

Arafat's promises are worth nothing.

It is wrong to ask American taxpayers to subsidize the Palestinian authority when Yasser Arafat uses the resources of the Palestinian authority to attack innocent men, women, and children in Israel.

We have seen video footage of the Palestinian people cheering and dancing in the streets after the September 11th attacks—many holding posters of Saddam Hussein.

Yet, while we have sanctions against Iraq, we are providing millions of dollars in aid to the Palestinian authority through non-governmental organizations.

We know well that any funds, even designated as humanitarian, free up money that Arafat can use for his army of human bombers.

If there is any doubt in anybody's mind that Yasser Arafat promotes terrorism, I would like you to consider the order on the official letterhead of the presidential bureau of the Palestinian authority/Palestine liberation organization, bearing the signature of Yasser Arafat just 8 days after our country was attacked on 9/11, ordering \$600 be paid from the treasury of the Palestine authority to each of three terrorists. Two of them are senior activists of the Fatah terrorist group, and one of these, Ziad Da'as, is the head of the group behind a recent deadly terrorist attack on a bat-mitzvah party in Israel. The Israeli defense ministry says they recently captured this document at Arafat's office in Ramallah.

Also, I ask my colleagues to consider the order from Yasser Arafat to the finance ministry of the Palestinian authority from January 7th of this year. In this document, Arafat orders the disbursement of \$350 to each of the 12 named Fatah activists. According to the Israeli Defense Ministry, who captured this document at Arafat's headquarters in Ramallah, each of these 12 individuals are known terrorists, belonging to Fatah and or Tanzim. Arafat's approval is given in response to a request of Ra'ed Karmi, then the head of the Fatah and Tanzim Terror Groups, which perpetrated numerous murderous attacks on innocent Israeli civilians since September 2000.

American aid to the Palestinian authority allows Arafat to focus more of his resources on attacking Israel.

We need to make sure no taxpayer money ends up in the Palestinian authority.

My legislation would do just that.

As recently as April 7th of this year, Tim Russert on "Meet the Press" asked the Secretary of State to deny that Arafat is funding terrorism. Here is what he said:

Russert: Israel says documents link Arafat and terrorism. They seized documents and made them public, which linked the office of Yasser Arafat with terrorist attacks carried out against Israeli civilians and other targets. One of the documents, said to be an invoice submitted by a leading Palestinian militant group to a Palestinian official,

among other items, the invoice requested 20,000 Israeli Shekels, \$4,200 American, to buy electrical and chemical components for the production of a month's supply of 30 bombs. It's an invoice of terrorism, said Dori Gold, an advisor to Prime Minister Sharon. [Mr. Secretary,] do you believe the Palestinian authority harbors or supports terrorism?"

Do you know, what our Secretary of State replied?

Did he deny the authenticity of this document? He did not.

Did he deny that Arafat paid the bill? He did not.

Did he deny that our taxpayer dollars are thus funding the killing of innocent men, women and children? He did not.

What he said was, "It is a complex situation".

There's nothing complex about it! Our tax dollars should never be used for terrorism. Period. End of discussion!

After our Nation was brutally attacked on September 11, President Bush set a new direction in U.S. foreign policy.

He Said, "From this day forward, any Nation that continues to harbor or support terrorism will be regarded by the United States as a hostile regime."

By any honest assessment, Yasser Arafat both harbors and supports terrorism.

On the other hand, Israel is a good friend of the United States and the only democracy in the middle east.

I repeat, we must stand unequivocally by Israel, and do everything in our power to support her.

The record is clear.

Israel is a friend of the United States, Yasser Arafat is not.

We can't expect Israel to negotiate with individuals who wish to destroy Israel's very existence.

We must also ensure that we in no way support Arafat's oppressive regime by providing money to organizations affiliated with the Palestinian authority.

Every dollar that we send to the west bank and Gaza is a dollar that could potentially be used to support terrorism.

I strongly urge my colleagues to stand with me on the side of Israel and vote for my legislation.

HUMAN CLONING PROHIBITION ACT

Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, earlier this week I modified my bill, the Human Cloning Prohibition Act, S. 2076. I originally introduced this bill in an attempt to forge a consensus on what I thought was a straight-forward concept, the banning of reproductive cloning or the cloning of a human being. When I introduced the legislation, I stated: "It is a simple bill, but it reflects my view and a view that is held by almost everyone. . . . My legislation makes it illegal to clone a human being and imposes strict penalties against anyone who violates this prohibition."

However, in recent weeks those who oppose my legislation have interpreted the language of my bill in a manner that is not consistent with the intent of the bill. They argue that my bill as originally introduced would allow a cloned embryo to be implanted into the uterus and "harvested" at some point prior to birth.

I do not believe the language of my bill allows that, and it is certainly not the intent of the bill. But, in order that no one can misinterpret the intent of my bill, I am making an adjustment in the bill language. The revised language will define human cloning as "implanting or attempting to implant the product of somatic cell nuclear transfer, or any other cloning technique, into a uterus or the functional equivalent of a uterus." It makes it unlawful for "any person to conduct or attempt to conduct human cloning." The bill retains the strict penalties against violators that were present in the original version.

My legislation is silent on the matter of therapeutic cloning or what some call "regenerative medicine." I understand that this is a topic that needs thoughtful discussion and debate. It is a subject that is addressed in other bills now before the Senate.

I respect those who support the Brownback bill and wish to prohibit what is called somatic cell nuclear transplantation or the cloning of stem cells. This is a difficult subject and there is plenty of room for thoughtful disagreement in the debate. But I don't believe that we should prohibit the promising research that could lead to cures for diseases such as diabetes, Alzheimer's, cancer, heart disease and more. I agree with Nancy Reagan, former President Ford, ORRIN HATCH, and others that this kind of regenerative medicine conducted under strict guidelines and controls can offer great hope to tens of millions of Americans and can save lives.

The debate on that matter is left to other legislation. My bill applies only to the issue of prohibiting the cloning of a human being and I hope that this change in the language will no longer leave room for those who are opponents to misinterpret or misunderstand its intent.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

ALEUTIAN CAMPAIGN OF WORLD WAR II

• Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I submit the following newspaper articles commemorating the 60th anniversary of Aleutian Campaign of the Second World War and the veterans who served there. This campaign was the only action actually fought on American soil during the war. The men who served there endured not only the horrors of combat, but also one of the harshest environments on Earth. Fighting and, in many cases, dying, to prove that