

said if it is so safe, Mr. Chirac, why do you not explode it in France?

We do not need this madness. We do not need this nightmare. I might also, Mr. Speaker, there are only 1.2 million American citizens living in the State of Hawaii. On the State of Hawaii, these are American citizens, Mr. Speaker, and I appeal again to the President, to the State Department, let us not be submissive. Let us not be passive to allow President Chirac to make these kinds of decisions that bring tension, that bring trouble and complete disregard for the concerns and the lives and the health and the welfare of the people who live in the Pacific.

Mr. Speaker, I was in Tahiti just 2 days ago. Never have I witnessed what colonialism really means in the eve of the 21st century. Tahitian people are the least educated. I learned that only a handful, this is after 150 years of French colonialism, I was told by the Tahitians there are less than 10 Tahitians that were ever educated in the field of law. What a shame. What a shame, Mr. Speaker.

I was joined by the Minister of Finance. The Minister of Finance, Mr. Takemura of Japan, quotes that France is losing respect from nations all over the world because of this stupid policy of exploding nuclear bombs in the Pacific. I might also note, Mr. Speaker, that there were parliamentarians from about 20 countries all over the world who were there to lend their support in strong opposition to this stupid policy that President Chirac has established to continue these stupid nuclear tests that we do not need in this world. And why are we reinventing the wheel? We have the technology. We offered it to President Chirac. But he does not want to accept it. What foolishness. And if it is so much to say that President Chirac can get away with this, then, Mr. Speaker, there is no justification for the United States and for France to tell India, to tell Pakistan, to tell Iraq, to tell Iran, you cannot experiment with nuclear bombs. That is nonsense and I urge my colleagues, I urge the American people to help, to help the 200,000 Polynesian Tahitians who are the victims.

I might also add, Mr. Speaker, the media has done a disservice to this whole issue of nuclear bomb testings seeking only the opinions of people living in Europe, seeking only the opinions of policymakers but never looking at the situation of the victims, the people, the indigenous people who live in these islands, never, never regarding their concerns and their needs to live. And that is all they want, Mr. Speaker.

They just want to simply live as a people whose lives depend on the ocean, whose lives depend on these atolls and these islands, and I just cannot believe this, Mr. Speaker. I cannot believe this is at the eve of the 21st century we have a country like France, supposedly a democracy, practicing the worst evils of colonialism against these 200,000 people that live there and all they

want in life is just to live in peace. Is that asking too much of President Chirac? Oh, no. President Chirac wants to so that he is a big man now.

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He is macho; he is De Gaulle the second. He wants to show that he has got muscle there.

I hope Chancellor Kohl will take notice of this fact. If I were a German citizen, I would be a little concerned about President Chirac's ability to press that nuclear button.

Why should Germany also not have nuclear deterrent force? I say, in every justification, Germany should have that same, but this is a farce that is going on as far as nuclear testing is concerned.

Why should France be the only one? And other democratic countries in Europe, they should also have the same technology. This is what France has done.

Chirac is the leading proponent of nuclear proliferation. What France has done yesterday, it has opened up the nuclear arms tests again, and I call upon President Clinton and Secretary Christopher, let us not be passive about this. This thing concerns the lives and the welfare of the American people just as much as the poor victims who are caught between this whole episode on how one man, not the goodness of the French people, one man and the terrible policy that his government has established since he has been in office for the first 100 days. I cannot believe this, Mr. Speaker; the worst example of colonialism on the eve of the 21st century that we find a democratic country like France totally disregarding world opinion, totally disregarding the wishes of the local people who are going to be most impacted. Yet this man still went ahead and exploded that nuclear bomb yesterday. I cannot believe this, Mr. Speaker.

I ask the American people, you know, there is one thing I have learned about American tradition. Mr. Speaker, they always like to support the underdog because we were the underdogs when we were colonies and happened to be going against the greatest power, that happened to be the British empire. Who would dare challenge the British empire for its form of colonialism? This exactly is the situation facing the Polynesians, 200,000 people who do not have guns, grenades. They are still paddling canoes to make a living, enjoying what nature has given them, enjoying what God has given them.

Is it asking so much that these people want to live as any others, Mr. Speaker? Mr. Speaker, what nonsense, what madness that the President of France has the gall, the mitigated gall, to press that nuclear button yesterday.

If the Tahitians get killed and wounded, if that place is burning, I say this should be on the head of President Chirac, that he should be taking full responsibility for this.

I call upon my colleagues and the goodness of the American people, do

not buy French products, do not buy French perfume, do not buy French wines. Send a strong message to President Chirac that the world community and the American people support the victims of this whole thing, and this is the only way that that man is going to listen to the wishes of the world community.

Mr. Speaker, 63 percent of the people of France do not support nuclear testing. The vast majority of the Tahitian Polynesians, 200,000 men, women, and children who live in this area of the world, do not support nuclear testing.

Yet because of the strong military lobby, the corporate lobby in France that probably supported President Chirac during his campaign, is getting a payoff. That is what this is about. The corporate lobby in France is getting a payoff because of its support of President Chirac in his election campaign this year. What a shame, Mr. Speaker. What a shame this is the kind of policy the President of France adheres to despite the wishes not only of the people, the victims who live in these islands; they are getting nothing but the worst example of colonialism in the middle of the 20th century.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I appeal to my colleagues and the American people, do not buy French foods, do not buy French products. This is the only way that President Chirac is going to listen to common sense, listen and be a little more sensitive to the wishes of the people who live there.

Mr. Speaker, again I thank my friend, the gentleman from New Jersey.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. RIGGS (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today, on account of personal reasons.

Mr. SISISKY (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, and the balance of the week, on account of medical reasons.

Mr. TUCKER (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, and the balance of the week, on account of official business.

Mr. MFUME (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of district business.

Mr. PETE GEREN of Texas (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of family medical emergency.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BRYANT of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BRYANT of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. SCHROEDER, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. WARD, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. DOGGETT, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. DURBIN, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. WISE, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mrs. THURMAN, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. LOFGREN, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SCARBOROUGH) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FORBES, for 5 minutes, today.
 Mr. SCARBOROUGH, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GOSS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BILBRAY, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at her own request) to revise and extend her remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. PELOSI, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at his own request) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. DICKS, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BURTON of Indiana) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, today and on September 7.

Mr. GEKAS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DREIER, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCINTOSH, for 5 minutes, on September 7.

Mrs. SMITH of Washington, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FOX of Pennsylvania, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. SCARBOROUGH) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. KING.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WISE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. WAXMAN.

Mr. LEVIN.

Mr. HAMILTON in five instances.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mrs. MEEK of Florida.

Mr. CARDIN.

Mr. STARK.

Mr. POMEROY.

Mr. MARTINEZ in three instances.

Mrs. SCHROEDER.

Mr. FOGLIETTA in three instances.

Mr. UNDERWOOD.

Mr. TORRES in two instances.

Mrs. LINCOLN in two instances.

Mr. VISCLOSKEY in two instances.

Mrs. MALONEY.

Mr. MINETA.

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. BURTON of Indiana) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. HUNTER.

Mr. OXLEY.

Mr. RADANOVICH.

Mr. GILMAN.

Mr. SPENCE.

Mr. QUILLEN.

Mr. QUINN.

Mr. EMERSON in two instances.

Mr. EHRLICH.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. COSTELLO.

Mr. OWENS.

Mr. VENTO.

Mr. MFUME.

Mr. REED.

Mr. RICHARDSON.

Mr. BEREUTER.

Mr. PARKER.

Mr. SAXTON.

Mr. MENENDEZ.

SENATE BILLS AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

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

S. 369. An act to designate the Federal Courthouse in Decatur, Alabama, as the "Seybourn H. Lynne Federal Courthouse", and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

S. 965. An act to designate the United States Courthouse for the Eastern District of Virginia in Alexandria, Virginia, as the Albert V. Bryan United States Courthouse; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

S. Con. Res. 22. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the United States should participate in Expo '98 in Lisbon, Portugal; to the Committee on International Relations.

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee had examined and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1225. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to exempt employees who perform certain court reporting duties from compensatory time requirements applicable to certain public agencies, and for other purposes;

H.R. 2161. An act to extend authorities under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1994 until October 1, 1995, and for other purposes;

H.R. 535. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Corning National Fish Hatchery to the State of Arkansas;

H.R. 584. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a fish hatchery to the State of Iowa;

H.R. 614. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Minnesota the New London National Fish Hatchery production facility;

H.R. 2077. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 33 College Avenue in Waterville, Maine, as the

"George J. Mitchell Post Office Building"; and

H.R. 2108. An act to permit the Washington Convention Center Authority to expend revenues for the operation and maintenance of the existing Washington Convention Center and for preconstruction activities relating to a new convention center in the District of Columbia, to permit a designated authority of the District of Columbia to borrow funds for the preconstruction activities relating to a sports arena in the District of Columbia and to permit certain revenues to be pledged as security for the borrowing of such funds, and for other purposes.

BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on House Oversight, reported that that committee did on the following days present to the President, for his approval, bills of the House of the following titles:

On August 11, 1995:

H.R. 2161. An act to extend authorities under the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1994 until October 1, 1995, and for other purposes.

On August 28, 1995:

H.R. 2108. An act to permit the Washington Convention Center Authority to expend revenues for the operation and maintenance of the existing Washington Convention Center and for preconstruction activities relating to a new convention center in the District of Columbia, to permit a designated authority of the District of Columbia to borrow funds for the preconstruction activities relating to a sports arena in the District of Columbia and to permit certain revenues to be pledged as security for the borrowing of such funds, and for other purposes;

H.R. 584. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey a fish hatchery to the State of Iowa;

H.R. 2077. An act to designate the United States Post Office building located at 33 College Avenue in Waterville, Maine, as the "George J. Mitchell Post Office Building";

H.R. 614. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Minnesota the New London National Fish Hatchery production facility;

H.R. 535. An act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey the Corning National Fish Hatchery to the State of Arkansas; and

H.R. 1225. An act to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to exempt employees who perform certain court reporting duties from the compensatory time requirements applicable to certain public agencies, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, September 7, 1995, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows: