

COX REPORT RELEASED; IT IS ABOUT TIME

(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 Phantom Menace" is the title to the new popular Star Wars movie. But it might also be an apt description of the Chinese espionage efforts against the United States as outlined in the Cox Report.

Unlike this popular movie, however, this Chinese espionage is not fiction, and it may have far-reaching national security consequences long into the future.

It has taken nearly 5 months of struggle and arguing with the Clinton administration to release the Cox Report. Mr. Speaker, for myself and the many concerned Nevadans that I represent, all I can say is, it is about time.

It is about time that the American people found out if China's nuclear arsenal was built from the genius of the American people, on the backs of the American taxpayer.

It is about time that the Americans learn if the U.S. nuclear weapons labs will meet even minimum security standards some time next year.

But it is ultimately about time that this administration accepts responsibility for its years of inaction in this unfortunate situation, and has the intestinal fortitude to make the appropriate changes.

I yield back this Chinese spy menace, Mr. Speaker, and hopefully today the phantoms will be revealed. It is about time.

CALLING FOR RESIGNATION OF SANDY BERGER

(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, the fact is Sandy Berger is our national security advisor. The fact is Sandy Berger was once China's chief lobbyist in America. The fact is now there is a hole in our national security so big we could throw Berger and all our secrets all the way to China nonstop. Beam me up.

I am not accusing Sandy Berger of any wrongdoing. But for the good of America, Sandy Berger should resign as our national security advisor. Sandy Berger is very close to China. In Washington, perception becomes reality.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back any secrets we have left.

MORE QUESTIONS ARISE ABOUT WHO KNEW WHAT WHEN REGARDING CHINESE ESPIONAGE

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

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, the long-awaited Cox Report on Chinese espionage becomes public today, and we already know many of the stunning details about the loss of our most sensitive nuclear secrets.

The President's press secretary says this goes back 20 years and there is no Democrat or Republican face on it. He is using the "everybody does it" defense. The Energy Secretary has cautioned us not to overreact.

But how should we react to the worst spy case in American history? It is clear that Clinton-Gore administration did not react at all after this was discovered in 1995. Why wasn't the President briefed on this in 1995, in 1996, 1997, 1998 or 1999? If he was, why was nothing done?

Attorney General Janet Reno is being set up to be the scapegoat in this scandal, but there are a lot more questions which the Clinton administration must answer about who knew it and when they knew it.

NATIONAL MISSING CHILDREN'S DAY

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

Mr. FARR of California. Mr. Speaker, there is an old saying about there being a special God for children. Certainly we would like to think that someone is watching over our young people, protecting them from harm. But, tragically, we know this is not the case.

Our community in the central coast of California lost a beautiful 13-year-old girl last year. That forever changed the lives of the Williams family and the thousands of local volunteers who donated thousands of hours searching for us.

As innocently as many of our children do every day, Christina took the family dog for a walk on June 2, 1998. Seven months later, her parents' worst nightmare came true when her body was discovered January 12, 1999 three miles from the Williams home. The day Christina Williams' body was found was one of the darkest days I have seen on the central coast of California.

Her family and friends said good-bye and vowed never to forget their daughter, sister, and friend. We had to learn to turn our anger and pain into a mission to make our community a safer place to raise our children. From our effort can hopefully come a larger recognition/realization that if we lose one of our children to violence, our society is morally weaker, for we can only imagine the potential that a child had to offer that society.

I wear this ribbon as we observe National Missing Children's Day.

I am wearing this white ribbon as a symbol as we observe National Missing Children's Day. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the family of Christina Williams and to each and every parent and family who has lost a child

and pledge my efforts to be a protector of our nation's children.

CHINESE THEFT OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY HAS ADVANCED THREAT BY A GENERATION

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

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, the Rosenbergs were executed for giving the former Soviet Union secret information which allowed them to advance their atomic weapons program by 5 years.

The Chinese theft of nuclear weapons technology which has recently occurred under this administration has advanced the threat to our Nation by a generation.

This administration loves to say we have to do this, we have to do that for the children. Think of how much American children's lives have been endangered by this administration because of its lax security measures.

Campaign contributions from the head of the Chinese military intelligence to the Clinton administration; and this administration's response, we need campaign finance reform. They do not even follow the laws in the books that we have now.

Now the Clinton administration screams for gun control. Yet, they invite Chinese arms dealers to coffees at the White House, yes, for campaign donations. Unbelievable.

SUPPORT SAFE PARKS ACT OF 1999

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

Mr. GREEN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce an important bill, the Safe Parks Act of 1999.

Mr. Speaker, our national parks are not as safe as we would expect them to be. In 1997, there were over 550 reported sex offenses in our national parks. Even more disturbing, 1997 saw 33 forceful rapes and 11 attempted rapes in those same national parks. That is a rape or attempted rape about every 8 days on Federal lands that are supposed to be safe havens for our families.

That is why I am introducing the Safe Parks Act today. It is a simple bill, barring any convicted sex offender from entering our U.S. parks.

Mr. Speaker, in honor of National Missing Children's Day, please join me in supporting this measure to help defend the sanctity of our Federal parks for our kids.

NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

(Mr. KNOLLENBERG asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Mr. Speaker, this week is National Small Business Week. I rise in recognition of the important role that small businesses play in our Nation. Small businesses are vital to our economy and our communities. Just listen to some of these facts.

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They account for 99.7 percent of the employers in our Nation; they employ 53 percent of the private work force and are responsible for 50 percent of the private gross domestic product in America.

Despite these enormous contributions, small businesses have to struggle under the weight of excessive taxation and unnecessary regulation handed down by the Federal Government. Clearly, I believe the time has come for Congress and the President to provide some relief to small business owners by cutting taxes and reining in overzealous regulators.

Mr. Speaker, I stand to work with both sides, all my colleagues, to promote an agenda that strengthens small business and creates new economic opportunities for the American people.

SCORE

(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, I am pleased that my colleague who just spoke is emphasizing Small Business Week. This is Small Business Week. It is a time to celebrate the entrepreneurs that make the Nation's engine run. I want to take this opportunity to recognize a group of people that serve as that engine's mechanics, the Service Corps of Retired Executives, known as SCORE, which is celebrating their 35th anniversary this year.

SCORE is made up of a group of retired business executives. They volunteer their time and business expertise to counsel and advise our Nation's small business and entrepreneurs-to-be. With well over 50 percent of all new businesses failing within the first 6 years, counseling early on can make a difference between success and failure of a new business. SCORE's free counseling service does that job and it does it well.

In particular, I want to recognize the 166 SCORE volunteers in Colorado. Colorado SCORE counselors worked nearly 15,000 hours last year in support of the Colorado business community. Their support for Colorado's businesses are appreciated, and I encourage them to keep up the good work.

MILK PRICES IN MINNESOTA SHOULD BE SET BY MARKET

(Mr. GUTKNECHT asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUTKNECHT. Mr. Speaker, shortly after the hammer and sickle came down for the last time over the Kremlin, a business publication ran a column entitled, "Markets Are More Powerful Than Armies" and the 75-year experiment with government-fixed prices came to an end.

But, Mr. Speaker, for 60 years we have had a convoluted milk marketing order system whereby a farmer's milk is priced based on how far they are from Eau Claire, Wisconsin. The closer they are, the less they get. It makes no economic sense. Prices are fixed based on what the milk goes into and where it comes from.

Mr. Speaker, if the Russians are willing to let the market set the price of milk in Moscow, maybe we should try it in Minnesota.

WILL CHINESE ESPIONAGE SCANDAL BE DISMISSED?

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

Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, on March 19th of this year, the President stated, in response to a question, "To the best of my knowledge, no one has said anything to me about any espionage which occurred by the Chinese against the labs, during my presidency."

Sorry, to have to ask this, but is that true? Chinese espionage was discovered in 1995.

Was the President not briefed on this in 1995?

Did no one tell him in 1996?

Was the President not told about this in 1997?

During all of 1998, did no one brief the President about these extremely grave matters?

Did the President not read the November 1998 report on Chinese espionage at the Energy Department labs?

Did the President not see the Cox report delivered to him in January of this year?

Did he forget that, in fact, he had been briefed about the most serious espionage case since the Rosenbergs many, many times?

Why the denial?

Will the other side simply dismiss this scandal too, saying, "Hey, everybody lies about national security"?

INTRODUCTION OF SCHOOL SAFETY HOTLINE ACT OF 1999

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

Mr. TANCREDO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today not to talk about the horrible tragedies of the Columbine shootings, though they linger in all of our minds. Rather I would like to speak of the good that has come from the ashes of this horrid event.

All around my home community of Littleton, Colorado, we have seen a spirit of coming together. In Littleton our churches have been crowded to the walls with those turning to their faith for answers. Across my district, people of all colors, classes and backgrounds have embraced in the comfort of a mutual loss.

Unfortunately, many children still do not feel safe to go to school. As the school year ends, attendance rates across the district are still horribly low. Students and parents feel helpless in controlling the safety of their learning environment.

In Denver, on Friday, we announced another coming together. We brought together leaders from business, State and local governments into a partnership to create the School Safety Hotline, an anonymous hotline for students, parents and teachers to report violent or threatening behavior to authorities.

It is my sincere hope that this initiative will give our students a sense they can control the safety of their environment by calling in to report threatening behavior. For that reason, I would like to offer the School Safety Hotline Act of 1999.

This bill will allow state and local agencies all across the country to apply for federal grants to help create and maintain public-private partnership hotlines similar to ours in Colorado. Furthermore, Mr. Speaker, I would like to encourage all of my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to support this modest, but important, legislation. I ask my colleagues to use this legislation as the first step to reach out to your own community and business leaders, so that we may give back to our young students the feeling that they can do something to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment.

WHY IS ADMINISTRATION DENYING KNOWLEDGE OF NUCLEAR ESPIONAGE

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I am very disturbed today. If we go back to, I guess, the 1976 presidential debates between President Ford and President Carter, one of the questions asked of Jimmy Carter was what he thought was the biggest issue, at which point he quoted his daughter, Amy, and said, "nuclear war."

Well, I am here to say Amy Carter was right, nuclear war is, because we are giving nuclear warheads and secrets to China, which has not exactly been our staunchest ally over the years.

The W-88, which is one of the most powerful nuclear warheads in history, is now in the hands of the Chinese Communists despite the fact that the Deputy Intelligence Security Officer at the Department of Energy, as long as 3 years ago, warned the administration this was going on.