

here, and since repetition is the soul of learning and I am an old school teacher, why, it bears repeating: "You've got to have a combination of taking it out of the defense budget and raising revenue. We can argue about how to do that, closing loopholes or even raising taxes to do it."

Yes, the party of Thomas Jefferson is dead, long dead, deader than Elvis. A weaker and weaker military and higher and higher taxes on average middle-class Americans, that is apparently the Democrat way.

PATIENT RIGHT TO PEDIATRIC CARE ACT OF 1999

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

Mr. SHERWOOD. Madam Speaker, a long journey must begin with a single step. I rise to tell my colleagues that we have taken a small but important first step towards improving health care access for children.

I introduced the Patient Right to Pediatric Care Act this week to assure parents that they can choose a pediatrician as their child's primary care provider. I am not a doctor, but I am a father. And one of the things I have learned as a parent is that the health care needs of children differ greatly from those of adults.

Some health care groups prudently limit access to certain specialists. But a pediatrician's skill in caring for children is unique. I believe that parents must be allowed to decide if their child's routine health care should be provided by a physician who specializes in pediatrics.

My legislation is one of several bills which will make up the Health Care Quality and Access Act, a responsible approach to health care reform, which Members on both sides of the aisle can and should support.

MILITARY IS LOW PRIORITY FOR CLINTON ADMINISTRATION

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

Mr. SCHAFER. Madam Speaker, if my colleagues look at this chart which shows the extraordinary decline in defense spending under the Clinton administration, they might be alarmed at just how low a priority the military has been given in recent years.

But this chart does not tell the whole story. This chart shows the cuts in procurement spending, the kind of spending that impacts military readiness years down the road.

Here we see the very cuts of our military capabilities have been slashed, especially during the first 2 years of this administration, when antimilitary Democrats controlled Congress.

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The scary part about these cuts is that future Presidents will have to

worry about them long after the current President is out of office. Spending on new weapon systems, modernizing old ones and upgrading the state-of-the-art equipment have all taken a back seat during this administration to new Washington programs that mainly benefit special interests.

Republicans want the best military possible. Military strength tends to guarantee the peace. Weakness invites aggression. When will the other side learn this lesson?

HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN SUDAN MAKE KOSOVO LOOK LIKE A SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

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

Mr. TANCREDO. Madam Speaker, the day before yesterday I returned from the Sudan where I had gone with a group of other congressmen to bring attention to the plight of the south Sudanese, to bring attention of the country of the United States to the horrible abuses that are going on in Sudan. In a nutshell, Madam Speaker, Sudan makes Kosovo look like a Sunday school picnic in terms of the human rights abuses being perpetrated in that country.

We have heard from the President for the last several months about all of the reasons why we had to go into Kosovo, but I assure my colleagues that for every reason he gave us regarding Kosovo I could give 10 that pertain to the Sudan. The human rights abuses there are far greater; 2 million dead so far in their Civil War, true genocide going on, true slavery being undertaken by the north, raids into the south.

It is amazing, Madam Speaker, that the attention of the United States is so easily drawn to Europe and so difficult to draw to the African continent.

LET US GET THE COMMUNIST CHINESE OUT OF OUR NUCLEAR LABS

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

Mr. HAYES. Madam Speaker, 2 weeks ago the long-awaited Cox report was released. I keep this chart because I think it is important for the American people to realize that while this administration was drastically cutting our defense budget, we were giving away our nuclear secrets to the Chinese. This should not, cannot and must not happen as we begin the debate on the all important defense budget today in that bill.

Because the administration leaks to the New York Times, we have come to know one of the most stunning bombshells about theft of our sensitive nuclear secrets by the Communist Chinese at our nuclear lab. We also know that the other side of the aisle is in mark contrast to the statements of the

gentleman from California (Mr. Cox) in this unanimous report. The partisan statements have begun while pleading with Republicans not to be partisan.

Let us go back to the Vice President's reaction to the loss of our most sensitive nuclear weapons information. First words out of his mouth were to blame someone else, Ronald Reagan, and the Secretary of Energy, Bill Richardson, has cautioned over and over again let us not over react.

Madam Speaker, let us do react. It is time that we got the Communist Chinese out of our labs, protected our secrets and protect this country. We find out the absolute worst possible case has come to pass, the Communist Chinese penetration of our nuclear laboratories is total. We knew about it since 1995. We have done virtually nothing about it.

Madam Speaker, let us do something now. Our future is at stake.

DEMOCRAT LEADERSHIP STILL OUT OF TOUCH AND STILL CLEARLY ANTI-MILITARY

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

Mr. KINGSTON. Madam Speaker, today we have before us the defense re-authorization bill, and it is a very important bill in that it reverses the trend of massive defense cuts.

Now it is interesting, as we go into the debate, actually on the eve of the debate, we have the Democrat Majority Leader speaking basically the Democrat policy on defense which was we have got to have a combination of taking money, and I am going to paraphrase it, but when he says taking it out, taking money out of defense and raising revenue, raising taxes. We can argue about how to do that, closing loopholes or even raising taxes to do it, but the point is here we have a defense, and I will show my colleagues another chart which traces defense spending under the Clinton administration, particularly since 1993, how it has been cut massively during the period of time that we have had increased deployments, we have had equipment that lacks spare parts, we need modernization, and we are losing lots of good soldiers because the quality of life has gone down so much. But despite this decrease, the Majority Leader of the Democrat party is saying again we need to squeeze it out of defense, we need to cut defense spending, and this in the face of a President who is selling missile technology to China.

Madam Speaker, it does not make sense.

I hope people will support this bill, and I hope that we can get the Democrats to join us. I believe that we will get a lot of Democrats with us, but it is too bad that the Democrat leadership is still out of touch and still clearly anti-military.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the pending business is the question of the Speaker's approval of the Journal of the last day's proceedings.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. HAYES. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 355, nays 62, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 178]

YEAS—355

Abercrombie	Cramer	Hastings (WA)	Matsui	Pitts	Smith (MI)
Ackerman	Cubin	Hayes	McCarthy (MO)	Porter	Smith (NJ)
Allen	Cunningham	Hayworth	McCarthy (NY)	Portman	Smith (TX)
Andrews	Danner	Herger	McCollum	Price (NC)	Smith (WA)
Archer	Davis (FL)	Hill (IN)	McInnis	Pryce (OH)	Snyder
Armey	Davis (IL)	Hinojosa	McIntosh	Quinn	Souder
Bachus	Davis (VA)	Hobson	McIntyre	Radanovich	Spence
Baker	Deal	Hoefel	McKeon	Rahall	Spratt
Baldwin	DeGette	Hoekstra	McKinney	Rangel	Stabenow
Ballenger	Delahunt	Holden	Meehan	Regula	Stearns
Barcia	DeLauro	Holt	Meeks (NY)	Reyes	Stump
Barr	DeLay	Hooley	Menendez	Reynolds	Sununu
Barrett (NE)	DeMint	Horn	Metcalf	Rivers	Sweeney
Barrett (WI)	Deutsch	Hostettler	Mica	Rodriguez	Talent
Bartlett	Diaz-Balart	Houghton	Millender-	Roemer	Tauscher
Barton	Dickey	Hoyer	McDonald	Rogers	Tauzin
Bass	Dicks	Hunter	Miller (FL)	Rohrabacher	Taylor (NC)
Bateman	Dingell	Hyde	Miller, Gary	Ros-Lehtinen	Terry
Becerra	Dixon	Inslée	Minge	Rothman	Thomas
Bentsen	Doggett	Isakson	Mink	Roukema	Thornberry
Bereuter	Dooley	Istook	Moakley	Royal-Allard	Thune
Berkley	Doolittle	Jackson (IL)	Mollohan	Royce	Thurman
Berman	Dreier	Jackson-Lee	Moore	Rush	Tiahrt
Berry	Duncan	(TX)	Moran (VA)	Ryan (WI)	Tierney
Biggert	Dunn	Jefferson	Morella	Ryun (KS)	Toomey
Bilirakis	Edwards	Jenkins	Murtha	Salmon	Towns
Bishop	Ehlers	John	Myrick	Sanchez	Traficant
Blagojevich	Ehrlich	Johnson (CT)	Nadler	Sanders	Turner
Bliley	Emerson	Johnson, Sam	Napolitano	Sandin	Upton
Blumenauer	Engel	Jones (NC)	Neal	Sanford	Vitter
Blunt	Eshoo	Jones (OH)	Nethercutt	Sawyer	Walden
Boehlert	Etheridge	Kaptur	Ney	Saxton	Walsh
Boehner	Evans	Kasich	Northup	Scarborough	Wamp
Bonilla	Everett	Kelly	Norwood	Schakowsky	Watkins
Bono	Ewing	Kennedy	Nussle	Scott	Watt (NC)
Boswell	Farr	Kildee	Obey	Sensenbrenner	Watts (OK)
Boyd	Fattah	Kilpatrick	Olver	Serrano	Waxman
Brady (PA)	Fletcher	Kind (WI)	Ortiz	Sessions	Weiner
Brown (FL)	Foley	King (NY)	Ose	Shadegg	Weldon (FL)
Bryant	Forbes	Kingston	Owens	Shaw	Weldon (PA)
Burr	Ford	Kleckza	Oxley	Shays	Wexler
Burton	Fossella	Klink	Packard	Sherman	Weygand
Buyer	Fowler	Knollenberg	Pastor	Sherwood	Whitfield
Callahan	Frank (MA)	Kolbe	Payne	Shimkus	Wilson
Calvert	Franks (NJ)	Kuykendall	Pease	Shows	Wise
Camp	Frelinghuysen	LaFalce	Pelosi	Shuster	Wolf
Campbell	Frost	LaHood	Peterson (PA)	Simpson	Woolsey
Canady	Gallegher	Lampson	Pepper	Petri	Sisisky
Cannon	Ganske	Lantos	Pelosi	Phelps	Wynn
Capps	Gejdenson	Largent	Pickering	Skeen	Young (FL)
Capuano	Gekas	Larson		Skelton	
Cardin	Gibbons	Latham			
Carson	Gilchrest	LaTourette			
Castle	Gillmor	Lazio			
Chabot	Gilman	Leach			
Chambliss	Gonzalez	Levin			
Chenoweth	Goode	Levin			
Clayton	Goodlatte	Lewis (CA)			
Clement	Goodling	Lewis (KY)			
Coble	Gordon	Linder			
Coburn	Goss	Lipinski			
Collins	Graham	Lofgren			
Combest	Granger	Lowey			
Condit	Green (TX)	Lucas (KY)			
Conyers	Green (WI)	Lucas (OK)			
Cook	Greenwood	Maloney (CT)			
Cooksey	Hall (OH)	Maloney (NY)			
Cox	Hall (TX)	Manzullo			
Coyne	Hansen	Mascara			

NAYS—62

NOT VOTING—17

Boucher	Kanjorski	Paul
Brady (TX)	Luther	Rogan
Brown (CA)	McCrary	Stark
Cummings	McHugh	Waters
Doyle	Meek (FL)	Young (AK)
Gutierrez	Pascrell	

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So the Journal was approved.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. FROST. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 204) and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 204

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

Committee on Resources: Mr. HOLT of New Jersey;

Committee on Science: Mr. BAIRD of Washington; Mr. HOEFFEL of Pennsylvania; Mr. MOORE of Kansas;

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Mr. HILL of Indiana; Mr. UDALL of New Mexico.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000

Mrs. MYRICK. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 200 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 200

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1401) to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 2000 and 2001, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule.

SEC. 2. (a) It shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill. The committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be considered as read. All points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute are waived.

(b) No amendment to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute shall be in order except the amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution, the amendment by Representative Cox of California printed on June 8, 1999, in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII, and pro forma amendments offered by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services for the purpose of debate.

(c) Except as specified in section 5 of this resolution, each amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. Unless otherwise specified in the report, each amendment printed in the report shall be debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by