9,000.00;

"(2) In order to protect the historic values for which the Forest Service acquired the land, Chugach Alaska Corporation shall agree to and the conveyance shall contain the same reservations required by 43 CFR §§2653.5(a) and 2653.11(b) for protection of historic and cemetery sites conveyed to a Regional Corporation pursuant to section 14(h)(1) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

"(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Forest Service shall deposit the proceeds from the sale to the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Fund established by Public Law 102-154 and may be expended without further appropriation in accordance with Public Law 102-229."

Mr. WALDEN of Oregon (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous